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26th January 1982

To: Members of the Regional Fisheries
Advisory Committee:
(Messrs. T. A. F. Barnes (Chairman);
W. S. Bell; A. G. R. Brown; F. Bunting;
H. Caunce; 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, 1st FEBRUARY, 1982, 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 the joint meeting of the Central and Southern Areas Fisheries Advisory Committees held on 18th January 1982.

[Recommendations in the following minute:

3. Restructuring of Rod and Line Fishing Licence Duties (to be considered under Item No. 4 of the Agenda).]
4. Restructuring of Rod and Line Fishing Licence Duties.
5. 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 JOINT MEETING OF THE
CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AREAS
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEES

18TH JANUARY 1982

Present: J. S. Bailey, Esq. R. D. Houghton, Esq.
 T. A. F. Barnes, Esq. J. Johnson, Esq.
 J. Blackburn, Esq. P. Neal, Esq.
 Dr. R. B. Broughton Dr. M. Pugh Thomas
 A. G. R. Brown, Esq. J. A. Shanahan, Esq.
 G. Wilson, Esq.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That Mr. J. S. Bailey be appointed Chairman of this Joint meeting of the Advisory Committees.

(J. S. BAILEY, ESQ., CHAIRMAN)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr. R. Barratt, Mr. D. Bridgewood, Mr. J. M. Croft, Mr. J. H. Fell, Mr. C. Holland, Mr. G. Jones, Mr. J. P. Lord, Mr. G. Mann, Mr. R. Newton, Mr. A. Richardson and Mr. H. B. Whittam.

3. RESTRUCTURING OF ROD AND LINE FISHING LICENCE DUTIES, PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF FISHERY IMPROVEMENT GRANT AND FISHERY EQUIPMENT LOAN, SCHEMES IN 1983

On 14th December 1981 (minute no. 33(5)) the Regional Committee had recommended, inter alia, that the views of the coarse fish anglers on the two Committees be sought on the provision in 1983-84 of cash grants for approved fishery improvement schemes and the loan of fishery equipment. The grants and loan service would be funded by an appropriate increase in the duty on seasonal freshwater fish and eel licences with effect from 1st January, 1983.

In accordance with that recommendation, the Committee considered a paper (attached as an Appendix) which set out the officers' proposals for these two schemes.

On the basis that the proposed surcharges would produce approximately £10,000 per annum, £5,000 could be provided to finance each scheme, although it was agreed that the system of money allocation should be flexible to allow each scheme to be administered according to demand.

It was envisaged that the schemes would be mainly taken up in that part of the Authority's area, south of the River Wyre, where the bulk of coarse fishing took place, but no part of the region would be excluded.

Introduction of the cash grant scheme would not prejudice a club from applying for a grant under the scheme presently operated by the Sports Council, although clubs should not expect to obtain grants from both bodies for the same project.

The Authority cash grant scheme would be aimed mostly at assisting small localised projects the benefit from which would accrue over a number of years, and would be restricted to clubs having coarse fishing interests.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) That the Fishery Improvement Grant Scheme and the Fishery Equipment Loan Scheme (as detailed in the Appendix to these minutes) be approved.

(2) That having regard to (i) above, the proposed duty in respect of the full and concessionary season licences for freshwater fish and eels be increased by 20p and 10p respectively on and from 1st January, 1983, viz:

Freshwater fish and eels

Season	£3.20
Season concessionary	£1.60

(3) That subject to the approval of (1) and (2) above by the Regional Committee and by the Authority, the officers prepare a detailed paper on both schemes for submission to the three Area Committees at their meetings scheduled to take place in March/April 1982.

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FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEESJOINT MEETING, 18TH JANUARY 1982RESTRUCTURING OF ROD AND LINE FISHING LICENCE DUTIES
PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF FISHERY IMPROVEMENT GRANT
AND FISHERY EQUIPMENT LOAN, SCHEMES IN 1983

1. With a view to providing additional services to anglers, primarily in the southern part of the region, it is proposed to introduce, in 1983, two schemes, one providing for grant-aid for fishery improvement work by clubs and the other setting up a pool of fishery equipment which would be available on loan to clubs. The intention is that both schemes should be financed from a small surcharge on the separate freshwater fish licence duty in 1983. On the basis of providing approximately £10,000 per annum, the surcharge would be 20p on the full, and 10p on the concessionary, season licences. The 7-day licence would not carry any surcharge. The revenue would be divided equally between the schemes.
2. It is proposed that the Fishery Improvement Grant Scheme should operate on the following general lines:-
 - (i) Grant-aid would be restricted to projects with a "life", such as the restoration of fishable pools which have deteriorated, the construction of new fishing pools or facilities, or of hatcheries or fish rearing pools etc., and would be restricted to angling clubs with coarse fishing interests. Funds would not be available for purchase of fish or for restocking work.
 - (ii) Any project put forward for grant would be required to satisfy the Regional Fisheries Officer and, if engineering works were involved, the Divisional Engineer, Rivers Division, that it was feasible, worthwhile and eligible for grant under such general conditions as may be set by the Authority. Where the applicant was not the owner of the fishing rights or land concerned, proof would be required of security of tenure for not less than 7 years ahead.
 - (iii) Any grant-aid provided would in no case exceed 50% of the total cost of the project.
 - (iv) Payment of grant-aid would be made only on production of receipted invoices and evidence that the work had been satisfactorily completed.
 - (v) The scheme would be administered by the Regional Fisheries Officer in collaboration with the Divisional Finance Officer, Rivers Division.
 - (vi) In view of the involvement of public funds, an applicant would be expected, in the case of any fishery improvement project, to make available to the public an agreed number of day permits, where this facility did not already exist.

3. It is proposed that the Fishery Equipment Loan Scheme should operate on the following general lines:-

(i) The equipment expected to be made available would include work-boat and trailer; draft nets suitable for netting pools; hand nets; fish transport tanks and aeration equipment; hand winches (for removing timber); axes, saws and slashers; chainsaws and electric fishing gear.

(This list would be extended or varied in the light of experience and on proof of demand).

(ii) Loan of equipment would be made under detailed written conditions and would be restricted to angling clubs with coarse fishing interests. No charge would be made unless there was a requirement for delivery to or from site and/or it was damaged in use and required repair. (See (iv) below).

(iii) Electric fishing gear and chainsaws would not be lent unless a member of the Fisheries Department with training and experience in their use was present, thus ensuring proper safety precautions were observed.

(iv) Borrowers would be required to complete an application form and a form of indemnity, which would also cover their liability in the event of the equipment being returned damaged or unserviceable, and to sign a receipt for equipment borrowed.

(v) In view of the involvement of public funds, preference would be given to applicants who already issue, or who will issue, day permits to the public on the waters concerned.

4. Detailed conditions governing the operation of the two schemes will be prepared if the Committees endorse these general principles and approve the surcharge proposed. The conditions would apply to both schemes.

5. The Committees are invited to recommend approval of these proposals to the Regional Fisheries Committee.

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE1ST FEBRUARY 1982RESTRUCTURING OF ROD AND LINE FISHING LICENCE DUTIES

1. Further to minute no. 33(5) of the last meeting, a paper containing proposals in connection with the introduction of a Fishery Improvement Grant Scheme and a Fishery Equipment Loan Scheme was submitted to a joint meeting of the Central and Southern Areas Fisheries Advisory Committees on 18th January 1982. The paper is attached as an Appendix to the minutes of that meeting. To assist the Committee, the recommendations made at that meeting, (as contained in the minutes) are given below:

"(1) That the Fishery Improvement Grant Scheme and the Fishery Equipment Loan Scheme (as detailed in the Appendix to these minutes) be approved.

- (2) That having regard to (1) above, the proposed duty in respect of the full and concessionary season licences for freshwater fish and eels be increased by 20p and 10p respectively on and from 1st January 1983, viz:

Freshwater fish and eels

Season	£3.20
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- (3) That subject to the approval of (1) and (2) above by the Regional Committee and by the Authority, the officers prepare a detailed paper on both schemes for submission to the three Area Committees at their meetings scheduled to take place in March/April 1982."

2. Should the Committee approve these recommendations, then the following would be the proposed licence duties for the four tier rod and line fishing licence structure as agreed by the Authority at the meeting held on 14th December 1981 and in accordance with previous decisions of the Committee:

PROPOSED ROD AND LINE FISHING LICENCE DUTIES
ON AND FROM 1ST JANUARY 1983

Duty on and from
1st January 1983
£.p.

Single Rod and Line

- (1) Salmon

Season	27.00
Season concessionary	13.50
Seven day	4.50

Duty on and from
1st January 1983
£.p.

(2) Migratory Trout

Season	9.00
Season concessionary	4.50
Seven day	1.50

(3) Non-migratory trout (brown trout, rainbow trout and char)

Season	4.00
Season concessionary	2.00
Seven day	1.00

(4) Freshwater fish and eels

Season	3.20
Season concessionary	1.60
Seven day	1.00

Concessionary licences are issued to juveniles (14-16 years), state retirement pensioners and registered disabled persons.

3. Subject to the Committee approving the proposed season and season concessionary freshwater fish and eels licence, (detailed under (4) above) then it is invited to recommend as follows:

- (1) That the Policy and Resources committee be recommended to approve the proposals to increase the rod and line fishing licence duties, as set out above, to come into force throughout the region on and from 1st January 1983.
- (2) That subject to the approval of this recommendation by the Policy and Resources Committee, the Secretary and Solicitor be authorised:
 - (a) to publish a Notice of the Authority's intention to fix these fishing licence duties in appropriate newspapers, as required by para. 3 of Schedule 2 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975;
 - (b) to take all such steps as may be necessary, including representation at a public inquiry, in the event of objections to the proposals being received by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.