	ENDIX: SUMMARY OF BOARD DECISIONS
1	General Licences for the purposes of preventing serious agricultural damage or disease, and conserving flora and fauna
1a	 Consultation proposal/question: Add the following species to General Licence WML-GL04 permitting action to prevent serious agricultural damage or disease: Greylag goose (<i>Anser anser</i>) Egyptian goose (<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>) (Note: this species is already included on General Licence WML-GL06, for the purpose of conserving flora and fauna).
	Board decision: To add Egyptian goose, but not greylag goose to the general licence.
1b	 Consultation proposal/question: Add the following species to General Licence WML-GL06 permitting action for the purpose of conserving flora and fauna: Sacred ibis (<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>) Indian house-crow (<i>Corvus splendens</i>)
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.
1c	 Consultation proposal/question: What is your view on the continued inclusion of the following species on General Licence WML-GL04 (preventing serious agricultural damage or disease): Collared dove (Streptopelia decaocto) Jackdaw (Corvus monedula) Jay (Garrulus glandarius)
	Board decision: Not to amend the general licence.
1d	 Consultation proposal/question: What is your view on the continued inclusion of the following species on General Licence WML-GL06 (conserving flora and fauna): Jackdaw (Corvus monedula) Jay (Garrulus glandarius)
	Board decision: Not to amend the general licence.

2	General Licence for the purpose of preserving public health and safety
2a	 Consultation proposal/question: Add the following species to paragraph 2(ii) of General Licence WML-GL05 permitting taking, damaging and destroying of nests, and taking and destroying of eggs, for the purpose of preserving public health and safety: Greylag goose (Anser anser) Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos)
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.
2b	Consultation proposal/question: What is your view on pied wagtail, robin and/or starling being added to paragraph 2(ii) of General Licence WML-GL05 permitting taking, damaging and destroying of nests, and taking and destroying of eggs, for the purpose of preserving public health and safety?
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.

3	Large gulls
За	Consultation proposal/question: What is your view on removing lesser black-backed gulls from the conservation General Licence (WML-GL06) and introducing a Class Licence to permit control of herring gulls and lesser black-backed gulls for the purpose of conserving flora and fauna?
	Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.

3b	What is your view on removing lesser black-backed gulls from the public health and safety General Licence (WML-GL05) and introducing a Class Licence to permit control of herring gulls and lesser black-backed gulls for the purpose of preserving public health and safety?
	Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.
3с	What is your view on the removal of lesser black-backed gulls from the General Licence for the purpose of preventing serious agricultural damage and disease (WML-GL04)? If you consider there is a need for this species to remain on this General Licence, please provide evidence of this need.
	Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.

4	Crow species
4a	Change the wording 'Crow Corvus corone' to 'Carrion crow Corvus corone' at paragraphs 2(i)(a)
	and 6 in following General and Class Licences:
	 WML-GL04 (preventing serious agricultural damage or disease)
	 WML-GL05 (preserving public health and safety)
	WML-GL06 (conservation of flora and fauna)
	WML-CL12 (preserving air safety)
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.

5	Air safety Class Licence
5a	To make prior registration a requirement for users of the air safety Class Licence WML-CL12.
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.
5b	To introduce the requirement to provide nil returns, as part of the reporting requirement for all persons registered to use the air safety Class Licence WML-CL12.
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.
5c	Consultation proposal/question: Add the following species to Class Licence WML-CL12 permitting action for the purpose of preserving air safety:
	Stock dove (Columba oenas)
	Greylag goose (Anser anser)
	Curlew (Numenius arquata)
	Oystercatcher (Haematopus ostralegus)
	Egyptian goose (Alopochen aegyptiacus)
	Board decision: To add greylag goose and Egyptian goose to the class licence.

6	Food premises Class Licence
6a	Consultation proposal/question: Add the following species to Class Licence WML-CL03 permitting trapping and release of birds from food premises for the purpose of preserving public health and safety:
	 Pied wagtail (Motacilla alba) Blue tit (Cyanistes caeruleus) Great tit (Parus maior)

Dunnock (Prunella modularis) •

Song thrush (*Turdus philomelos*) •

Board decision: To implement the proposal.

7	Trapping Code of Practice
7a	Consultation proposal/question: What is your view on the use of a Code of Practice to replace some licence conditions and showing best practice?
	Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.
7b	Consultation proposal/question: What are your views on the draft Code of Practice at Annex F?
	Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.

Keeping trapped birds as decoys
Consultation proposal/question: In your view, should there be a maximum time for which decoy birds can be continuously kept within a trap? If yes, what time limit would you consider to be appropriate, and how soon could the bird be returned to a trap?
Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.
Consultation proposal/question: In your view, should there be a maximum time period for which birds can be retained as decoys? If yes, what should this time period be?
Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.
Consultation proposal/question: In your view, should the options for birds caught under General or Class Licence be restricted to dispatch, release or keeping as a decoy?
Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.

9	Referenced tagging system for traps
9a	Consultation proposal/question: In your view, is there merit in the use of a referenced tagging system for traps set under General or Class Licence? If yes, how do you suggest that such a system would be organised? What do you consider the costs and benefits to be?
	Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.
10	Use of Larsen-Mate Type Traps (also known as 'Clam' or 'Butterfly' Traps)

10a	Consultation proposal/question: In your view, should Larsen-Mate traps be specifically permitted
	for use under relevant General and Class Licences? If yes, what restrictions would be appropriate regarding use of this type of trap? If possible, please estimate what cost (in time and/or financial) these restrictions would have.

Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.

10b **Consultation proposal/question:** If the use of Larsen-Mate traps was not permitted under General and Class Licences, do you consider that there are situations where their use could be justified under individual licence? Please give details of these situations.

Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.

11	Humane dispatch
11a	Consultation proposal/question: To add the wording "All reasonable precautions must be taken to
	ensure that unnecessary suffering of birds is avoided. Wounded birds are to be pursued and humanely
	despatched where practicable." to the following General and Class Licences:
	 WML-GL04 (preventing serious agricultural damage or disease)
	 WML-GL05 (preserving public health and safety)
	WML-GL06 (conservation of flora and fauna)
	WML-GL21 (control of ruddy ducks for the purpose of conservation of flora and fauna)
	WML-CL12 (preserving air safety)
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.

12	Live bird sales	
12a	Consultation proposal/question: Add the following species to Appendix 2 of General Licence	
	WML-GL18 permitting the sale of certain captive bred species of live bird:	
	Mandarin duck (Aix galericulata)	
	Carolina duck (Aix sponsa)	
	Canada goose (Branta canadensis)	
	Barnacle goose (Branta leucopsis)	
	Ruddy shelduck (Tadorna ferruginea)	
	Blue-winged teal (Anas discors)	
	Green-winged teal (Anas carolinensis)	
	Red breasted goose (Branta ruficolis)	
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.	
12b	Consultation proposal/question: Specify the 'teal' species (Anas crecca) listed on Appendix 2 of	
	General Licence WML-GL18 as common teal.	
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.	
12c	Consultation proposal/question: Are you aware of any other commonly kept and sold species of	
120	waterfowl that should be added to Appendix 2 of General Licence WML-GL18?	
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	Board decision: Not to implement any change.	

13	Dead bird sales – defining 'small numbers'
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13a	Consultation proposal/question: Add to WML-GL17 a licence condition stating:
	'The small number of birds that can be sold under this licence is defined as an annual maximum of 25
	specimens of 'General Licence species' and 5 specimens of all other species. ('General Licence
	species' are any species permitted to be killed or taken under General Licences WML-GL04, WML-
	GL05 or WML-GL06.) Sale of higher numbers may be permitted under individual licence or the

Taxidermy Class Licence WML-CLXX as appropriate. For further information on applying or registering
for individual or Class Licences, please see
http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/regulation/wildlife/licences/default.aspx'.
Board decision: To implement the proposal.

14	Species exempt from sale of dead birds General Licence	
14a	4a Consultation proposal/question: Amend paragraph 2(iii)(a) of WML-GL17 from:	
	"birds listed on Part I of Schedule 2 or on Parts II or III of Schedule 3 to the Act"	
	to:	
	"birds listed on Parts II or III of Schedule 3 to the Act"	
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.	

15	Sale of dead mute swans
15a	Consultation proposal/question: Add to WML-GL17 an exclusion preventing the sale of dead mute swans (or parts of dead mute swans) under this General Licence.
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.

16	Sale of black-headed gull eggs (taken under separate individual licence)
16a	Consultation proposal/question: Amend licence condition 6 of WML-GL23 from 'No egg may be sold under this licence after 31 May in any year' to 'No egg may be sold under this licence after 30 June in any year'.
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.

17	Bird exhibition
17a	Consultation proposal/question: Remove Annex 1 and Explanatory Note from General Licence WML-GL14.
	Board decision: To treat birds under both licences the same.
17b	Consultation proposal/question: Remove the reference to Annex 1 from Licence condition 4 of General Licence WML-GL14, so that it reads: 'Any bird competitively shown under this licence must be ringed with a legible individually numbered metal close ring, which is a ring or band in a continuous circle (without any break, join, or any signs of tampering since it was manufactured) and which cannot be removed from the bird when its leg is fully grown. For any bird competitively shown under this licence which is on Schedule 4 to the Act, the close ring must comply with the Regulations (see Note c).'
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.
17c	Consultation proposal/question: Remove the following wording from Explanatory Note I of General Licence WML-GL14: 'References to rings are only relevant to birds that are required to be rung (see Annex 1).'
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.

18	Keeping of birds in show cages for training purposes
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18a		v, which of the following licence conditions would length of time a bird can be confined under General
	Licence WML-GL16?	
	i. No bird shall be kept or confined in suc twenty four hours.	h a cage for longer than one hour in any period of
	ii. No bird shall be kept or confined in suc twenty four hours.	h a cage for longer than three hours in any period of
	iii. No bird shall be kept or confined in suc twenty four hours.	h a cage for longer than six hours in any period of
	Board decision: To consider the feedback in arrangements are made.	detail before any changes to the current licensing

19	Sale of amphibians
19a	Consultation proposal/question: Revoke General Licence WML-GL19, and require individual licence
	applications to be made for the sale of species currently covered on this General Licence, i.e.:
	Common frog (Rana temporaria)
	Common toad (Bufo bufo)
	Smooth newt (Triturus vulgaris)
	Palmate newt (Triturus helveticus)
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.

20	Taxidermy
20a	Consultation proposal/question: General Licence WML-GL02 is reissued as a Class Licence, and expanded to bring together other activities that are relevant to taxidermy that are already covered under other General and Class Licences.
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.
20b	Consultation proposal/question: Specifically, in addition to the possession and transport of dead specimens of animal species listed on Annex IV of the Habitats Directive (as currently permitted by WML-GL02), the Taxidermy Class Licence would also permit the sale of dead wild birds under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), up to an annual maximum of 50 specimens of 'General Licence species' and 25 specimens of all other species. ('General Licence species' are any species permitted to be killed or taken under General Licences WML-GL04, WML-GL05 or WML-GL06.)
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.
20c	Consultation proposal/question: In your view what other activities, relevant to taxidermy and already covered under other General and Class Licences, should be included under this Class Licence?
	Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.
20d	Consultation proposal/question: In your view, should the Class Licence be restricted to members of the Guild of Taxidermists, or should it be available to anyone with a professional involvement in taxidermy?
	Board decision: To make the class licence available to anyone with a professional involvement in taxidermy.

21	Rearing and keeping of Schedule 4 birds
21a	 Consultation proposal/question: Remove the following licence conditions from WML-GL07: 6. 'The authorised person shall, within 4 days commencing with the day on which he takes into his possession or control a disabled wild-bred Schedule 4 bird, notify that fact in writing to Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service (Animal Health), Defra, 1/17 Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EB.' 10. 'Within four months of the date on which a licensed person takes into possession or control a disabled wild-bred Schedule 4 bird, notify that fact in writing to Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service (Animal Health), Defra, 1/17 Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EB.' 10. 'Within four months of the date on which a licensed person takes into possession or control a disabled wild-bred Schedule 4 bird, that person shall send a copy of the record maintained in accordance with 11 above to Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service (Animal Health), Defra, 1/17 Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EB.'
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.
21b	Consultation proposal/question: Remove the following licence conditions / notes from WML-GL09 (if this General Licence remains – see Ref. 22 below):
	Condition 6. 'The person keeping birds under the terms of this licence must notify the Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service (Animal Health), Defra, 1/17 Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EB of:
	 (i) the birds which are being kept under the provisions of this licence. The notification to include details of the species, age and sex of the bird(s), ring number(s), the name and address of the person from whom the birds were seized and all the alleged offences involving the birds; (ii) the outcome of the prosecution; and (iii) the outcome of any appeal.'
	Note d) 'Licensees are reminded that the Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service of Animal Health should be informed immediately of the name and address of any new keeper to whom a bird is transferred under the provisions of this licence. Birds kept under the provisions of this licence must be registered with the Department when legal proceedings are completed. See www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/cites/birdregistration/howtoregister.htm.'
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.
21c	 Consultation proposal/question: Remove the following licence condition from WML-GL11: 5. 'Any person incubating and hatching live chicks of Schedule 4 birds must send a copy of the record collated, within three months, to the Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service (Animal Health) at Room 1/17, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Way, Bristol, BS1 6EB.'
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.
21d	Consultation proposal/question: What is your view on extending the period that chicks of golden eagle (Aquila chrysaetos) and white-tailed eagle (Haliaeetus albicilla) can be kept under WML-GL11 before registration from 15 days after hatching to 30 days after hatching? Do you agree that this period should remain at 15 days after hatching for all other Schedule 4 species?
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.

22	Investigation of offences – keeping Schedule 4 birds
22a	Consultation proposal/question: <i>In your view, is there any reason to retain General Licence WML-GL09? If so, for what purpose?</i>
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.

23 Investigation of offences – possession of tissue samples

23a	Consultation proposal/question: Remove licence condition 4 ('This licence only applies to samples
	originally obtained for DNA analysis as part of a forensic investigation') from WML-GL10.
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Board decision: To implement the proposal.

24	Disposal of carcasses of cetaceans washed up on beaches
24a	Consultation proposal/question: In your view, would a General Licence permitting the disposal of cetacean carcasses be useful? If so, please give any indication you can of how often such a licence is likely to be used.
	Board decision: To explore the development of a class licence rather than a general licence.

25	Pond dipping
25a	Consultation proposal/question: Issue a new General Licence permitting the taking and temporary possession of great crested newts , by schools and educational facilities for educational purposes. This licence would be subject to a number of conditions, including restricting the methods of taking (including torch, hand and net, but not bottle trapping) to ensure captive great crested newts are kept in suitable conditions and for a suitable length of time.
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.

26	Introduction of a 'Read and understand' licence condition
26a	Consultation proposal/question: Add a statement to all General and Class Licences that licence users must, before taking the licensed action, have read (or had read to them) in full and understood all terms and conditions of this licence.
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.

4	27	Breaching licence conditions
2	27a	Consultation proposal/question: Add the following wording to all General and Class Licences: 'Please note that breaching the conditions of this licence means that you cannot rely on this licence to carry out an activity that would – except under the provisions of this licence - be an offence'
		Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.

28	Sanction for breaches of General Licences
28a	Consultation proposal/question: Amend the following text on the current General Licences: 'Failure to act within the purpose of this licence as set out in paragraph 1 or failure to comply with the terms and conditions may mean that the licence cannot be relied upon and an offence could therefore be committed. The maximum penalty available for an offence under the Act is, at the time of the issue of this licence, a level 5 fine (£5000) and/or a six month custodial sentence.'
	To: 'This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the legislation referred to above. Failure to comply with its terms and conditions: i. may be an offence against that Act or mean that the licence cannot be relied upon and an offence could therefore be committed. The maximum penalty available for an offence under theAct is, at the time of the issue of this licence, a level 5 fine (£5000) and/or a six month

	custodial sentence; and ii. may result in your permission to use this licence being withdrawn. Natural England will inform any person or organisation whose permission to use this licence is withdrawn in writing. This sanction may be applied to other similar licences.'
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.
28b	Consultation proposal/question: Include the following advice in the notes section of all General Licences: 'Any person not permitted to use this General Licence on account of a relevant conviction or who has had their permission to use this licence withdrawn may still apply to Natural England for a specific licence for the purpose(s) and activities covered by this licence. Any such application will be considered on its merits.'
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.

29	Monitoring and reporting
29a	Consultation proposal/question: Do you support our aspiration to collect more information on the level of wild bird control carried out under General Licences? Please indicate the reason(s) for your answer.
	Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.
29b	Consultation proposal/question: If your answer to 29(a) is 'yes', do you favour a voluntary or a mandatory system for gathering this information? Please indicate the reason(s) for your answer.
	Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.
29c	Consultation proposal/question: Do you support the idea of carrying out a trial of a voluntary reporting?
	Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.
29d	Consultation proposal/question: Do you have any information or views on the additional effort that it would take for licence users to collect information on their use of General Licences?
	Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.
29e	Consultation proposal/question: Even if we do not proceed with plans to gather information on General Licence use, do you think that there is a special case for collecting this information in respect to action taken on designated sites (ie SSSI, SPA, SAC)?
	Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.

30	Action taken on European designated sites (SPAs and SACs)
30a	Consultation proposal/question: Add the following text to all General Licences permitting the
	lethal control of protected species:
	'This licence does not authorise any action against a species that is a qualifying feature of a
	European designated site (Special Protected Area (SPA) or Special Area of Conservation
	(SAC)) on that site.'
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.

30b	Consultation proposal/question: Add the following text to all Class Licences permitting the lethal
	control of protected species:
	'This licence does not authorise any action against a species that is a qualifying feature of a
	European designated site (Special Protected Area (SPA) or Special Area of Conservation
	(SAC)) on that site, unless such use of this licence is specifically permitted by Natural England.'
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.
30c	Consultation proposal/question: Add the following text to the Important Information / Explanatory
	Notes of all General and Class Licences permitting the lethal control of protected species:
	Potential adverse impacts to European designated sites, i.e. Special Protected Areas (SPAs)
	and Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) must be considered. This includes impacts from off-
	site activities. Where there is the potential for adverse impacts, advice must be sought from
	Natural England's regional teams (www.naturalengland.org.uk/contact/ or Telephone 0845 600
	3078).'
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.

31	The 'No Satisfactory Alternative' legal test
31a	Consultation proposal/question: Amend the wording of the following condition from: "In respect to the species listed at paragraph 2(i)(a) above, this licence can only be relied on in circumstances where the authorised person is satisfied that appropriate legal methods of resolving the problem such as scaring and proofing are either ineffective or impracticable"
	to: "In respect to the species listed at paragraph 2(i)(a) above, this licence can only be relied on in circumstances where the authorised person has taken reasonable and appropriate steps to resolve the problem, such as scaring and proofing".
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.

32	Removal of abandoned eggs from nest boxes
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32a	Consultation proposal/question: Amend the wording of the following licence condition from:
	"Eggs (or parts of eggs) may only be removed from nest boxes not currently in use by birds,
	during the period 1 August to 31 January."
	To:
	"Eggs (or parts of eggs) may only be removed from nest boxes not currently in use by birds,
	during the period 1 September to 31 January."
	Board decision: To implement the proposal.

33	Temporary moving of eggs and chicks within nests for recording purposes
33a	Consultation proposal/question: In your view, is there a need to permit the movement of eggs and chicks within a nest to facilitate accurate data collection under the Nest Recording Scheme?
	Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.

34	Falconry
34a	Consultation proposal/question: Issue a new Class Licence permitting professional falconers to kill or take the following species:
	Black-headed gull (Chroicocephalus ridibundus)
	 Canada goose (Branta canadensis) Carrion crow (Corvus corone)
	Collared dove (Streptopelia decaocto)

Common gull (Larus canus) • Feral pigeon (Columba livia) • Herring gull (Larus argentatus) • Jackdaw (Corvus monedula) • Jay (Garrulus glandarius) Lesser black-backed gull (Larus fuscus) Magpie (Pica pica) • Monk parakeet (Myiopsitta monachus) • **Rook** (Corvus frugilegus) • Woodpigeon (Columba palumbus) • This licence could only be relied upon where the activities are carried out for the purpose of preserving public health or public safety, and users must comply with licence terms and conditions. These conditions would include the requirement that the user must be satisfied that legal (including nonlethal) methods of resolving the problem are ineffective or impracticable. Board decision: Not to implement the proposal.

35	Disturbance of Schedule 1 birds for pre-development surveys
35a	Consultation proposal/question: Issue a new Class Licence permitting appropriately experienced persons to disturb barn owls (<i>Tyto alba</i>) and peregrines (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>) for the purpose of Science, Research and Education, specifically in the course of surveys to inform development proposals.
	Board decision: To implement the proposal for barn owls.
35b	Consultation proposal/question: What are your views on the likely demand for such a licence?
	Board decision: To consider the feedback in detail before any changes to the current licensing arrangements are made.