Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Badger culling pilots: independent expert panel

Tenth meeting note: 6 November 2013

Attendees: Ranald Munro (chair), Piran White, Tim Roper, Neville Gregory, Tim Coulson and Peter Watson

Defra and other Government officials were also in attendance.

Key points

1) Policy Update

Defra provided an update on the pilot culls and the recent licences to allow an extension period in each cull area.

2) Ian Boyd Session

Ian Boyd (Defra Chief Scientific Adviser) joined the meeting to discuss population estimates and analysis of data with the IEP.

3) Update from AHVLA

The panel discussed updated interim information with AHVLA staff, and progress towards completion of the AHVLA report.

4) Timing of future meetings

The IEP arranged meetings where they could review the AHVLA report and prepare their own report.

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