

Falconry - Inscribed by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Mankind

2002 Act review
Wildlife Management Team
Natural Resources Division
Directorate for Environment and Forestry
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Dear Sir

The Scottish Hawk board (SHB) is the representative body of falconers and bird of prey keepers in Scotland and has amongst its board members representatives from the Scottish Hawking Club, British Falconers Club (Scottish Region) and the Campaign for Falconry.

The SHB's primary concern is the impact any legislation will have on falconry or raptors either in the wild or in captivity.

The SHB as a stakeholder is affected by the impact of Scottish legislation, as such we request that SHB is included throughout the review process relating of the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002.

The SHB was instrumental in gaining the exemption in Section 3 of the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002, this is vital to prevent law abiding falconers from becoming caught up in legislation not intended to impinge falconers and falconry. I would urge that falconers and falconry are not ignored in this review and we are more than happy to meet with your representatives to clarify our position.

Yours Sincerely

Andrew Knowles-Brown

Chairman Scottish Hawk Board