

South Wales & Severn Waterway

Fisheries and Angling Action Plan

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Introduction

In September 2013 the Trust launched a new angling strategy, 'Be Inspired; Go Fishing', which set out how the Trust intends to work more closely with angling clubs to change perceptions of angling, encourage more people to try the sport, encourage communities to play a leading role in keeping the tradition alive on their local waterways as well as maintaining and improving the local water and bankside habitat. The strategy also outlines how the Trust wants to work with communities to improve facilities, access for anglers, and in particular to grow the numbers of people involved in the sport by attracting more young people as well as improving the environment in which fish live.

Fish are at the heart of angling and the aquatic environment. Good fishing relies on having healthy fish populations. Fish are a key indicator of water quality in a piece of legislation called the Water Framework Directive. We will work to achieve the targets set out in the directive to achieve good ecological potential (and status) for our waterways.

Context

Many angling clubs feel marginalised in their relationship with the Trust and want to feel more valued as a customer. This action plan will serve to identify the priority issues that need to be addressed locally to strengthen relationships with existing clubs, to attract new clubs and lapsed and new angling customers. We aim to improve the angling experience, the fish stocks and the water environment on which fish, anglers and the food chain depends.

The actions identified in this plan were those discussed in a workshop held on the 11th February 2015 with invitees from a wide range of clubs and organisations associated with fisheries and angling in the South Wales & Severn waterway area, together with the fisheries and angling experience and technical knowledge of our fisheries and angling team.

The actions are grouped under ten themes, listed below:

- 1. Retain existing angling customers and attracting new ones**
- 2. Develop & improve access to the fishery.**
- 3. The opportunities to engage with local communities.**
- 4. Take advantage of the opportunities for volunteering & adoptions.**
- 5. Improving communication between the Trust and its customers.**
- 6. Funding.**
- 7. Fish passage and migration.**
- 8. Predation & non native species.**
- 9. Fish stocks & fisheries management.**
- 10. Fisheries and water quality and quantity.**

Many of the actions identified will be delivered by a range of organisations: the Canal & River Trust's own teams - National Angling & Fisheries, the Waterway, Environment and Fundraising teams - some by angling clubs and the Governing body, the Angling Trust, as well as Environment Agency, Rivers

Trusts, Natural England, County Angling Action Groups, Sports Partnerships, local communities and individuals. Although the plan is a description of local actions, many of the actions rely on activity being carried out and delivered by the National Fisheries & Angling Team. Their work is of benefit to all eleven waterways with many common features. These are described in each theme in italics.

Implementation

The scale of ambition described in the plan is high. The key to delivery will be adopting a partnership approach and developing new income streams to deliver the identified actions. By working in partnership, we hope to be able to tap into a range of funding opportunities that may not be available to one of the partners on their own.

Inevitably, implementation of these plans will have to take account of funding opportunities available either through the Trusts' 3 year business planning cycles or external funding opportunities. It is clear that some of the activities will be ongoing for a number of years and relatively few can start until the appropriate funding is in place. The importance of this is reflected in the plan identifying the need for new funding streams to enable implementation of this plan.

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In theme 1, we aim to retain existing angling customers and attract new ones.



We want more people to fish the canals.



We want to improve existing facilities, for example here at Llangynidr Pool.



We want to create new fisheries with associated facilities where the opportunities currently don't exist or are poorly developed, for example here on the Swansea Canal.

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Theme 1 - Retain existing angling customers and attracting new ones. We have a priority for more people to enjoy using our canals and for them to offer people a range of benefits including acting as guardians of the waterways now and in the future. Specifically we want this plan to encourage more people to go fishing more often, to support the existing club structure and maintain our fisheries.					
1	Provision of improved angling club signage at the following locations: Splatt Bridge downstream (Offside) StroudWater Canal Fretherne Bridge downstream (offside) Feeders - top end towpath side	Confirm the national guidelines for design and make available the details of the national contract	Liaise with clubs over sites and agree who will undertake installation i.e. waterway or club acting as volunteer	Heritage Press office	Frampton A.C to confirm locations where signage is required to WW. Local council & farmer consent may be required
2	Flagship project – Hold National Angling Championships on local waters when the opportunity arises e.g. Division 1 National held on Gloucester & Sharpness Canal in 2015	Publicity <i>Exhibition stand on match day at HQ with WW</i>	<i>Support operationally & facilitate through volunteers e.g. Signage Customer awareness Groundwork preparation e.g. grass cutting</i>	Press office <i>Fundraising</i>	<i>Angling Trust - D Kent, Sandra Drew Winget A.C</i>

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3	Swansea Canal - Flagship project post 2015 - golf course section - creation of new leisure facility including an estimated 40-60 peg fishery, facilities for trip boat, canoeing; (main work will be dredging)	Lead the working group comprised of Andrew Stumpf (Head of CRT Wales, Property & Enterprise), Waterway, Development & Engagement Manager, and National Resources Wales & Welsh Government to explore opportunities and options, funding & timetable to take forward. Stocking coarse fish will be required at a future date	Secure funding contribution from internal budgets. Support from Development & Engagement Manager	Fundraising Environment Enterprise Operations & assets	Natural Resources Wales Welsh Government Angling Governing body Wales Local Council Swansea Canal Society
4	Sharpness master plan – increase the leisure opportunities in an area where current facilities are underused – angling club need to be consulted on development proposals	Contribute fisheries management technical advice & support. Carry out a fish survey at Sharpness docks to ensure fishery protection as part of the whole scheme.	Involve angling club and F & A team in developing discussion over proposals	Enterprise Heritage Environment	Sharpness Dockers Angling Club Local Enterprise Groups
5	<i>Establish Llangynidr Pool as a safe site for angling tuition</i>	<i>Stock with appropriate levels of coarse fish.</i>	<i>Ensure angling platforms are in safe condition and fit for purpose by</i>		<i>Natural Resources Wales.</i>

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		<i>Lead on provision of coaches. Source a local club to take on the fishery.</i>	<i>incorporating into monthly inspection regime. Liaise with local pub to secure access & parking.</i>		<i>Coaches.</i>
6	<i>Take enforcement action against illegal elver fishing & use of boats in Upper Lode weir pool area</i>	<i>CRT Fisheries and Legal teams, Angling Trust & club to work together to publicize the law and enforce.</i>		<i>Legal</i>	<i>Upper Lode AC Angling Trust Environment Agency Severn Rivers Trust</i>
7	Facilitate increased understanding and cooperation across representatives of other towpath customers e.g. Anglers, Sustrans, cyclists, walkers to establish rapport, better understanding across different waterway groups, and opportunities to work together on joint projects	<i>Develop a template event sign/banner for use at angling matches to inform other customers that a competition is in progress, and make available to clubs.</i> <i>Input fisheries & angling needs into next update of towpath design manual or</i>	<i>Issue advice notices via CRT notices & post on social media</i> <i>Create safer towpaths through a range of measures including</i>	<i>Comms / Press Office</i> <i>Customer service</i>	<i>Clubs to adopt and post at agreed locations on site.</i>

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		<p>as part of development of Customer Standards process.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Support & facilitate & make clubs aware</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Make the Waterway Code of Practice available on the website</p>	<p><i>education, awareness & physical improvements</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>Implement towpath policy - 'Better Towpath for Everyone – a national policy for sharing towpaths'.</p> <p>Monitor project in East Midlands on provision of bells to cyclists prior to adoption if successful.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Customer forum agenda to include a Fisheries & Angling component.</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Project managers</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>Clubs to share with members and identify potential volunteer towpath rangers to promote safe and considerate behaviour</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Clubs to become actively involved in customer forums</p> <p>.....</p>

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8	<i>We need to ensure that angling clubs are aware that they can use our facilities (toilets) around the network.</i>	Communicate to club members via e newsletter that these facilities can be used.	WW to promote the use of facilities (make angling clubs aware of locations) and make keys available as required.		Communicate to club members that these facilities can be used.
9	<i>To address the low participation rate of young people in angling, develop an annual angling participation plan involving taster sessions at high footfall events and sites e.g. Festivals, Gloucester Waterways Museum, supported by an angling participation pathway</i>	National Angling Development Manager to liaise with local partners to develop, identify funding & availability of coaches	Development & Engagement manager involvement to help develop angling relationships & Link to Waterway Engagement Plan to help focus on key locations & communities.	Enterprise Funding	County Angling Action Groups Angling Trust Clubs Sport England Local authorities County Sports Partnerships Schools Colleges
10	<i>Development & distribution of a leaflet describing local fishing opportunities at high footfall locations, known as 'Welcome Stations'</i>	Set out design criteria & provide content, including images. Confirm details with affected clubs	Waterway to support leaflet development & use at events & festivals.	Comms	Clubs to confirm details. NAAG
11	<i>Work with Polish, Lithuanian and other migrant communities to integrate & educate them into customs and practices of UK</i>	In partnership with Angling Trust, discuss how this should be taken forward locally – aim to	Support & assist local events & activities to spread message.	Press	Clubs to see if they can increase membership by

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	<i>angling – adopt the approach described in Angling Trust Building Bridges project</i>	<i>hold one angling event per waterway</i>	<i>Create photo opportunities & media activity.</i>		<i>incorporating eastern Europeans into membership, and make use of free signs on Angling Trust website - anti fish theft poster and multi lingual signs on fishery laws; Incident reporting and Angling Trust involvement and support can come from contacting radoslaw.papiewski@anglingtrust.net</i>
12	<i>To encourage more people to fish more often, hold a Welsh</i>	<i>Share information with waterway team,</i>	<i>Support & assist with on the ground issues e.g.</i>	<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>Angling Trust</i>

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	<i>heat for the Canal championships on one of the following canals: Llangollen Montgomery Monmouth & Brecon Swansea</i>	<i>communications team; help secure additional funding if possible through Fundraising</i>	<i>temporary towpath diversions, event notification</i>		<i>Clubs to act as on the ground hosts and match organisers, promote amongst membership and wider</i>
13	Raise awareness of the incidence and impact of dog mess on towpath customers, provide & maintain disposal facilities in discussion with local authorities to reduce occurrence		<i>Work with local authorities to provide signage and patrols from dog wardens. Encourage bagging of poo and removal to home</i>		<i>Clubs to identify priority areas to waterway team. Work in partnership with Waterway to tackle the issue.</i>
14	<i>Open up sections of canal where angling is not currently permitted e.g. a close season applies because of the presence of a Site of Special Scientific Interest</i>	<i>Lobby for its removal at locations where the towpath is available for other CRT customers</i>	<i>Support national team & clubs.</i>	<i>Environment</i>	<i>Environment Agency Natural England Natural Resources Wales</i>

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15	<i>Open up sections of canal where angling is not currently permitted e.g. due to presence of power lines</i>	<i>Undertake site specific risk assessment with local H&S adviser. Subject to satisfactory outcome, reinstate the fishery. Represent CRT on National Overhead Power lines and safety working group</i>	<i>Waterway to be involved in site specific risk assessment & implement agreed measures on the ground.</i>	<i>H&S team to risk assess with local electricity company & NFAT</i>	<i>Clubs to inform NFAT of sites that require investigating</i>
16	<i>Development of customer service standards for fisheries & angling nationally.</i>	<i>Fisheries management technical advice.</i>	<i>Contribute to development of CSS</i>	<i>Customer Service team</i>	<i>National Angling Advisory Group(NAAG) consultation</i>
17	<i>Promote, using improved communication tools, new 'fashions' in angling e.g. lure fishing.</i>	<i>Produce articles for CRT website & social media. Open dialogue with clubs on how to take forward. Discuss implications with local waterway teams</i>			<i>Local clubs come forward to be involved. Lure Canal Angling Society</i>

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Towpaths are a multi use environment where consideration of others for all users is important. Our new towpath policy¹ (action 7) seeks better infrastructure, better signs and better behaviour; the policy states that ‘in general priority should be given to the slowest and those using the waterway’. The policy is supported by a code, see below:



Towpath Code

Our *towpath code* is a common sense guide to sharing the towpath and what to expect of others. At its heart is the Trust’s Share the Space, Drop your Pace slogan, a registered trademark.

Share the space – towpaths are popular places to be enjoyed by everyone. Please be mindful of others, keep dogs under control, and clean up after them.

Drop your pace – pedestrians have priority on our towpaths so be ready to slow down; if you’re in a hurry, consider using an alternative route for your journey.

It's a special place – our waterways are a living heritage with boats, working locks and low bridges so please give way to waterway users and be extra careful where visibility is limited.

¹ Better Towpaths for Everyone, A national policy for sharing towpaths; Canal & River Trust, 2015.

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	Theme 2 – Develop & improve access to the fishery. Anglers need safe and secure car parking and safe access onto and along the towpath to their fishing pegs, meeting the needs of disabled anglers where possible and reasonable. The towpath is managed as a multi use environment where all customers must acknowledge the needs of others.				
18	Finalise & implement the engineering solution identified for providing 9 parking spaces at Holt Fleet on BAA water.	Facilitate as required	Follow up progress on status of decision & timetable for implementation	Engineering Solutions team to see if proposal acceptable	Birmingham Anglers. Fisheries management team contractor to implement
19	Improve parking & access to water at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review parking arrangements at Upper Lode • Frampton DAC water. • Gloucester & sharpness Canal – Splatt bridge – Fretherne Bridge • Stroud Water Canal • Explore opportunities for improved parking & access at CRT assets 	Facilitate as required	On site meeting with club to identify opportunities and review solutions Help with identification of landowners to help negotiate access		Upper Lode AC Clubs to bring forward specific suggestions at each location & identify new opportunities
20	Work with clubs on increasing disabled access & opportunities on the canal network – identify	Facilitate discussion with WW	Lead discussion on opportunities, options and	Fundraising Enterprise Environment	Environment Agency

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	<p>opportunities with clubs, developing projects & associated costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss with Worcester Amateur AC to find a suitable location • Discuss with Droitwich Disabled AC to find a suitable location • Discuss potential locations around Gloucester with the clubs. 	Platforms can be constructed using F & A term contractor	implementation if appropriate		Worcester Amateur AC. Clubs to identify & bring forward to NFAT & WW
21	Adoption of permanent peg numbers so these are clearly defined on the fishery to allow the club to carry out local vegetation management throughout the year to ensure the peg is fishable.	Provide fisheries management technical advice	<i>Support volunteers work & provide materials & training where appropriate</i>	Environment	Identify volunteers to carry out
22	<i>Produce a standard design for angling platforms which satisfies the needs of the Trust and its customers whilst ensuring the needs of the less able are addressed.</i>	Contract National Fisheries management Contractor to produce	<i>Input into design proposals</i>	Environment	<i>Adopt design when available</i>

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23	<i>Take opportunities to incorporate improved access and parking for angling in planning applications.</i>	<i>NFAT to consider as part of internal consultations on planning applications received by the Trust</i>	<i>Waterway to consider as part of internal consultations on planning applications received by the Trust</i>	<i>Planning Environment</i>	<i>Clubs to respond to planning applications highlighting need for community access</i>

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Theme 3 – The opportunities to engage with local communities. We believe there are mutual benefits in promoting & achieving greater support to care for the local environment and support the Trust. Angling has proven ability to deliver community benefits, improved health & well being, social inclusion and outcomes for young people.					
24	Worcester & Birmingham Canal 200 anniversary celebrations event at Diglis – November/December 2015	<p><i>Arrange Fisheries term contractor to carry out fish rescue.</i></p> <p><i>Provision of fisheries & angling exhibition material using national fisheries management contractor, staff & volunteers</i></p>			<i>Local clubs invited & to provide volunteers</i>
25	<p>Maximize opportunities for public involvement in open days organised by the Waterway and include both a fisheries and angling components</p> <p>Monmouth & Brecon for winter 2015-16 Tardebigge flight. Diglis Lock draindown.</p>	<p><i>Provision of fisheries & angling exhibition material using national fisheries management contractor, staff & volunteers</i></p>	<p>Identify timings & locations to NFAT</p>	<p>Communication s</p>	<p>Local clubs to bring forward volunteers</p>

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26	<i>Establish a programme of Fish Rescue Education open days – FREDs.</i>	<i>Identify suitable locations in discussion with WW. Plan relevant structure & content of days, and deliver as required in conjunction with fisheries management framework contractor.</i>	<i>Liaise with NFAT over drain down programme once confirmed by National delivery teams.</i>	<i>Education help with preparation & promotion & running of the programme Communication s - promotion & publicity.</i>	<i>Offer volunteers to help out if required Promote days and opportunities for involvement</i>
27	<i>Investigate how the Scouts Association can use angling & achievement of the angling badge as a tool to help deliver a long lasting contribution to local communities</i> <i>- Discuss opportunities with sea scouts for their members to take the angling badge</i>	<i>To check status with Angling Trust County Angling Action Group & communicate to WW</i>	<i>Discuss with sea scouts Discuss with ES if required</i>	<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>Angling Trust</i>

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	Theme 4 – Take advantage of the opportunities for volunteering & adoptions. Anglers already make a valuable contribution to the network. We believe there are more opportunities if we can harness the interest, enthusiasm and commitment of anglers and angling clubs by working in partnership.				
28	South Wales & Severn Volunteer Development Coordinator to include reporting on volunteer hours undertaken by angling club licensees, reporting regularly at a local level and in the waterway Volunteering newsletter, and seek opportunities to exploit the huge interest in volunteering by anglers	Raise profile of volunteering opportunities with clubs Promote opportunities through e newsletter	WW manager to encourage the Volunteer Development Coordinator to become actively involved in volunteering with angling clubs as part of the Volunteer Action Plan. Work with NFAT to take forward.	Environment team have activities which can be delivered by volunteers	Clubs to plan volunteer days under CRT banner. Clubs to log volunteering effort and report to WW. NAAG to advise & input into national policy regarding Fisheries & Angling volunteering Frampton AC to report & discuss current volunteering effort with the Volunteer

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					Development Coordinator
29	<i>Develop volunteer opportunities to improve fisheries habitat and improve angling peg creation</i>	<i>Discuss opportunities with club & WW</i>	<i>Liaise with NFAT</i>	<i>Environment</i>	<i>Diglis AC</i>
30	<i>In partnership with the Environment Agency and the Angling Trust, roll out the Voluntary Bailiffing Service as part of managing Waterway Wanderers scheme.</i> <i>(Note: individuals don't have to be an angler to volunteer under this scheme)</i>	<i>Manage the Voluntary Bailiff service volunteers</i> <i>Develop training programme with Angling Trust.</i> <i>Represent the Trust on the Angling Trust & Environment Agency VBS Board.</i>	<i>Be aware of new service</i> <i>Establish rapport and relationships</i>		<i>Promote and encourage volunteers to take part to achieve access to warranted officers.</i> <i>Clubs to report incidents to police to allow build up of intelligence & information which can be used to initiate action.</i> <i>Angling Trust Environment Agency</i>

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31	<i>Recognise & formalise the existing volunteering effort carried out by angling clubs.</i>	<i>Collate & review current volunteering effort to distinguish between contractual obligations as set out in agreements and additional activity which could be classified as volunteering.</i>	<i>Keep records of volunteering effort and provide regularly to NFAT. Keep records of volunteering effort and provide regularly to NFAT</i>	<i>Volunteering team to contribute to development</i>	<i>NAAG consultation on policy & opportunity to grow volunteering</i>
32	<i>Assess how angling clubs can increase their volunteering contribution to help maintaining the canal infrastructure and help improve habitats for fish and other wildlife</i>	<i>Produce & promote guidance on how angling clubs can contribute to CRT objectives on volunteering. Fisheries management technical guidance.</i>	<i>Facilitate, coordinate and manage local delivery across different volunteer groups</i>	<i>Environment National Volunteering</i>	<i>Clubs to engage with membership & public on the opportunities</i>
33	<i>Introduce an annual volunteer of the year award in recognition of outstanding contribution to maintaining & improving CRT Fisheries & Angling interests</i>	<i>Set up criteria & process for identification.</i>	<i>Support with local feedback & knowledge.</i>	<i>Volunteering</i>	<i>Support process for identification. Seek nominations once introduced.</i>
34	<i>Recruit volunteer mooring wardens to assist the boating team with overstaying continuous cruisers & other mooring issues</i>	<i>Work with boating & enforcement to identify role for volunteering by angling clubs to check overstaying</i>		<i>Boating - enforce new regulations relating to</i>	<i>Club volunteers to be trained if role agreed with relevant teams.</i>

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		<i>boats on different types of moorings.</i>		<i>continuous cruising. Enforcement</i>	
35	<i>Review the standard angling agreement to ensure it is kept up to date with new developments e.g. changes in legislation, volunteering.</i>	<i>Implement changes as new agreements are renewed</i>		<i>Legal</i>	

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	Theme - 5 – Improving communication between the Trust and its customers. We recognise we need to improve our dialogue with anglers, raise awareness of the benefits of fisheries & angling to a wider audience and a better appreciation and awareness amongst different users of the aspirations, impacts and shared opportunities that exist across them all.				
36	'Meet the teams' who deliver locally - publicize key local waterway team members and contact details and make readily available to clubs to aid improved communication and information sharing; clubs to provide and update information to NFAT team	Pass local club details on to WW	Provide contact details to clubs		Clubs to update details as required
37	Improve local communication between the waterway and local angling clubs over events, incidents, and future works programmes and ensure angling clubs are included in the consultation process as part of wider stakeholder consultation on planning issues. (see also action 70 – environmental appraisal policy)	Facilitate & support Promote use of social media to promote angling events	WW team to provide routes for communication. Development & Engagement Manager to take forward for local stakeholder consultation. Waterway Forums need to anglers as invitees and a fisheries and angling section on the agenda		Clubs to keep contact details up to date with NFAT & engage when given the opportunity

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38	<i>Angling clubs to notify their local Events Coordinator of all forthcoming angling related events in order to reduce the risk of clashing with other competing events.</i>	<i>Periodically remind customers of the benefits and mechanism for notification</i>	<i>Waterway to issue Customer Advice Notice & help promote once informed by Events Coordinator.</i>		<i>Clubs to inform events coordinator as appropriate. Where a fishing competition is planned with 100 or more competitors complete the formal event application process to the Waterway Event Coordinator. (Clause 4.1.9 of standard agreement)</i>
39	<i>Establishment of a SW & S Waterway Fisheries & Angling Stakeholder meeting held annually representing the range of the geographic area; to act as ambassadors for the FAAP,</i>	<i>Facilitate & support with WW.</i>	<i>Liaise with NFAT</i>		<i>Representatives from angling Clubs River Trusts Angling Trust CAAGS</i>

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	<i>promote to partnership Board & advise on business planning priorities</i>				
40	<i>Consider the establishment of an annual Fisheries & Angling customer forum to highlight forthcoming work & receive feedback on the fishery.</i>	<i>Compile list of guest speakers to help make forums more attractive to new audiences</i>	<i>Support from Development & Engagement Manager</i>		<i>Representatives from angling Clubs River Trusts Angling Trust</i>
41	<p><i>Improvements to the Fisheries & Angling website with improved layout & content, photographs, ease of navigation & to include:</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>- Introduction of a weekly fisheries & angling update of events, matches & their results and news.</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p> <p><i>Promote opportunity to clubs.</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>Lead on collection of data</i></p>		<p><i>Web team</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p><i>Clubs to provide match result and catch data, forthcoming events to NFAT volunteer on a weekly basis</i></p> <p>.....</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More club information & increased connectivity between them. - details of licenced water - new pages to include fish species guide, looking after our fish, learn to fish, the history & heritage of angling - how to report an emergency - common questions & answers 	<p>.....</p> <p>Work with partners to collect material</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Lead on collection of information</p>		<p>.....</p> <p>Environment</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>Smithhill School John Essex MEM Fisheries</p> <p>.....</p>
42	Work with partners to develop a national web based teaching programme as a basic introduction to canal fishing	Lead on the development of material with specialist support as required from the NAAG subgroup.		Web team to help promote Environment	<p>Smithills School, Bolton Angling Trust NAAG</p>
43	Promote and adopt social media platforms e.g. Twitter, Facebook, Linked In etc	<p>Adopt these tools routinely for CRT communications.</p> <p>Encourage take up in clubs.</p> <p>Arrange suitable training for angling clubs who express an interest.</p>			<p>Encourage and adopt new communications channels</p> <p>Publicize and encourage</p>

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					<i>training opportunities and benefits</i>
44	<i>Production & Promotion of Fisheries & Angling e newsletter – to be published 4 times per year to angling clubs and anglers who register their contact details to receive it.</i>	<i>Manage production process. Build up and maintain database of contacts.</i>			<i>Clubs to encourage members to sign up to receive, provide feedback and ideas for future content</i>
45	<i>Explore opportunities for increased partnership working with the Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales to increase the profile of each organisation, their work and future project opportunities.</i>	<i>Set up regular contact with EA and NWR Promote work in newsletters</i>			<i>Clubs to bring forward potential projects</i>
46	<i>Improved promotion of fisheries & angling locally e.g. Waterway offices and externally</i>	<i>Liaise with Communications Team regarding fisheries and angling benefits, and provide material which endorses this approach.</i>	<i>Take opportunities to include fisheries & angling content in printed, display and exhibition material</i>	<i>Comms</i>	

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		<p><i>Investigate opportunities to promote fisheries & angling benefits to 'Friends of the Trust'.</i></p> <p><i>Target the biggest clubs locally to build rapport and improved relationships.</i></p> <p><i>Ensure the Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales websites identifies the opportunities for canal fishing & promotes it along with other inland freshwater fishing opportunities.</i></p> <p><i>Run angling taster days for CRT staff, Partnership Board, volunteers.</i></p>			

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47	<i>Communication with non-anglers to achieve a broader understanding of the benefits that fisheries & angling provide.</i>	<p><i>Provide material and advertorials to other sources e.g. boating and waterway, cycling, walking magazines and websites.</i></p> <p><i>Provide guidance to internal teams on the benefits of angling and nature and importance of fisheries as aquatic ecosystems.</i></p> <p><i>Attend other Waterway Customer group meetings and Forums, Partnership Boards; provide expert guidance, advice and support, presentations.</i></p> <p><i>Develop materials.</i></p>		<i>Environment</i>	<p><i>Provide local stories and information to support</i></p> <p><i>Offer opportunities for angling taster sessions</i></p>
48	<i>Develop materials for a specialist fisheries & angling stand for CRT events</i>	<p><i>Develop & train a team of volunteers to help man an exhibition stand.</i></p> <p><i>Seek volunteers through clubs and newsletter.</i></p>		<i>Volunteering</i>	<i>Clubs to seek volunteers</i>

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49	<i>Communication with public on the history & heritage of fisheries & angling</i>	<p><i>Provide Fisheries & Angling information to the Gloucester Waterways Museum to promote history, current and future use & opportunities on the canal locally.</i></p> <p><i>Develop & promote Welcome Station Leaflet locally</i></p>		<i>G. Boxer, Head of Museums</i>	<i>J. Essex</i>

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	Theme 6 – Funding. We know that by working in partnership to realise the extensive benefits angling can provide that we can attract funding to deliver angling projects. We will need to be innovative in seeking new funding opportunities.				
50	<i>Increase income on selected fisheries by working in partnership with other organisations</i>	<i>Joint marketing of Glanusk Tymawr fishery, including press release. Monitor arrangements and review at season end</i>		<i>Press team</i>	<i>Wye & Usk Foundation</i>
51	<i>Through collective and cooperative working across clubs identify common needs and actions and develop packages of projects against which funding bids can be built</i>	<i>Provide fisheries management technical guidance Support bid writing through National Angling Development Manager</i>	<i>Development & Engagement Manager to develop & deliver projects at waterway level.</i>	<i>Fundraising Environment Enterprise</i>	<i>Clubs to identify work areas, cooperate, agree priorities and help write bids. Local Authority Environment Agency Sport England</i>
52	<i>Encourage clubs to develop project proposals to improve fisheries & increase participation and to bid for funds from the Angling Trust Angling & Fishery Improvement Fund</i>	<i>Support bids which meet the criteria laid out by Angling Trust</i>	<i>Waterway to be kept informed of proposals to avoid duplication.</i>	<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>Angling Trust Environment Agency All clubs</i>

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53	<i>Encourage clubs to develop project proposals to improve fisheries & increase participation and to bid for funds from the Sport England Small Grants fund and Inspired Facilities Fund</i>	<i>Support bids which meet the criteria laid out by Sport England</i>		<i>Fundraising Enterprise</i>	<i>Sport England Angling Trust Environment Agency</i>
54	<i>Develop new income streams where possible e.g. evolution of Waterway Wanderers scheme into Angling Friends.</i>	<i>Provide expertise to fundraising team so that potential Friends product is appropriate for likely friends customer base.</i>		<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>NAAG advice</i>
55	<i>Organize local appeals to raise funds for small local projects that will make a difference to the lives of local people and wildlife</i>	<i>Identify suitable projects</i>	<i>Take the lead on local appeals.</i>	<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>Clubs to identify possible projects</i>
56	<i>Make clubs aware that waterway wanderers water is available to rent.</i>	<i>Put details on Fisheries & Angling website</i>		<i>Web</i>	

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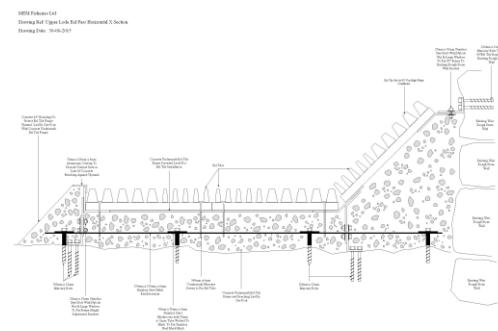
In **theme 7**, we aim to improve the passage for migratory fish at the weirs we own, for example:

Bevere Weir

Diglis Weir



Design for Upper Lode Eel & Elver Pass



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	<p>Theme 7 - Fish passage and migration - we will continue to identify structures which are barriers to fish migration and which are limiting fish spawning and distribution.</p> <p>The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003 sets standards for a broader definition of water quality including ecological issues such as fish passage to be achieved by 2027 through a series of 6-yearly Plans. The Trust is required to "have regard to" the actions set out in the Plans;</p> <p>The Eels Regulations 2009 give the Environment Agency powers to serve notice requiring construction of eel passes to provide access to habitat for elvers or access to the sea for mature eels.</p> <p>We will need to work with a range of statutory and non statutory partners to develop proposals on a site by site basis including identifying possible funding sources.</p>				
57	<p><i>Development and support to HLF/LIFE bid for installation of deep vertical slot fish passes on the River Severn to enable twaite shad to reach spawning grounds upstream of Worcester which will ensure the Special Area of Conservation of the Severn Estuary improves in condition – Bevere, Holt Fleet, Diglis, Lincombe.</i></p> <p><i>Support a bid to HLF/LIFE for 3 fish passes in the River Usk catchment</i></p>	<p><i>Membership of steering group & lead on fisheries & angling community engagement & technical support.</i></p> <p><i>Support programmes of work to allow fish movement over identified barriers to migration</i></p>	<p>Promote & raise awareness with partners.</p>	<p><i>Environment Enterprise to lead Operations & Assets Communications</i></p>	<p><i>Severn Rivers Trust Environment Agency Natural England</i></p> <p><i>Wye & Usk Foundation Natural Resources Wales Welsh Water</i></p>

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	<i>Clarify current status of Upper Lode fish pass & assess its performance for any improvements required for fish passage</i>	<i>Liaise with local EA and with club</i>			<i>Upper Lode AC</i>
58	<i>Installation of new eel pass on eastern bank of Upper Lode weir</i>	<i>Fisheries management technical advice. Liaison with Fisheries Management term contractor to design & install.</i>	Promote & raise awareness with partners.	<i>Environment Dredging</i>	<i>Environment Agency</i>
59	<i>Investigate options and opportunities at sites notified to us by the Environment Agency as "Critical" sites for eel passage under the Eels Regulations : - Sharpness Dock gates, Upper Lode weir, Panteg Weir, Lower Clydach weir, and at the following additional sites on the River Severn @ Bevere, Holt Fleet, Diglis, Lincombe</i>	<i>Review list of structures from Environment team. Prioritise across CRT & EA Fisheries management technical advice. Consult with clubs. Support programmes of work to allow fish movement over identified barriers to migration</i>	Promote & raise awareness with partners.	<i>Environment Operations & Assets Enterprise Fundraising Heritage</i>	<i>Angling clubs Severn River Trust Environment Agency Riparian Owners</i>

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60	<i>Work with partners to investigate the impact that Whitminster weir on the Gloucestershire River Frome has on migratory fish</i>	<i>Fisheries management technical advice.</i>	Promote & raise awareness with partners.	<i>Environment Utilities</i>	<i>Severn Rivers Trust Stroud District Council Environment Agency</i>

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	Theme 8 - Predation & non-native species. Predation and the presence of non native species can both impact on the ability of anglers to carry out their sport and have an adverse impact on the ecology of the waterbody. We need to better understand the distribution of all these species, work with experts to identify control options and limit their spread. Angling clubs can take advantage of the volunteering options that this theme offers in particular.				
61	<i>Ensure all waterway customers and all CRT routine day to day activities do not spread non native species</i>	<i>Lead communication with clubs and include in routine communications e.g. newsletter, to encourage adoption of the 'check, clean and dry' message, and incorporate into environmental appraisal process</i>	<i>Adopt the 'check, clean and dry' message</i>	<i>Boating Communication Environment All Trust teams that work in the field.</i>	<i>Clubs to communicate with members</i>
62	<i>Organise a course for clubs in the Waterway area on best practice on how to set mink traps and humane disposal of mink; consider widening invite to clubs in neighbouring areas. Consider running more courses subject to demand.</i>	<i>Set up and publicize & promote</i>		<i>Environment</i>	<i>Clubs to contact Carl Nicholls to register an interest with CRT</i>

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63	Implement the River Severn seal management plan, working with partners to relocate seals if caught.	Confirm situation of previous agreement with Angling Trust & confirm way forward with WW	Liaise with lock keeper operatives so it is clear the action to be taken if seal becoming captured at Upper Lode, Diglis, Bevere, Holt fleet Lincombe locks		Dilip Sakar, Angling Trust
64	<p><i>Manage the control options for certain non native species:</i></p> <p>- for non native fish, these are - zander, bitterling, catfish, topmouth gudgeon, motherless minnow, grass carp, ide, sturgeon</p> <p>.....</p> <p>- for cormorants & goosanders</p>	<p><i>Log information available.</i></p> <p><i>Liaise with Environment Team.</i></p> <p><i>Assess & agree management options in discussion with regulatory authorities.</i></p> <p><i>Implement action as required</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>Consult with local fishing clubs and waterway teams and seek advice, input & support from Fisheries Management Advisors of Angling Trust on catchment</i></p>		<i>Environment</i>	<i>Environment Agency</i> <i>Angling Trust</i> <i>Natural England</i> <i>Local clubs to inform NFAT of non native species</i>

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	<p><i>approach and techniques to use.</i></p> <p><i>Authorise the use of non lethal techniques for scaring, on a waterway basis, to reduce the impact of piscivorous birds on fish stocks where CRT owns fishing rights, in consultation with other regulatory bodies, partners and fishing clubs.</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>- <i>For signal & other non native crayfish</i></p>	<p><i>Approve requests for applications for crayfish trapping to the Environment Agency on CRT owned/managed fisheries, including ongoing research on the River Lee</i></p>			

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Our canals hold a wide variety of species, some of which are protected through legislation:



Common bream



Chub



A typical canal roach



Lamprey

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	Theme 9 - Fish stocks & fisheries management. Good fishing relies on having healthy fish populations. Fish provide the basis of an extensive food web and several protected species rely on fish for their food. We will strive to maintain the standards set by legislation including for those fish and sites with special protection.				
65	Avoidance/reduction in fish stock damage arising from weed cutting on the Swansea canal undertaken to ensure adequate water supply for the Nickel Mond abstraction, ensuring protection for legally protected species such as brown trout and brook lamprey.	Consider Fish rescue before weed cutting via Fisheries Management Term Contractor	Weed cutting Involve all parties	Environment team - oxygen monitoring , draw up weed cutting protocol for the canal	Environment Agency
66	Carry out fish stock assessments - post dewatering on the Droitwich canal - Identify resources to enable surveys elsewhere	-Assess results survey April 2015 on 3 lengths Droitwich Canal to decide next course of action			Droitwich Spa AC Mildenham Fishery club
67	Taking action to lead to increased protection of elvers - prevent fishing on CRT owned property	Implement decision to ban elver fishing on CRT property at Sharpness	Enforcement support	Environment	Environment Agency Police Voluntary Bailiffing Service when implemented

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68	<i>Ensure protection of elvers during dredging operations @ Gloucester & Sharpness docks</i>	<i>Lead on developing survey techniques to assess impact of suction dredging on elver and other fish species</i>		<i>Dredging</i>	<i>Environment Agency</i>
69	<i>Seek an increased understanding of existing fish stocks for their better protection and restoration , including recording presence of protected species</i>	<p><i>Develop a methodology for collection of fisheries data, including option of using match catch data, and scale sampling collection</i></p> <p><i>Collate fish population data from fisheries management activities e.g. fish rescues carried out by Fisheries Term Contractor, & provide data to EA where requested.</i></p> <p><i>Identify locations where fish stocks are poor</i></p> <p><i>Liaise with Environment & Waterway team and local clubs over possible reasons and options for change e.g.</i></p>		<p><i>Offer input & support with local waterway knowledge, including match catch data where requested, & volunteers to collect scale samples.</i></p> <p><i>Environment Agency</i></p>	<p><i>Rivers Trusts</i></p> <p><i>Natural England</i></p>

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		<p><i>addressing local predator prey imbalances, habitat improvements, provision of fish refuges, restocking and species management</i></p> <p><i>Provide advice & feedback to local waterway teams and angling clubs on the quality of the local fish stocks</i></p>			
70	<p><i>Ensure the fishery resource including protected species and sites is protected from potential adverse impact e.g. asset improvements, dredging, vegetation management, water level lowering, fish rescues & pollutions, spawning & habitat protection, and that appropriate communication with licenced clubs and mitigation works are implemented</i></p> <p><i>Specially protected species are:</i></p>	<p><i>Develop the Fisheries & Angling section of the Environmental Appraisal Policy.</i></p> <p><i>NFAT to sign off works affecting licenced clubs.</i></p> <p><i>Publicize & raise awareness to ensure compliance.</i></p> <p><i>Implement training programme for CRT operatives who undertake small scale fish rescues as part of lock stoppages – to</i></p>	<p><i>Review operating activities to minimize impact & identify possible improvements to practice.</i></p>	<p><i>Environment</i></p>	<p><i>Clubs to act as eyes and ears on the ground, be active consultees and report incidents</i></p>

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	<i>eel, bullhead, crucian carp, spined loach, brook & river lamprey, brown trout, twaite & allis shad, salmon</i>	<i>include use of pumps in locks guidance.</i> <i>Provide fisheries management technical advice on planning applications and other teams on developments likely to have an impact on fish stocks e.g. hydropower</i>			
71	<i>Reduce and prevent fish theft & the use of illegal methods to catch fish</i>	<i>Log feedback from voluntary bailiff service, other teams and the public.</i> <i>Liaise with EA over possible actions.</i> <i>Highlight illegal methods on the website.</i>	<i>Support by reporting any incidents observed.</i>	<i>Act as eyes & ears.</i>	<i>Clubs to act as eyes & ears on the ground.</i> <i>Log & report any incidents observed.</i>
72	<i>Identify sources of fish for restocking and undertake a national programme of restocking meeting local priorities where possible, ensuring compliance with all statutory requirements at all times e.g. ILFA licencing, EA</i>	<i>Seek donations of fish from 3rd parties to improve the Trust's fisheries.</i> <i>Stock at:</i> <i>None identified</i>			<i>Clubs to help find fish & funds</i>

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	<i>holder site permits, CEFAS regulations</i>				
73	<i>Creating opportunities for high quality specialist fishing opportunities e.g. lure fishing – London FAAP Regents canal.</i>	<i>Identify opportunity, liaise with local clubs to encourage opportunities Manage the fish stocks to support identified fishery</i>	<i>Offer input & support with local waterway knowledge & actions</i>		<i>Lure Canal Angling Society</i>
74	<i>Develop & implement appropriate management strategies to improve fish habitat e.g. provision of far bank refuges such as floating rafts & spawning boards</i>	<i>Liaise with across CRT teams to identify opportunities</i>	<i>Facilitate & engage with improvements where possible using Trust teams & volunteers</i>	<i>Environment</i>	<i>Clubs to see if volunteers available</i>

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Here, Fisheries contractors are monitoring dredgings to ensure eel and elvers are not being impacted by proposed silt removal in Gloucester & Sharpness docks



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	Theme 10 - Fisheries and water quality and quantity. Good fish stocks rely on having adequate levels of water quality and quantity. We will work with partners to identify solutions and take forward actions where these are not of sufficient standard.				
75	Vandalism on Worcester & Birmingham canal leading to dewatering - opportunity for public & clubs to be eyes & ears on ground for information to Trust.	Alert clubs & ask for feedback	WW liaise with police in 2015 use of CCTV & police to identify causes	Environment	Worcester & DAA to feedback any information, act as eyes & ears
76	Manage flushing of water from Diglis lock to minimize impact on downstream anglers and fishing		Advise lock keepers of operating agreement that from 15 March to 1 November each year, flushing does not impact anglers. At other times, flushing not to take place when anglers are present.		Predator syndicate to monitor flushings when present and report to WW
77	<i>Provide expertise and advice on the impacts on fish of reservoir lowering, drain downs & water transfers & water quality issues</i>	<i>Input technical fisheries management guidance.</i>		Environment	<i>Club to act as eyes and ears and report any incidents of pollution, distressed & dead</i>

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					<i>fish to EA (0800 807060) & CRT Fisheries & Angling/Environment teams. Clubs to inform Environment team and Environment Agency if pollution apparent but no fish in distress</i>

Fisheries & Angling in the Trust – A National (& Local Waterway) Overview

- The Trust is responsible for looking after over 2000 (**85**) miles of canal and river fisheries (aquatic ecosystems in which fish can live) and around 70 (**4**) reservoir/stillwater fisheries.
- Lead by the Fisheries & Angling team, the Trust is responsible for the protection of the £40 million (**£1.9 million**) worth of fish stocks present in our fisheries.
- This is essential both for the health of the wider ecosystem and the organisms that depend on fish for food and also, equally importantly, for the sport of angling.
- We own the fishing rights on the majority of our fisheries, making us the largest owners of fishing rights in the UK.
- We currently have 224 (**31**) angling club customers on the canal network. These clubs have a combined membership of around 61,000 (**circa 10,000**).
- We have around 30 stillwater and reservoir club customers. These clubs have a combined membership of 20,000 members.
- We directly manage nine reservoirs and estimate that around 20,000 different individuals visit these reservoirs each year.
- We have an annual income of circa £550k (**£18k**) which we seek to maintain and increase.
- The volunteer bailiffing effort provided by the angling community is valued at around £1.5 million p.a. (**£150k p.a.**)
- We launched our angling strategy ‘Be Inspired, Go Fishing’ in September 2013 to get more people going fishing more often and to increase the wider benefits we know angling can provide.

The National Fisheries & Angling Team

The National Fisheries & Angling Team comprises a

- National Fisheries & Angling Manager - John Ellis
- Fisheries & Angling Manager - Carl Nicholls
- Fisheries & Angling Manager - Paul Breslin
- Fisheries Co-ordinator - Barbara Wilder

The Role of the National Fisheries and Angling Team

- Negotiation and management of the legal arrangements between customer clubs and the Trust
- Day to day client management of all the angling club customers
- Management of the Trusts commercial fisheries portfolio
- Management of the Waterway Wanderers scheme.
- The development and ongoing management of Fisheries & Angling Action Plans
- Contract management of the fisheries management framework term contract.
- Management of the Trusts fish restocking programme.
- Management and responsibility of the planned and emergency fish rescues including those associated with dredging and pollutions.
- Development of the sport of angling and angling management.
- Management of external and partner relations including the Advisory group, Angling Trust, Rivers Trusts, Environment Agency & APPAG.