



Deer (Scotland) Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 58

PART I

[^{F1}SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE'S DEER FUNCTIONS]

4 Appointment of panels.

- (1) Subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, [^{F1}SNH] may appoint for any locality a panel for the purposes of this section consisting of such number of persons ^{F2}... as [^{F3}it considers] appropriate, one of whom shall act as chairman.
- (2) Before making an appointment under subsection (1) above, [^{F1}SNH] may afford to such persons or organisations as [^{F4}it thinks] fit an opportunity to suggest the name of any person who would in [^{F5}its] view be an appropriate person for such an appointment.
- (3) Where [^{F1}SNH][^{F6}has] sought suggestions as mentioned in subsection (2) above, [^{F7}it] shall consider any such suggestions before making an appointment under subsection (1) above.
- (4) [^{F1}SNH] may appoint a member of [^{F1}SNH] or a member of [^{F1}SNH's] staff to act as observer to the panel for the purposes of—
 - (a) sitting with the panel at any meeting;
 - (b) taking part in their discussions; and
 - (c) informing [^{F1}SNH] of information arising during and decisions taken at such meetings.
- (5) An observer appointed under subsection (4) above shall not be a member of the panel.
- (6) [^{F1}SNH] may refer to any such panel any matter relating to the [^{F8}deer] functions of [^{F1}SNH], and it shall be the duty of the panel to advise [^{F1}SNH] on the matter.
- ^{F9}(7) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision conferring further functions on panels.
- (8) Functions conferred under subsection (7) may include—

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- (a) encouraging and facilitating the engagement of the local community in deer management in the locality of a panel,
- (b) looking into issues relating to deer management in the locality of a panel and communicating those issues to the local community,
- (c) communicating the views of the local community to those engaged in deer management in the locality of a panel.

(9) Regulations under subsection (7) may modify any enactment (including this Act).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in Act substituted (1.8.2010) by [Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 8\)](#), s. 134(7), [Sch. 1 para. 6](#); S.S.I. 2010/221, art. 3(2), Sch.
- F2** Words in s. 4(1) repealed (1.1.2012) by [Wildlife and Natural Environment \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(asp 6\)](#), [ss. 26\(4\)](#), 43(1) (with s. 41(1)); S.S.I. 2011/433, art. 2(1)(f)
- F3** Words in s. 4(1) inserted (1.8.2010) by [Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 8\)](#), s. 134(7), [Sch. 1 para. 11\(a\)](#); S.S.I. 2010/221, art. 3(2), Sch.
- F4** Words in s. 4(2) substituted (1.8.2010) by [Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 8\)](#), s. 134(7), [Sch. 1 para. 11\(b\)\(i\)](#); S.S.I. 2010/221, art. 3(2), Sch.
- F5** Word in s. 4(2) substituted (1.8.2010) by [Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 8\)](#), s. 134(7), [Sch. 1 para. 11\(b\)\(ii\)](#); S.S.I. 2010/221, art. 3(2), Sch.
- F6** Word in s. 4(3) substituted (1.8.2010) by [Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 8\)](#), s. 134(7), [Sch. 1 para. 11\(c\)\(i\)](#); S.S.I. 2010/221, art. 3(2), Sch.
- F7** Word in s. 4(3) substituted (1.8.2010) by [Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 8\)](#), s. 134(7), [Sch. 1 para. 11\(c\)\(ii\)](#); S.S.I. 2010/221, art. 3(2), Sch.
- F8** Word in s. 4(6) inserted (1.8.2010) by [Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 8\)](#), s. 134(7), [Sch. 1 para. 11\(d\)](#); S.S.I. 2010/221, art. 3(2), Sch.
- F9** [S. 4\(7\)-\(9\)](#) inserted (28.6.2016) by [Land Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 18\)](#), [ss. 78](#), 130(1) (with s. 128); S.S.I. 2016/193, reg. 2(1), Sch.

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