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To: Members of the Regional Fisheries  
Advisory Committee:  
(Messrs. T. A. F. Barnes (Chairman);  
W. S. Bell; A. G. R. Brown; F. Bunting;  
H. Counce; T. M. Farrer; J. H. Fell;  
J. E. Gouldbourn; R. D. Houghton;  
J. Johnson; I. Jones; G. E. Lowe;  
Wm. McKenna; J. E. Redhead; G. Wilson;  
Major J. G. W. Skipwith; and the Chairman  
of the Authority (G. Mann); the Vice  
Chairman of the Authority (A. Richardson);  
and the Chairmen of the Area Advisory  
Committees (J. S. Bailey; J. M. Croft;  
E. P. Ecroyd (ex officio)).

Dear Member,

Will you please attend a meeting of the REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE to be held at 2.15 p.m. on MONDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1981, in the BOARD ROOM, DAWSON HOUSE, GREAT SANKEY, for consideration of the following business.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. CRACKLE,

Secretary and Solicitor.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated).
3. Proceedings of Area Fisheries Advisory Committees.

(A) Northern Area - 12th October 1981

[Recommendations in the following Minutes:

11. Membership of the Committee.
12. Restructuring of Rod and Line Fishing Licence Duties (to be considered under Item No. 4 on the Agenda).]

(B) Central Area - 14th October 1981

[Recommendations in the following Minutes:

10. Restructuring of Rod and Line Fishing Licence Duties (to be considered under Item No. 4 of the Agenda).
12. Proposal for a Fish Trap on Forge Weir, River Lune.]

(C) Southern Area - 21st October 1981

[Recommendations in the following Minutes:

8. Minutes of the last meeting.
9. Restructuring of Rod and Line Fishing Licence Duties (to be considered under Item No. 4 of the Agenda).
10. Wirral Festival of Sport and the close season for the Freshwater Fish.
11. Offences and Prosecutions 1980/81.
4. Restructuring of Rod and Line Fishing Licence Duties.
5. Commercial Eel Trapping on Lake Windermere.
6. Fish Trap on St. Johns Beck, near Keswick, Cumbria.
7. Draft Net Licences - Rivers Derwent and Ellen.
8. Options available to Improve Access for Unemployed Persons to Recreational Facilities.
9. Any other business.

NOTE: Lunch will be served in the Members' Dining Room at approximately 1.00 p.m. The Menu for the day is enclosed, and Members attending for lunch are asked to indicate their choice of main course to the assistant on duty near the Members' retiring room.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
NORTHERN AREA  
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12TH OCTOBER, 1981

Present: E.P. Ecroyd, Esq., (Chairman)  
F. Bunting, Esq. Wm. McKenna, Esq.  
E. Cave, Esq. G.B. Sedgwick, Esq.  
A. Marshall, Esq. J. Thompson, Esq.

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr. T.A.F. Barnes, Mr. A.E.I. Bell. Mr. A.C. Findlay, Mr. A. Gleaden, Mr. G. Mann, Mr. A. Richardson and Mr. G.N.F. Wingate.

9. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That with the addition of the name of Mr. G.B. Sedgwick to minute no. 2, (Apologies for Absence), the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 8th September, 1981, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Concerning Minute No. 21 B(i)(a) of 21st September 1981: the Committee expressed concern that its recommendation to the Regional Committee on the MAFF Consultation Paper had not been accepted.

It was explained that after full discussion the Regional Committee felt the Authority should be able to fix fishing licence duties without recourse to MAFF and accordingly had endorsed the officers' acceptance of the consultation paper proposal to that effect.

11. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Further to minute No. 5 of the last meeting concerning the resignation of Mr. G. Richardson, it was reported that Mr. Albert Moffat of 15 Princess Avenue, Workington, had been nominated by Workington Anglers to serve on the Committee.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Regional Committee be invited to confirm the appointment of Mr. A. Moffat to this Committee.

12. RESTRUCTURING OF ROD AND LINE FISHING LICENCE DUTIES

The Committee considered a report prepared in accordance with instructions from the Regional Committee (minute no. 12, 13th July 1981) on the restructuring of rod and line fishing licence duties. The basic principle in the report was that the licence duties received by the Authority should be paid by the various classes of anglers in proportion to the way in which the fisheries resources were deployed.

At that July meeting, the Regional Committee, notwithstanding its recommendation of 15th February 1979 (minute no. 40(2)) which provided that in any future restructuring prime consideration be given to the introduction of a single tier rod and line whole area licence, had set the following guidelines for the proposed restructure:-

1. a four tier structure comprising separate licences for salmon; migratory trout; non-migratory trout; freshwater fish and eels;
2. a three tier structure, comprising separate licences for salmon and migratory trout; non-migratory trout; freshwater fish and eels;
- 3 a three tier structure comprising separate licences for salmon; migratory trout and non-migratory trout; freshwater fish and eels;
4. that the part season salmon licence be excluded from the structures;
5. that the nil duty licence for juveniles aged 10-13 years inclusive be excluded from the structures.

On 30th March 1981 (minute no. 12) whilst considering proposals for the 1982 fishing licence duties this Committee had recommended, inter alia, that consideration be given to the introduction of a single tier licence duty for rod and line to take effect from 1st January 1983.

The Committee felt unable to recommend the adoption of the proposed structures, was particularly opposed to the four tier structure and considered that the suggested £36 for a rod licence to fish for salmon would be unacceptable to the majority of salmon anglers.

RECOMMENDED;

That the present three tier rod and line fishing licence structure, incorporating the part season salmon licence, be retained and that the Authority continue to apply, as at present, annual inflation increases to all existing rod and line fishing licence duties.

13. PROSECUTIONS

Further to minute no. 14 of 30th March, 1981, the Committee received a comprehensive report on procedures adopted by the Authority when dealing with fisheries prosecutions.

14. OFFENCES AND PROSECUTIONS 1980/81

A report was submitted on fishing offences and prosecutions undertaken by the Authority during 1980/81.

15. INCOME FROM SALE OF ROD AND LINE LICENCES

The Committee received a report which summarised income received by the Authority during 1980.

Although not directly comparable due to changes in the licensing structure during 1980, the 1980 figures, when compared with those for 1979, showed that overall the Authority's income had increased.

16. REPORT ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

The Area Fisheries Officer presented his report on fisheries activities in the area since the last meeting of the Committee. The Regional Fisheries Officer agreed to consider including the names and addresses of offenders prosecuted for fishery offences in future AFO reports.

17. RIVER ESK - GRAVEL EXTRACTION

The Regional Fisheries Officer undertook to investigate reports of gravel extraction from the River Esk and to report to the Chairman.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
CENTRAL AREA  
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14TH OCTOBER 1981

Present: J. M. Croft, Esq., (Chairman)  
 W. Bailey, Esq. R. D. Houghton, Esq.  
 R. Barratt, Esq. J. Johnson, Esq.  
 Dr. R. B. Broughton G. Jones, Esq.  
 J. H. Fell, Esq. Professor W. E. Kershaw  
 R. Harper, Esq. J. P. Lord, Esq.  
 A. L. Harris, Esq. H. B. Whittam, Esq.  
 G. Wilson, Esq.

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr. T. A. F. Barnes, Mr. R. A. Challenor, Mr. G. Mann and Mr. A. Richardson.

9. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 7th September 1981, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10. RESTRUCTURING OF ROD AND LINE FISHING LICENCE DUTIES

The Committee considered a report, prepared in accordance with instructions from the Regional Committee, (minute no. 12, 13th July 1981) on the restructuring of rod and line fishing licence duties.

The basic principle in the report was that the licence duties received by the Authority should be paid by the various classes of anglers in proportion to the way in which the fisheries resources were deployed.

At that July meeting, the Regional Committee notwithstanding its recommendation of 15th February 1979 (minute no. 40(2)) which provided that in any future restructuring prime consideration be given to the introduction of a single tier rod and line whole area licence, had set the following guidelines for the proposed restructure:

1. a four tier structure, comprising separate licences for salmon; migratory trout; non-migratory trout; freshwater fish and eels;
2. a three tier structure, comprising separate licences for salmon and migratory trout; non-migratory trout; freshwater fish and eels;
3. a three tier structure comprising separate licences for salmon; migratory trout and non-migratory trout; freshwater fish and eels;

4. that the part season salmon licence be excluded from the structures;
5. that the nil duty licence for juveniles aged 10-13 years inclusive be excluded from the structures.

The Committee expressed concern at the inclusion of anti-poaching work costs (£168,000) in the 1981-82 Estimates analysis of the direct costs of fisheries. It was felt that with the Authority having a statutory duty under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 to maintain, improve and develop all fisheries, the entire cost of this work should be borne by the Authority's consumers as a whole. It was also felt that the suggested figure of £36 for a rod and line licence to fish for salmon was unrealistic, would be unacceptable to the majority of salmon anglers and the number of licences sold would decline significantly as a result. An adjustment should be made to all licence duties to bring down the cost of the salmon licence.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) That the cost of anti-poaching work be excluded from the fisheries budget and that subject thereto the four tier licence structure (option 1) be adopted by the Authority to take effect from 1st January 1983.

(2) That should the Authority seek to renew the present River Lune Fishery Byelaws (due to expire on 1st April 1983) then because of the extended close season for fishing for salmon with rod and line extant in the River Lune by virtue of those byelaws, the Authority create a special River Lune rod and line salmon licence at a discount of 25% off the normal full licence cost then in force within the Authority area, to be available annually for the full period of retention of the said byelaws.

(3) That in order to reduce the costs incurred by the Authority in printing and issuing fishing licences, the following procedures be investigated: blank, standard fishing licences together with self adhesive stamps indicating the type of licence and cost be printed and issued to distributors who on payment of the requisite fee by a purchaser would affix the appropriate stamp to a blank licence.

11. RIVER LUNE, FORGE WEIR

A report was received on repairs carried out to the fish counter at, and to the structure of, Forge Weir on the River Lune.

Although at present no firm indication could be given of whether or when additional repairs to the weir might be required, such repairs would, emergency excepted, be carried out before the main run of migratory fish.

12. PROPOSAL FOR A FISH TRAP ON FORGE WEIR, RIVER LUNE

Consideration was given to a report concerning the possible construction of a fish trap in conjunction with the existing fish pass at Forge Weir at an estimated cost to the Authority of £8,000. The construction of a trap would remove the present need for salmon to be taken from the fish trap at Broadrairie Weir to provide ova for Middleton Hatchery. It would also be beneficial in reducing the concentration of fish spawning in the lower Lune which, it was contended, contributed little to the stock. Notwithstanding the suggestion that to keep costs as low as possible and to minimise disturbance to both river and fish, construction should take place at the same time as any future permanent repairs to the weir it was

RECOMMENDED:

That construction of a fish trap at Forge Weir should take place as soon as possible, subject to authorisation of the requisite expenditure.

13. FISHING OFFENCES AND PROSECUTIONS 1980/81

A report was submitted on fishing offences and prosecutions undertaken by the Authority during 1980/81.

Members were advised that the aid of an Authority bailiff should be sought in all cases of fish poaching. If for any reason a bailiff could not be contacted, the police should be informed.

14. INCOME FROM SALE OF ROD AND LINE LICENCES 1980

The Committee received a report which summarised income received by the Authority during 1980. Although not directly comparable due to changes in the licensing structure during 1980, the 1980 figures, when compared with those for 1979 showed that overall the Authority's income had increased.

15. REPORT BY THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICERS ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

The Area Fisheries Officers presented their report on fisheries activities within the area since the last meeting of the Committee. The Area Fisheries Officer (South) undertook to investigate catches of fish made during the season at Worthington lakes and to contact Mr. Johnson with the necessary information.



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
SOUTHERN AREA  
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

21ST OCTOBER 1981

Present: J. S. Bailey, Esq., (Chairman)  
A. G. R. Brown, Esq. A. Richardson, Esq.  
P. Neal, Esq. J. A. Shanahan, Esq.

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr. T. A. F. Barnes, Mr. D. Bridgewood, Mr. C. Holland and Mr. G. Mann.

8. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Further to minute no. 3 of the last meeting concerning the resignation of Mr. F. Egerton, it was reported that Mr. John Blackburn of 447 Station Road, Winsford, Cheshire, a member of Winsford and District Anglers had been nominated to serve on the Committee.

There were now two vacancies on the Committee and it was felt that it would be beneficial if representatives of angling interests in the Market Drayton and Rochdale areas could be found who would be willing to serve. It was agreed that Messrs. Brown and Shanahan would report back on the result of enquiries into this matter.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Regional Committee be invited to confirm the appointment of Mr. J. Blackburn to this Committee.

9. RESTRUCTURING OF ROD AND LINE FISHING LICENCE DUTIES

The Committee considered a report prepared in accordance with instructions from the Regional Committee (minute no. 12, 13th July 1981) on the restructuring of rod and line fishing licence duties. The basic principle in the report was that the licence duties received by the Authority should be paid by the various classes of anglers in proportion to the way in which the fisheries resources were deployed.

At that July meeting, the Regional Committee, notwithstanding its recommendation of 15th February 1979 (minute no. 40(2)) which provided that in any future restructuring prime consideration be given to the introduction of a single tier rod and line whole area licence, had set the following guidelines for the proposed restructure:

1. a four tier structure comprising separate licences for salmon; migratory trout; non-migratory trout; freshwater fish and eels.
2. a three tier structure comprising separate licences for salmon and migratory trout; non-migratory trout; freshwater fish and eels.

3. a three tier structure comprising separate licences for salmon; migratory trout and non-migratory trout; freshwater fish and eels.
4. that the part season salmon licence be excluded from the structures.
5. that the nil duty licence for juveniles aged 10-13 years inclusive be excluded from the structures.

Whilst regretting that the meeting was not better attended when this important item was under discussion it was

RECOMMENDED:

(1) That the Authority adopt the proposed four tier licence structure comprising separate licences for salmon; migratory trout; non-migratory trout; freshwater fish and eels.

(2) That following the new fisheries committee structure approved by the Authority on 13th October 1980, whereby meetings of area committees take place twice yearly, the membership of any area committee member be reviewed on his failure to attend three consecutive meetings.

10. WIRRAL FESTIVAL OF SPORT AND THE CLOSE SEASON FOR FRESHWATER FISH

It was reported that in May 1981, and on several previous occasions, the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral had written to the Authority to enquire about the possibility of holding a special coarse angling event during the first two weeks of June in connection with the Wirral Festival of Sport. The Regional Fisheries Officer had replied pointing out that the close season for freshwater fish (15th March to 15th June inclusive) was the result of recommendations from the Local Fisheries Advisory Committees when the present fishery byelaws were made. The Council had requested that the matter be referred to this Committee.

It was explained that the close season prevented the disturbance of fish during their spawning period. There was no reason to justify its abolition, temporarily or permanently on biological grounds, and, during the recent fishery byelaws review its retention had been recommended. It would be contrary to the purpose of the close season to vary it simply to enable a water to be fished in connection with a local festival.

RECOMMENDED:

That no exceptions be made to the close season provisions contained in either the present or proposed fishery byelaws.

11. OFFENCES AND PROSECUTIONS 1980/81

A report was submitted on fishing offences and prosecutions undertaken by the Authority during 1980-81. Concern was expressed at the low level of fines imposed by local magistrates in respect of fisheries cases.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Authority make representations through the National Water Council to the Lord Chancellor drawing attention to the low level of fines, compared to statutory maximum fines permissible, imposed upon offenders convicted of fishery offences by magistrates' courts within the Authority area.

12. INCOME FROM SALE OF ROD AND LINE LICENCES

The Committee received a report which summarised income received by the Authority during 1980.

Although not directly comparable due to changes in the licensing structure during 1980, the 1980 figures, when compared with those for 1979, showed that overall the Authority's income had increased.

13. REPORT BY THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICER ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

The Area Fisheries Officer presented his report on fisheries activities within the area since the last meeting.

The Committee expressed appreciation of the efforts of the fisheries staff in effecting the transfer of a total of 94,360 mixed coarse fish for angling clubs and noted particularly the rescue of 42,300 of these fish from clay pits, due to be filled in, in the Bredbury area.

14. BOSTOCK HALL STOCK POND

In response to questions concerning the outbreak of perch disease at Bostock Hall stock pond, (reported to the Committee on 8th April 1981, minute no. 15) the Area Fisheries Officer, reported that the pond had been netted twice recently when it appeared disease free. In order to assess the numbers of fish present a further netting was taking place that day. Should roach have survived in quantity, the Authority would honour an existing commitment to stock the River Ribble at Ribchester with those fish.

The Authority had had no success in acquiring further suitable ponds for use as stock ponds although some disused sewage beds had been utilised for this purpose.

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE9TH NOVEMBER 1981RESTRUCTURING OF ROD AND LINE FISHING LICENCE DUTIES

1. The report which follows was submitted to the three area committees at the October round of meetings. The recommendations of these committees are contained in their respective minutes, but for the convenience of members a summary of these recommendations is given below:-

A. Recommendation of Northern Area Committee

"That the present three tier rod and line fishing licence structure, incorporating the part season salmon licence, be retained and that the Authority continue to apply, as at present, annual inflation increases to all existing rod and line fishing licence duties."

B. Recommendations of Central Area Committee

"(1) That the cost of anti-poaching work be excluded from the fisheries budget and that subject thereto the four tier licence structure (option 1) be adopted by the Authority to take effect from 1st January 1983.

(2) That should the Authority seek to renew the present River Lune Fishery Byelaws (due to expire on 1st April 1983) then because of the extended close season for fishing for salmon with rod and line extant in the River Lune by virtue of those byelaws, the Authority create a special River Lune rod and line salmon licence at a discount of 25% of the normal full licence cost then in force within the Authority area, to be available annually for the full period of retention of the said byelaws.

(3) That in order to reduce the costs incurred by the Authority in printing and issuing fishing licences, the following procedures be investigated: blank, standard fishing licences together with self adhesive stamps indicating the type of licence and cost be printed and issued to distributors who on payment of the requisite fee by a purchaser would affix the appropriate stamp to a blank licence."

C. Recommendations of Southern Area Committee

"(1) That the Authority adopt the proposed four tier licence structure comprising separate licences for salmon; migratory trout; non-migratory trout; freshwater fish and eels.

(2) That following the new fisheries committee structure approved by the Authority on 13th October 1980, whereby meetings of area committees take place twice yearly, the membership of any area committee member be reviewed on his failure to attend three consecutive meetings."

(It should be noted that (2) above arose because only five members were present.)

2. The effect of accepting the Central Advisory Committee's recommendation would be to alter the ratios produced by the previous analysis of activities and the way in which the expected income of £430,000 is shared by the different classes of anglers. These effects are shown below:-

	<u>Original Analysis</u>		<u>Revised Analysis</u>	
		£'000	(excluding anti-poaching)	£'000
Migratory Fish	51.2%	220	36.5%	157
Non-Migratory Trout	22.0%	95	28.5%	123
Coarse Fish	26.8%	<u>115</u>	35.0%	<u>150</u>
		<u>430</u>		<u>430</u>

The unit prices of season licences would then become:-

Salmon	£25.50
Migratory Trout	£ 8.50
Non-Migratory Trout	£ 4.70
Coarse Fish	£ 3.45

The Committee is now requested to make its own recommendations on this matter.

3. At the meeting held on 1st April the Central Area Advisory Committee requested details of other water authorities licence structures, the amount of expenditure which is transferred from Fisheries account to be recovered from the Environmental Service Charge, and the revenue from the sale of freshwater fish licences in 1979 compared with the income from the combined freshwater fish and brown trout licence in 1980. These details are to be found in Appendices I and II.
4. At the 13th July meeting the Regional Committee was reminded that a former resolution provided that in any future restructuring prime consideration be given to the introduction of a single tier rod and line whole area licence but the committee resolved that this report be based on the following guidelines:-
1. a four tier structure comprising separate licences for salmon, migratory trout, non migratory trout, freshwater fish and eels;
  2. a three tier structure, comprising separate licences for salmon and migratory trout, non migratory trout, freshwater fish and eels;
  3. a three tier structure comprising separate licences for salmon, migratory trout and non migratory trout, freshwater fish and eels;
  4. that the part season salmon licence be excluded from the structures;
  5. that the nil duty licence for juveniles aged 10-13 years inclusive be excluded from the structures.

5. To assist in this restructuring exercise the Fisheries Department has prepared an analysis of their activities to show how their time and resources are deployed with the following results:-

Migratory fisheries	51.2%
Non migratory trout	22.0%
Coarse fisheries	26.8%

The detailed analysis is shown in Appendix III

6. No new licence structure can operate before 1st January 1983 therefore the full impact will not be felt until the financial year 1983-84. When the Policy and Resources Committee agreed to the structure review they made the proviso that the level of contribution towards working expenses should at least be maintained. It is estimated that the income from rod and line licence duties to obtain such a contribution in 1983-84 should be £430,000 being 47.2% of the total estimated direct costs of fisheries. The direct costs are those costs directly controlled by the Regional Fisheries Officer.
7. When this amount is apportioned in accordance with the Fishery Department's time and resources analysis the result is:-

	£'000
51.2% to be met from migratory fish licences	= 220
22.0% to be met from non migratory fish licences	= 95
26.8% to be met from freshwater fish licences	= 115

and the appropriate unit prices per licence, expressed in terms of a full season licence, are as follows:-

1982 Unit Prices (including 10% applied for)		Estimated Sales (in terms of Full Season)	4 Tier	3 Tier	3 Tier
£p		No	£p	£p	£p
19.80	Salmon	5,400	36.00)		36.00
			)	28.90	
6.60	Migratory Trout	2,200	12.00)	)	
			)		4.30
	(Non Migratory		)		
	(Trout	26,100	3.60	3.60)	
3.90	(				
	(Freshwater Fish				
	(and Eels	43,400	2.60	2.60	2.60

To facilitate presentation the estimated number of licences to be sold has been based on the assumption that concessionary licences for juniors and pensioners and seven day licences will be fixed in the same ratio to a full season licence as at present e.g. juniors and pensioners at 50% of the full season licence and the seven day salmon licence at 1/6 of the full season duty. If these ratios were increased it would have the effect of reducing the full season licence duty.

8. In the past when restructuring of licence duties was under discussion there has been considerable argument about what costs the Authority should bear and what licence income should cover. In this exercise direct costs only are under consideration and administrative overheads, financing charges etc. have been left out of account. This is in accordance with the requirement of the Policy and Resources Committee that the contribution from licence income towards operating costs should be at the same level as at present. That contribution is estimated at £430,000 in 1983-84 and the above unit licence duties are set at a level to produce that income being only 47.2% of direct costs. There can therefore be no argument about licence income contributing to some activities to which it should not contribute. Any suggestion to reduce any of the above unit licence duties could only be met by a commensurate increase in the other licence duties in order to achieve the overall target income of £430,000. This is the first time that income from the various types of licences has been related to the manner in which fisheries resources are deployed. It is a firm basis which can be justified to all classes of anglers.
9. In 1979, the year before the last restructuring, there was a combined salmon and migratory trout licence. There was considerable objection to this which resulted in separate licences being proposed and included in the new structure which came into operation on 1st January 1980. As a result the number of licences sold increased and there was a consequent increase in revenue as the following figures show:-

	1979			1980		
	Price £p	No.	Amount £	Price £p	No.	Amount £
Salmon - season	15.60	1723	26,957	15.00	1862	27,930
Salmon to 31st May	7.80	25	195			
Salmon from 1st June	9.00	3040	27,360	10.00	2673	26,730
Salmon season - reduced duty	6.50	686	4,459	7.50	644	4,830
Salmon to 31st May - reduced duty	3.25	7	23			
Salmon from 1st June - reduced duty	4.00	583	2,332	5.00	571	2,855
Salmon 7 day	2.60	3174	5,652	2.50	2013	5,032
Migratory trout - season				5.00	1867	9,335
Migratory trout - reduced duty				2.50	305	763
Migratory trout - seven day				1.00	956	956
		<u>9238</u>	<u>66,978</u>		<u>10891</u>	<u>78,431</u>

It would be a retrograde step to introduce a combined salmon and migratory trout licence.

10. If there was a combined migratory trout and brown trout licence the migratory trout angler would be paying a lesser amount than under the separate licence proposals and the brown trout anglers would be paying more. This would be contrary to the basic principle that the total licence revenue should be equitably shared by the various classes of anglers by reference to the way in which the fisheries resources are deployed.
11. This basic principle is a fair and rational basis which can be justified to all classes of anglers. It would be totally unjustifiable to seek a greater or lesser contribution from any one particular class of angler. For this reason and the ones outlined above it is recommended that the revised structure should be a four tier structure comprising separate licences for salmon, migratory trout, non migratory trout, freshwater fish and eels.





LICENCE SALES 1979 AND 1980

1. To make the figures comparable, the 1979 figures include the sales of non-migratory trout licences.

<u>1979</u>	<u>Licence Duty</u> £p	<u>No. Sold</u>	<u>Value</u> £p
<u>Non-Migratory Trout</u>			
Full year	2.60	23,878	62,082.80
Reduced duty	1.25	4,382	5,477.50
Seven day	0.65	13,245	8,609.25
		<u>41,505</u>	<u>76,169.55</u>
<u>Freshwater Fish and Eels</u>			
Full year	1.25	29,840	37,300.00
Reduced duty	0.65	5,937	3,859.05
Seven day	0.35	3,979	1,392.65
<u>Mersey and Weaver Area</u>			
Full year	0.65	11,961	7,774.65
Reduced duty	0.35	3,294	1,152.90
		<u>55,011</u>	<u>51,479.25</u>
		96,516	127,648.80
		=====	=====
<u>1980</u>			
<u>Non-Migratory Trout &amp; Freshwater Fish</u>			
Full year	3.00	57,459	172,377.00
Reduced duty	1.50	12,740	19,110.00
Seven day	0.50	18,944	9,472.00
		<u>89,143</u>	<u>200,959.00</u>
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DIRECT COSTS OF FISHERIES - 1981-2 ESTIMATES

1. Subjective Analysis		2. Activity Analysis		Mig.	Non	Coarse	Total	
£				Fish	Mig.	Fish		%
				£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
<b>Employees:</b>								
Salaries	471,292							
Wages	3,625	1. Patrols, licence		51	74	68	193	27
Other	9,830	checks & enforcement						
		2. Anti-poaching		168	1	-	169	23
<b>Running Costs:</b>		3. Propagation		85	38	10	133	18
Electricity	4,042	4. Coarse fish -						
Other power	101	removal & transfer		-	-	46	46	6
Rents	1,370	5. Fish surveys		20	17	37	74	10
Rates	1,295	6. Advice to clubs		2	6	8	16	2
SESC	20	7. Offences and other						
Chemicals	12,575	reports		23	11	14	48	6
Materials	6,880	8. Fish mortalities and						
Hired & Contracted Services	920	pollution		6	7	8	21	3
Transport and Plant		9. Stocking consents		-	6	5	11	2
Own Vehicles and Plant	32,186	10. Fish counters		18	-	-	18	3
Car allowances	87,345			<u>373</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>729</u>	<u>100</u>
Telephones	150							
Travel subsistence	11,563	% of Total Cost		51.2	22	26.8		100
Other	32,185			====	===	====		===
Inflation Provision	<u>54,000</u>							
	<u>729,379</u>							
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NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE9TH NOVEMBER 1981COMMERCIAL EEL TRAPPING ON LAKE WINDERMERE

1. At the 5th October meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee consideration was given to the application from a professional eel trapper to fish for eels with fyke nets in Lake Windermere from 1st April 1982.
2. Although at the September meeting (minute no. 20(A)(3)) this Committee had approved a recommendation of the Central Area Committee that the application be refused, the Policy and Resources Committee wished to have further information on the implications of the proposal before reaching a decision. The Committee has therefore referred the matter back to this Committee with a request for further information on regulation, costs and the effect on fisheries in the lake.
3. Regulation of this type of fishery in the future will depend very much on the outcome of the application, should it be permitted. Eels are a largely unexploited resource at present, but there is an increasing interest in fishing for them commercially which is being encouraged by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. If it were shown that a fyke net fishery of the type under consideration could be carried on without any detriment to the other fish stocks and fishing activities in the lake, there would be no valid reason for refusing similar applications in future, although every application would need to be carefully considered, if only to ensure that conflict between operators was avoided. Section 21(2)(b) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 provides a further safeguard in that such authorisations require the consent of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
4. The costs to the Authority of monitoring a trial fishery on Windermere would not be great and the work involved would be absorbed into the local water bailiffs' patrol duties. The onus of informing the Area Fisheries Officer on the location of netting activities would rest with the applicant. Monitoring the setting or lifting of nets might initially be carried out on a regular basis, but assuming no problems were encountered (such as capture of significant numbers of fish other than eels) the monitoring activity would be reduced to "spot checks".
5. The question of possible harmful effects on other fish in the lake is very much an open one. There is the possibility that salmon and sea trout smolts could enter fyke nets if they were set on a migration route. However, recent research in Scotland has indicated that smolts tend to move in the surface layers whilst migrating through lakes. Fyke nets intended for the capture of eels are set on the lake bed, and are thus unlikely to catch smolts except in very shallow water. Some knowledge exists about the location of spawning sites of spring spawning char, but their willingness to enter fyke nets is not known. Only the carrying out of trial fishing will enable an answer to be

obtained. A point which should be borne in mind is that fyke nets do not damage the fish they catch, provided that the nets are lifted at regular intervals and with care. Any fish other than eels which may be taken can thus be returned unharmed to the water.

6. The officers are of the opinion that the proposals are reasonable and, as recommended previously to Committee would be in favour of approval for a trial period not exceeding two years.

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NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE9TH NOVEMBER 1981FISH TRAP ON ST. JOHNS BECK  
NEAR KESWICK, CUMBRIA

1. The Authority has a fish trap on St. John's Beck at map reference NY 317 217 near Keswick. The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has previously approved the working of the trap by the Authority. The approval authorised the use of the trap at any time for catching salmon and migratory trout for artificial propagation, or for scientific purposes. The approval expired on 16th July 1980 and the trap was not required to be used in 1980 and 1981.
2. It is now intended to renew the approval. Technically this will be a new application, which if granted will authorise the Authority to work the trap for five years. Further extension of the approval will be sought if trapping proves practicable and beneficial. Formal application to the Ministry for the fresh approval is intended to be made in the near future. The Committee is requested to note the action taken.

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NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE9TH NOVEMBER 1981DRAFT NET LICENCES - RIVERS DERWENT AND ELLEN

1. On 5th October 1981 the Policy and Resources Committee considered recommendations of this Committee (minute no. 10, 13th July 1981) concerning applications for draft net licences for salmon fishing at the mouths of the Rivers Derwent and Ellen.
2. The Committee whilst recognising that before licences could be issued, an appropriate duty needed to be fixed, noted the provision in the proposed new Fishery Byelaws, which if approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food would prohibit netting in those areas on conservation grounds. The Committee then recommended that a decision on fixing duties for the use of draft nets in the estuaries of the Rivers Derwent and Ellen, be deferred pending the Minister's decision on the proposed new Fishery Byelaws.
3. This recommendation was approved by the Authority on 12th October 1981.

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NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE9TH NOVEMBER 1981OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE ACCESS FOR  
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS TO RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

1. At their meeting on 26th October 1981, the Recreation Sub-Committee considered a report listing concessions which the Authority might wish to make in order to maximise use of Authority facilities and alleviate the problems of unemployed persons.
2. One of the recommendations approved by the Sub-Committee was that:-

"The Regional Fisheries Advisory Committee be requested to consider a suggestion that half price mid week coarse fishing permits be made available at Worthington and Rivington for purchase by unemployed persons with rod licences on production of an unemployed card and to advise this Sub-Committee accordingly."
3. If this scheme is introduced, the concessionary permits will be on sale at the appropriate Authority offices and potential anglers will be required to produce a current unemployment card (Form UB40) which gives the name and National Insurance number of the individual. As with other permits, the angler will be required to produce an Authority rod licence, thus providing a check on the name of the applicant.
4. Because the concessionary permits will be available only from Mondays to Fridays, it is thought that abuse, for instance by transferring permits, will be minimal.
5. The advice of the Committee is requested.