

**Report of the Board and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th September 2024
for
Spey District Fishery Board**

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Spey District Fishery Board

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for the year ended 30th September 2024**

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Spey District Fishery Board
Report of the Board
for the year ended 30th September 2024

Board Members	Dr Alexander Scott Chair Toby Metcalfe Angus Gordon Lennox William Mountain Guy Macpherson-Grant George Wills Peter Graham David Greer Callum Robertson
Co-optees	Grant Mortimer Peter Austin
Invitees	Jennifer Heatley (NatureScot)
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Spey District Fishery Board
for the year ended 30th September 2024**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2024 set out on pages three to eleven.

This report is made solely to the Board's members, as a body, in accordance with the terms of engagement. My work has enabled me to undertake an independent examination of the Board's accounts on behalf of the Board's members and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board and the Board's members as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The board members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of section 44(1) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003 (as amended by The Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2013).

Basis of the independent examiner's report

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the board and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the board concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements ;
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003 (as amended by The Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2013), and

 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation)(Scotland) Act 2003 (as amended by The Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2013);

have not been met, or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jillian Munro MA CA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

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Date:

Spey District Fishery Board
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30th September 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Fishery assessments	511,091	485,290
Other operating income	<u>116,789</u>	<u>73,004</u>
Total	<u>627,880</u>	<u>558,294</u>
Overheads		
Personnel Costs	457,258	395,378
Direct Costs	90,045	88,634
General Expenses	80,986	62,798
Spey Projects	14,793	11,181
Financial Costs	<u>3,094</u>	<u>2,331</u>
Total	<u>646,176</u>	<u>560,321</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>(18,296)</u>	<u>(2,027)</u>

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**Balance Sheet
30th September 2024**

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	95,988	73,729
Current assets			
Debtors	3	120,000	89,124
Cash at bank		<u>158,728</u>	<u>197,321</u>
		278,728	286,445
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>(114,182)</u>	<u>(81,344)</u>
Net current assets		<u>164,546</u>	<u>205,101</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>260,534</u>	278,830
NET ASSETS		<u>260,534</u>	<u>278,830</u>
Funds	5		
Unrestricted funds		<u>260,534</u>	<u>278,830</u>
Total funds		<u>260,534</u>	<u>278,830</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The accounts have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention.

Income

Income represents the amounts assessed for the year along with project income.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Heritable property & hatchery	Straight line over 10 years
Hatchery land	Not depreciated
Equipment	Straight line over 5 years
Motor vehicles	25% on reducing balance
Computer	Straight line over 3 years
Patrol boat	Straight line over 7 years

Note from 2018 the motor vehicles are depreciated at 25% reducing balance rather than over 4 years on a straight-line basis.

Taxation

Assessments made on proprietors under The Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003 (as amended) are not chargeable to tax. Investment income received on bank or other deposits is normally subject to Corporation Tax at the appropriate rate. For 2001 and subsequent years, HMRC has agreed that, in the view of the fact that the Board is non-profit making and that the surplus is applied solely for the purposes for which the Board was set up, corporation tax will not be charged. However, this is subject to annual review.

Pension costs

The Spey District Fishery Board operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees.

The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Income and expenditure account.

Leasing and Hire Purchase Contracts

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in the creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 30th September 2024**

Salaries

The salaries in connection with the Spey Catchment Initiative and the Scottish Invasive Species Initiatives included within the Spey Catchment Initiative and the Scottish Invasive Species Initiative expense.

2. Tangible fixed assets

	Heritable property & hatchery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1st October 2023	121,199	77,728	161,846	360,773
Additions	-	15,781	43,421	59,202
Disposals	-	-	<u>(18,707)</u>	<u>(18,707)</u>
At 30th September 2024	<u>121,199</u>	<u>93,509</u>	<u>186,560</u>	<u>401,268</u>
Depreciation				
At 1st October 2023	121,199	76,489	89,356	287,044
Charge for year	-	4,395	27,862	32,257
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	<u>(14,021)</u>	<u>(14,021)</u>
At 30th September 2024	<u>121,199</u>	<u>80,884</u>	<u>103,197</u>	<u>305,280</u>
Net book value				
At 30th September 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>12,625</u>	<u>83,363</u>	<u>95,988</u>
At 30th September 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>1,239</u>	<u>72,490</u>	<u>73,729</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 30th September 2024**

3. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fishery assessments	34,193	63,216
Other debtors	85,807	10,705
Scottish Invasive Species Initiative	-	15,202
	<u>120,000</u>	<u>89,124</u>

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	14,155	12,472
Other creditors	80,667	63,872
Scottish Invasive Species Initiative	12,578	-
Accrued expenses	6,782	5,000
	<u>114,182</u>	<u>81,344</u>

5. Movement in funds

	At 1/10/23	Net movement in funds	At 30/9/24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	278,830	(18,296)	260,534
	<u>278,830</u>	<u>(18,296)</u>	<u>260,534</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>278,830</u>	<u>(18,296)</u>	<u>260,534</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	627,880	(646,176)	(18,296)
	<u>627,880</u>	<u>(646,176)</u>	<u>(18,296)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>627,880</u>	<u>(646,176)</u>	<u>(18,296)</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 30th September 2024**

5. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/10/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30/9/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	280,857	(2,027)	278,830
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>280,857</u>	<u>(2,027)</u>	<u>278,830</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	558,294	(560,321)	(2,027)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>558,294</u>	<u>(560,321)</u>	<u>(2,027)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2024

6. Related party disclosures

The Spey Fishery Board works closely with the Spey Foundation, which is a charitable company limited by guarantee. The objective of The Spey Foundation is to provide scientific advice to ensure sound fishery management within the District of the River Spey. The Director of the Spey Fishery Board and The Spey Foundation are co-located.

7. Statement of Boards' Responsibilities

The Board are responsible for preparing the annual report and the Accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law requires the Board to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fishery Board and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Board are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Fishery Board will continue in business.

The Board are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Fishery Board and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with current legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Fishery Board and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Spey District Fishery Board

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30th September 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Fishery assessments	511,091	485,290
Other income		
Other operating income	<u>116,789</u>	<u>73,004</u>
Total incoming resources	627,880	558,294
Expenditure		
Personnel Costs		
Wages	382,046	323,841
Social security	35,219	34,673
Pensions	38,606	33,296
Training	<u>1,387</u>	<u>3,568</u>
	457,258	395,378
Direct Costs		
Insurance	18,042	14,066
Light and heat	3,046	3,910
Rent	6,403	5,833
Repairs and maintenance	632	703
Protective clothing	2,888	3,110
Hatchery	4,456	9,980
Patrol boat	9,248	5,642
Health and safety	1,175	1,226
Fuel	27,053	25,951
Other motor vehicle costs	14,833	16,010
Equipment costs	<u>2,269</u>	<u>2,203</u>
	90,045	88,634
General Expenses		
Telephone	7,924	7,448
Meeting expenses	1,613	2,393
Publicity	3,966	3,408
Stationery and printing	1,589	1,114
Clerk salary and recruitment costs	3,704	3,300
Sundry	1,544	99
Computer costs	2,404	4,309
Carried forward	22,744	22,071

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30th September 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Brought forward	22,744	22,071
Subscriptions	15,369	14,809
Staff entertaining	914	600
Professional fees	-	997
Accounting and audit fees	10,902	5,264
Depreciation charge	32,257	26,303
Contingency	3,134	1,249
Loss/(Gain) on sale of tangible fixed asset	<u>(4,334)</u>	<u>(8,496)</u>
	80,986	62,797
Ongoing Spey projects	14,793	11,181
Financial costs		
Bank interest and charges	320	351
Hire purchase and finance lease charges	<u>2,774</u>	<u>1,980</u>
	<u>3,094</u>	<u>2,331</u>
Total resources expended	<u>646,176</u>	<u>560,321</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u><u>(18,296)</u></u>	<u><u>(2,027)</u></u>
