

## COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2016  
ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr William Irwin MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Seán Rogers MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Sydney Anderson MLA  
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA  
Mr Ian McCrea MLA  
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA  
Mr Ian Milne MLA

Apologies: Mr Robin Swann MLA

In attendance: Ms Stella McArdle, Committee Clerk  
Ms Lynda Conlon, Assistant Assembly Clerk  
Mr Mark O'Hare, Clerical Supervisor  
Ms Marion Johnson, Clerical Officer

1.36 p.m. *The meeting commenced in Open Session.*

1.36 p.m. *Mrs Dobson and Mr McCarthy joined the meeting.*

1.42 p.m. *Mr Milne joined the meeting.*

#### **6. Fisheries Bill: Consideration of Key Issues and Potential Amendments; Informal Clause by Clause; and Formal Clause by Clause**

1.47 p.m. *Mr Rogers left the meeting.*

Noted: The Committee noted an update from DARD on the EU Commission position on the ongoing Pilot case.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it is content with the opinion provided by the Examiner of Statutory Rules on the revised Delegated Powers Memorandum.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted the response provided by the Department to the matters raised in Research Paper NIAR 685/2015 'Fisheries Bill - Assessing the Costs' and agreed to forward it to the relevant Research Officers for information.

*Noted:* The Committee noted a written submission from the Irish Federation of Sea Anglers on clause 6 the Fisheries Bill.

The Committee commenced its informal clause by clause consideration of the Fisheries Bill.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it is not content with clauses 1 to 5 of the Bill.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to instruct the Bill Office to draft amendments that clauses 1 to 5 not stand part of the Bill.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it is content with clause 6.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it is not content with clauses 7 to 18 of the Bill.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to instruct the Bill Office to draft amendments that clauses 7 to 18 not stand part of the Bill.

*1.53 p.m.* *Mr McAleer joined the meeting.*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it is content with clause 19.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to move directly to formal clause by clause scrutiny of the Fisheries Bill.

*1.55 p.m.* *Mr McCarthy left the meeting.*

The Committee commenced its formal clause by clause consideration of the Fisheries Bill.

### **Clause 1 – Sea-fishing**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

1.55 p.m. Mrs Dobson and Mr Milne left the meeting.

**Clause 2 – Size limits for sea fish**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 2 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 3 – Grants of licences subject to conditions imposed for environmental purposes**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 3 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 4 – Powers of British sea-fishery officers to enforce sea fisheries legislation**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 4 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 5 – Section 4: interpretation etc**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 5 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 6 – Enforcement of EU rules**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content with clause 6 of the Bill as drafted.

**Clause 7 – Penalties for certain offences under the 1966 Act**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 7 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 8 - Penalties for certain offences under the 1967 Act**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 8 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 9 - Offences by directors, partners, etc**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 9 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 10 - Fish dealer's licence: no need for certificate of Justice of the Peace**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 10 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 11 - Restriction on removal of material from bed of lake**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 11 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 12 - Dams in rivers: fish passes etc**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 12 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 13 - Gratings in certain watercourses**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 13 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 14 - Fixed penalty notices**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 14 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 15 - Fixed penalty notices: effect on prosecution**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 15 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 16 - Interpretation**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 16 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 17 - Power to make consequential amendments**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 17 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 18 - Commencement**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content to give notice of its intention to oppose the question that clause 18 stand part of the Bill.

**Clause 19 – Short title**

Question put and agreed: That the Committee is content with clause 19 of the Bill as drafted.