



Letter to Salmon Fishery Proprietors in the North West Salmon Fishery District

Dear Sir/Madam

**NORTH WEST DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD
CONSERVATION MEASURES TO CONTROL THE KILLING OF WILD SALMON**

You may be aware that new salmon conservation regulations take effect from 1st April 2016. The Scottish Government should have written to all salmon fishery proprietors on the subject in similar terms to this email. An over view of the conservation measures can be found at <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Salmon-Trout-Coarse/fishreform/licence/status>.

As a consequence of the new regulations, the killing of Atlantic Salmon in inland waters will be managed on an annual basis by categorising areas according to the conservation status of the associated salmon stock. These areas, together with the conservation status of the salmon stocks for the 2016 season are set out at <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0049/00491330.pdf>. As a more local ready reckoner, in conjunction with the West Sutherland Fisheries Trust, we attach a plan showing the North West District and how it is now affected by the different conservation categories.

Fisheries operating in Category 3 areas are not permitted to retain salmon. All catch should be returned to the river and such fish should be reported in the catch form as released fish, regardless of the condition of the fish when returned to the river.

It is very important to convey this information to your salmon fishing guests. You are welcome to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Crispian Cook".

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