

# Carlisle Angling Association

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## Annual Newsletter



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### Secretary and Chairman's Report.

The 2018 salmon season got off to a slow cold start in January and February. Unsettled weather, with heavy snow fall in March and April meant river levels fluctuated and this meant any fish entering the system passed straight through CAA waters. Fish were taken on the usual beats above CAA, as far up as Lazonby and Armathwaite, which showed the intent of the fish to run. With no of water at the end of April and into May fishing was slow. More fish were reported as May arrived and by the middle of the month fish had been caught from the Long Pool to the Coops. A lack of anglers could be the reason less fish than last season were being reported.

Similar to last season the Sea Trout fishing appears to have also got off to a slow start. Cold evenings and unfavourable water conditions in April and early May meant anglers did not venture out night fishing despite reports of fish being both seen and caught early in the season by those members that were salmon fishing. Hopefully as June and July arrives water conditions will mean sport will improve for night fishing.

Trout fishing was mainly reliant on fishing bugs deep in the early part of the season as cold and un-settled weather keep the fish down. In mid- April surface sport increased with good hatches of Grannom and Hawthorn flies appearing. Yellow Sallys and large Dark Olives were also in evidence on warmer days. Some good catches of Trout and Grayling have been reported with some trout anglers also connecting with early running sea trout. As the weather warms and Summer water levels appear it is anticipated we will see some excellent evening rises.

### Eden and Esk Net Limitation Order outcomes.

Members may have been confused with this issue due to the fact that there were two reviews running alongside each other – the local Eden and Esk Net Limitation Order Review and a National byelaw review both being under taken by the EA.

Members will be aware of and will have responded to consultation paperwork sent by the EA regarding the National Review of salmon stocks and to the local Net Limitation Order review.

**The Net Limitation Order Review for the Eden and Esk (Solway)** was completed on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018. This review was not included in the national EA review due to the Eden classification as an SAC and SSSI. This has meant that Natural England has also had to be included in the review process.

Unfortunately, when the outcome of the review was published at the end of May, the worst case scenario of 100% Catch and Release for Salmon was the outcome. There is to be a 2 sea trout per season limit for the rod fishery also. The Committee along with other northwest region fisheries are taking advice to see if we can appeal these decisions and are doing their utmost to try to reverse these decisions.

**The NATIONAL REVIEW** was completed on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018 **AND WAS DUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN JUNE 2018**. Due to the large number of responses to the consultation process the EA have suspended implementation of these **NATIONAL** measures until the 2019 season. The EA are looking for 100% Catch and Release and some method restriction regarding the size of hooks that can be used on rivers 'At Risk'. Rivers in the Northwest in this category include the Lune, Ribble and Cumbrian Derwent amongst others. These will also run in conjunction with the new Eden Net Limitation Order.

#### NATIONAL MEASURES WILL ALSO INCLUDE:-

- For spinning a single hook – NO TREBLES WILL BE ALLOWED, with a gape of no more than 13mm, from the hook shank to the point.
- For fly fishing the maximum size of treble you can use has to have a gape no larger than 7mm from the hook shank to the point.
- There is no change to bait fishing with worm, but for shrimp and prawn fishing, only hooks with a maximum of 7mm gape, hook shank to point, will be allowed.

#### **Esk and Liddle Angling Association.**

The committee have successfully negotiated the purchase of 12 tickets to fish all the waters of the Border Esk and Liddle Angling Association for 2018. The scheme will operate in a similar fashion to the exchange ticket scheme, in that they are for a 24 hour period only. They can be collected from Mr. N. Austin (07708281957).

**PRIORITY FOR THESE TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED WORK PARTIES AND TO MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES.**

#### **Guide Fly Fishing Casting Day.**

Mr C Mitchelhill in association with Jim Fearn of Guide Fly Fishing held a demonstration day on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 where free tuition was given to members attending the event. This has been a regular event for the last few years and was again well attended.

#### **Reminder - Amendment to Rule 12.**

From January 2018 existing Life Members and members becoming eligible for Life Membership from 2018 onwards, will pay 25% of the current Full Membership price. You can pay the £17.50 for 2018 at the tourist Information Centre in Carlisle. Please remember to take your ticket with you so a stamp can be placed on the reverse.

#### **New Rule for 2018.**

At the AGM in January members voted for a new rule that reads:-

To assist the Honorary Bailiff team to prevent illegal fishing and to prevent conflict between members, access to and fishing from the block on the right bank of the Long Pool will no longer be allowed.

#### **SheepMount Access.**

The access to the carpark on the Sheepmount has been re-instated. The barrier across the Caldew will be closed and locked from 9pm onwards every evening. If any member would like a key for the barrier please contact the Honorary Secretary. There will be a £5.00 charge for a key.

#### **Catch returns**

The Committee would also like to remind members, ticket holders and visitors that catch returns are due to be sent to the Honorary Secretary **by the 28<sup>th</sup> of October, (see rule 22).**

This is valuable information and the Committee is looking for your compliance with this matter, and rule 22 will be enforced for the 2018 season – the Committee will fine members not sending in returns. It is especially important this year to help us fend off compulsory EA restrictions.

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED YOUR 2018 CATCH RETURN. **ONLY RETURNS MADE ON THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED.** RETURNS VIA EMAIL, VOICEMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA, TEXT, OR SMS MESSAGE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. IF YOU LOSE YOUR CATCH RETURN CONTACT THE HONORARY SECRETARY FOR A REPLACEMENT. FORMS CAN ALSO BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE CLUB WEBSITE.

**IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE CONTACTED BY THE CLUB VIA EMAIL PLEASE LEAVE THE EMAIL SECTION BLANK.**

Tightlines for the rest of the season.

Nigel Austin  
Honorary Secretary.

Paul Davidson  
Chairman.

