

North and West District Salmon Fishery Board

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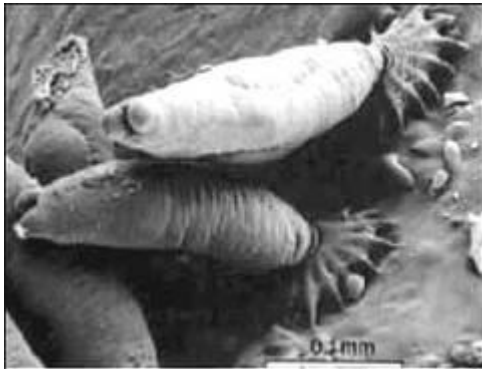
West Sutherland Fisheries Trust

West Sutherland, its rivers, lochs and their wildlife are at risk from a number of different pests and parasites including:

- **American Signal Crayfish** which are currently in the Inverness area.



- **Gyrodactylus salaris** an extremely dangerous parasite which could destroy the salmon population.



- **Killer shrimp** which are spreading north from Wales.



At present these are not in Sutherland and we need to keep it that way.

Overleaf is how you can help:

You can help by:

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Ensuring that your clients have checked, rinsed and disinfected their waders and fishing equipment properly before moving into the area or between systems. If they haven't, then rinse and disinfect the equipment away from any water bodies.

The spread of these, and many other invasive non-native species, can be halted in the same way:

1. Clean any mud or vegetation from your fishing tackle and equipment while on site.
2. Dry the equipment thoroughly.
3. Disinfect or treat equipment.
 - Dry to a minimum of 20 degrees for at least 2 days.
 - Heat to above 60 degrees for at least one hour.
 - Deep freeze for at least one day.
 - Immerse equipment, for a minimum of 10 minutes, in a solution of; - Virkon 1% - Wescodyne 1% - Sodium chloride (common salt) 3% - Sodium hydroxide 0.2% All chemicals should be available from agricultural chemical suppliers, please follow the instruction on the pack.

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Ensuring that you and your staff, as appropriate, communicate to your clients the importance of passing on any information about unexpected sightings in respect of fish, fish health or other wildlife.

Information gained should be forwarded to the West Sutherland Fisheries Trust as follows:

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