



Agenda
for the
Bracken Control meeting
to be held at
Aldby Park, Buttercrambe, York, YO41 1XU
on
Tuesday 16th September 2014
10:30 – 15:00

		<u>Lead</u>	<u>Question</u>
1	Welcome & Introduction	BCG	
2	Asulam		
	2.1 Emergency Authorisation for 2015	BCG	Q2.1
	2.2 Chemicals Regulation Directorate view	CRD	Q2.2
	2.3 Update on Asulam registration	UPL	Q2.3
	2.4 Sale of Asulam in 2015	UPL	Q2.4
3	Aerial Application of Asulam		
	3.1 Feedback on the 2014 season	HLS / MDAS / UPL	Q3.1
	3.2 Threats to the future of aerial spraying	PDG	Q3.2
	3.3 CAA Licensing	PDG	Q3.3
4	Secondary treatment of Bracken		
	4.1 Options for achieving precision spot-treatment	LC	Q4.1
	4.2 Data requirements for asulam in hand-held equipment	UPL	Q4.2
	4.3 Availability of engineering solutions	UPL	Q4.3
	4.4 Use of alternative chemicals	UPL	Q4.4
5	Agri-Environment Scheme Grants for Bracken Control		
	5.1 View from the UK conservation agencies	NE	Q5.1
6	Alternative to Asulam		
	6.1 Summary of trials work and recommendations	RB	Q6.1
	6.2 Cost:benefit & market opportunities	UPL	Q6.2
7	The Role of the Bracken Control Group	BCG	Q7.1
8	Communications		
	8.1 Briefings for decision makers & politicians	MA	Q8.1
	8.2 Information for BCG supporters / public	BCG	Q8.2
9	Next Steps		
10	Any other business		

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Appendices:

- 1 Attendance List
- 2 Questions to be Addressed During the Meeting

Notes:

- 1 Start and Finish Time
 - 1.1 Initially, it was suggested that the meeting would finish with lunch at 13:00.
 - 1.2 In view of the full agenda, it is now proposed to extend the meeting to 15:00.
 - 1.3 This will allow more time for consideration of the issues, but it is accepted that some people may need to leave before the end of the meeting to catch trains etc.
- 2 Lead Codes:
 - BCG – Bracken Control Group,
 - CRD – Chemicals Regulation Directorate,
 - UPL – United Phosphorus Ltd,
 - HLS – Heli-Lift Services,
 - MDAS – Mike Davies Air Services,
 - LC – Landward Consultancy
 - RB – Prof Roy Brown
 - NE – Natural England,
 - MA – Moorland Association
- 3 Travel arrangements
 - Trains arrive in York
 - from South at 09:32 (leaving Kings Cross at 07.30am)
 - from North at 09:32 (leaving Edinburgh at 07.00am)
 - from Wales & west at 09:40 (Mike Davies & Dafydd Jarrett)
 - Trains will be met for the 20 minute journey to Aldby Park, if prior notification is sent to: george@winndarley.net

Attendance List

Sector	Representatives
BCG	Simon Thorp (Chairman)
Landowners and representative organisations	George Winn-Darley, Moorland Association Dafydd Jarrett, NFU Cymru
Distributors of Asulam	Graham Cranna, Agrii
Aerial Applicators (helicopter contractor)	Ian Innes, PDG Alasdair Laing, PDG Mike Davies, MD Air Services Stuart Ring, Heli-Lift Services
Government Agencies	Alastair Burn, Natural England
Regulation & re-registration	Dr Alastair Leake , Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust
Health information	Professor Roy Brown
Technical adviser	Dr Roderick Robinson, Landward Consultancy
CRD	Grant Stark
UPL	Richard Allen Chris Delf
Confor & Forestry Commission	Oliver Combe

Total: 15

Questions to be Addressed During the Meeting

Q No.	Question	Lead
2.1	What input is required from the Group to support the application for the Emergency Authorisation for 2015?	BCG
2.2	What issues must the EA application for 2015 cover to give it the best chance of success?	CRD
2.3	What is the state of the application for the registration of asulam under the latest EC regulation (No. 1107/2009) and when can a decision be expected?	UPL
2.4	When will it be possible to confirm what price asulam will be available at for the 2015 season.	UPL
3.1	How has the 2014 season for aerial application of asulam compared with previous seasons? How have sales of asulam compared with previous years?	HLS/MDAS UPL
3.2	What are the current threats to aerial spraying in the UK and how can these be mitigated?	PDG
3.3	Are any changes planned to the CAA licensing system for aerial spraying and are any difficulties envisaged?	PDG
4.1	If it is accepted that precision spot treatment is the most effective treatment of regrowth of bracken fronds after primary treatment, what changes need to be introduced to allow the use of this technique?	LC
4.2	What data are required to support the use of asulam in hand-held equipment? Is there any possibility that these data, if obtained, will allow CRD to grant the necessary approvals?	UPL
4.3	If data for the use of asulam in hand-held equipment do not satisfy the criteria for approval, are there any engineering solutions that could be introduced?	UPL
4.4	What is the scope for using alternative chemicals in hand-held equipment to control bracken?	UPL
5.1	What is the likely future for grants for bracken control in future agri-environment schemes in different parts of the UK?	NE
6.1	What are the conclusions from bracken control trials using other chemicals? What are the recommendations for further work or additional trials?	RB

6.2	Will a cost to benefit analysis in relation to the potential market support the development of an alternative product?	UPL
7.1	What is the future role of the Bracken Control Group?	BCG
8.1	What requirement is there for briefings to decision makers and politicians?	MA
8.2	What are the proposals for keeping the supporters of the BCG informed? What is the requirement for informing and members of the public about bracken control issues? Is there a need to produce an up to date Bracken Control Manual?	BCG