



# North West Water Authority

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## REGIONAL

28th October, 1975

To: Members of the Regional Fisheries  
Advisory Committee  
(Messrs. J. R. S. Watson (Chairman);  
T. A. Blackledge; F. Burgess;  
J. M. Croft; E. P. Ecroyd; T. M. Farrer;  
J. H. Fell; E. H. Fleming Smith;  
A. E. Hall; W. F. Hobson; R. D. Houghton;  
P. W. Jennings; Wm. McKenna; R. A. Parkin;  
G. B. Robinson; G. Wilson; and the  
Chairman of the Authority (P. J. Liddell);  
and the Vice Chairman of the Authority  
(T. Hourigan) (ex officio)).

Dear Sir,

A meeting of the Regional Fisheries Advisory Committee will be held at 2.15 p.m. on MONDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1975, in the BOARD ROOM at DAWSON HOUSE, GREAT SANKEY, for consideration of the following business.

Yours faithfully,

R. E. WOODWARD,

Director of Administration

### A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated).
3. Proceedings of Local Fisheries Advisory Committees:-
  - (A) South and West Cumberland - 13th October, 1975.

[Recommendations in the following minutes:-

5. The Impact upon Fisheries of work on the new A66 Penrith to Workington Road.
6. The Development of Brown Trout Fishing in the Area.
7. The Development of the River Ehen as a Fishery.
8. Report by the Area Fisheries Officer on Fisheries Activities.
13. The Operation of Private Hatcheries.
14. The Constitution of the South and West Cumberland Fisheries Advisory Committee.]

- (B) Eden and District - 14th October, 1975.
- (C) South Lancashire - 15th October, 1975.
- (D) Lune, Wyre and Furness - 20th October, 1975.

[Recommendations in the following minutes:-

- 7. Eel Trapping.
- 8. Fisheries Protection - River Leven.
- 12. Fishing Licence Duties]

- (E) Mersey and Weaver - 22nd October, 1975.

[Recommendations in the following minutes:-

- 8. Fishery Byelaws - Proposed New Code.
- 9. Fishing Licence Duties]

- 4. Proposed Coarse Fish Unit - Worthington.
- 5. Netting on the Solway Firth.
- 6. Fishing Licence Duties.
- 7. Manchester Water Order, 1966 - Fisheries Improvement Works on the River Leven.
- 8. Honorary Water Bailiffs.
- 9. Fishing at Jumbles Reservoir.
- 10. 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 officer on duty near the Members' Retiring Room.

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYMINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH AND WEST CUMBERLAND  
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE13TH OCTOBER, 1975

Present: F. Bunting, Esq. S. G. Payne, Esq.  
W. F. Hobson, Esq. G. B. Sedgwick, Esq.  
A. C. Matthews, Esq. G. N. F. Wingate, Esq.

## 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

## RESOLVED:

That Mr. W. F. Hobson be appointed Chairman of the South and West Cumberland Fisheries Advisory Committee for the ensuing "Authority Year".

(W. F. HOBSON, ESQ. CHAIRMAN)

## 2. DEATH OF MR. R. C. WILLIAMS

The Chairman reported with deep regret the death in September of Mr. R. C. Williams, a member of this Committee and Secretary of the South and West Cumberland Fisheries Association.

The Chairman paid tribute to Mr. Williams' service to fisheries and members and officers present at the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

## 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr. P. J. Liddell, Mr. J. C. Wade and Mr. J. R. S. Watson.

## 4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

## RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 28th April, 1975, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. THE IMPACT UPON FISHERIES OF WORK ON THE  
NEW A66 PENRITH TO WORKINGTON ROAD

It was reported that the construction work on the new road had adversely affected fishing conditions on the Rivers Cocker and Derwent during the summer on a number of occasions. Complaints had been received from riparian owners and others and it was explained that, in particular, work on bridge sites, excavations where the road runs close to the river Derwent and the movement of heavy vehicles in that river had contributed to the worst of these conditions.

A meeting between representatives of the contractors, engineers of the Cumbria County Council, the manager of Egremont Estate's Castle Fisheries and officers of the Authority had been held at Cockermouth on 30th July, 1975.

The Project Engineer of the County Council had reported on the procedures which had been adopted as a result of the complaints received. It had been accepted that where severe dislocation of angling had occurred, claims might have to be submitted to the contractors, however, it was agreed that the contractors were making all reasonable efforts to minimise the effect of the works upon the river.

The officers of the Authority had emphasised that prevention of silting was just as important during the autumn/winter spawning period as during the fishing season.

At the present time close supervision of work which could affect the river was being maintained and water quality staff were working in close liaison with the Project Engineer of the Cumbria County Council and the contractors in order to monitor river conditions. A Rivers Division Senior Engineer had now been made responsible for liaison with the promoters and contractors of this and similar works in the Region and the Authority would be considering the possibility of appointing a Clerk of Works in connection with future major contracts.

Concern was expressed regarding the effect on water quality of the use of slag from Workington Steel Works as ballast on the shores of Bassenthwaite Lake. On examination of the reported chemical composition of the slag it was generally felt that the long term effect would, if anything, be beneficial rather than harmful to the water.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) That as a short-term measure a temporary Clerk of Works be appointed, for the A66 Penrith to Workington road project and any other similar works in the area likely to effect the Authority's interests;

(2) That weekly liaison meetings between the Authority and the A66 contractors be initiated.

6. THE DEVELOPMENT OF BROWN TROUT FISHING IN THE AREA

The Committee were informed that work had been started on compiling up-to-date information on the present condition of the fisheries and the Area Fisheries Officer requested that associations be encouraged to provide him with figures of stockings undertaken.

The question of development would be considered when the survey of the area was completed and it was not intended to attempt to deal with individual waters in isolation.

RESOLVED:

That copies of the reports on the biological surveys of Meadley Reservoir and Longlands Pond be supplied to members of the Committee.

RECOMMENDED:

That on conclusion of the survey being undertaken at the present time a policy be formulated for the improvement and development of brown trout fishing.

7. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RIVER EHEN AS A FISHERY

At the meeting held on 2nd September, 1974, the Committee had discussed the problem of weed growth and of the shallowness of the lower part of the River Ehen downstream of Braystones. A survey had been completed by engineering staff on the basis that work on this length of river might be required in the interests of land drainage. This had not in the event proved to be the case and any work carried out would have to be financed from fisheries funds.

A biological survey of the river had recently been completed and a report was being prepared by the biological section.

It was intended to open up this stretch of the river during the winter or early next spring by the removal of gravel shoals during low water flows.

RECOMMENDED:

That in discussion with the Egremont Angling Association it be decided which work could be most usefully carried out with the money available, at the same time ensuring that any such work was not detrimental to land drainage interests.

8. REPORT BY THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICER  
ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

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

Observations were made and discussion took place on the following matters:

- (1) The benefit to angling of the pools created on the River Derwent at Cockermouth.
- (2) The time schedule in connection with instituting legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court.
- (3) The river flow situation at Branthwaite Weir on the River Marron.
- (4) The creation of holding pools in the River Calder between the Calder Hall power station and Windscale Works.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) That in conjunction with local solicitors acting as agents for the Authority, steps be taken to expedite the hearing of fishery cases in the Magistrates' Courts;

(2) That all possible action be taken to restore sufficient flow of water though the fish pass at Branthwaite Weir on the River Marron to ensure the unhindered passage of migratory fish.

9. MORTALITY AT HOLMEWRANGLE HATCHERY

A full report on the mortality involving 130,000 fingerling brown trout on 13th August, 1975, was presented to the Committee and discussion ensued on the conditions then prevailing and the action required to prevent a recurrence of this nature.

10. LAND DRAINAGE REPRESENTATION ON LOCAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A report was submitted for the information of members on the representation of land drainage interests on Local Fisheries Advisory Committees.

The Land Drainage Advisory Committees would be making the relevant nominations in November, thereby enabling nominees to attend the meetings of the Local Fisheries Advisory Committees in January, 1976.

11. FISHERY BEYLAWs - PROPOSED NEW CODE

At the meeting of the Regional Committee held on 21st July, 1975, the final draft of the proposed new code of fishery byelaws, incorporating all the amendments proposed by this Committee on 28th April, 1975, had been approved for submission to the Water Management Committee, to whom the Authority had delegated their powers for this purpose.

The Water Management Committee on 28th July, 1975, had approved the proposals subject to:-

- (1) Any drafting amendments suggested by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
- (2) Provision being made for the ancient netting rights on the River Eden at Carlisle.

Difficulty was being experienced at the present time in establishing the boundaries of the ancient netting rights on the River Eden. A further progress report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

## 12. FISHING LICENCE DUTIES

At the meeting of the Committee held on 13th January, 1975, and in answer to an invitation from the Regional Committee, the following observations on the proposed new structure and scale of licence duties were submitted for consideration:-

- (1) That the rod and line part season licences for salmon and migratory trout entitle the holder to fish for brown trout, freshwater fish and eels during the whole of their respective season.
- (2) That concern had been expressed by a section of the angling public on the combining of the migratory trout licences with the salmon licences.
- (3) That the licensing provisions for all classes of fish apply to all waters in the region and that the Lancashire River Board (Freshwater Fisheries) Order, 1952, be rescinded.

The final proposals endorsed by the Policy and Resources Committee and approved and adopted by the Authority at the annual meeting held on 23rd June, 1975, had incorporated the proposal at (1) above and in so far as the observation at (3) above was concerned the Authority were to ask the Minister to excuse from the system of licensing, fishing for freshwater fish and eels with rod and line in any pond or other water within the region having a surface area of not more than one hectare (2.47 acres) and not connecting or communicating with any river.

The intentions of the Authority had been given wide publicity in the press during the first week of August and application had been made to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for confirmation of the proposals.

## 13. THE OPERATION OF PRIVATE HATCHERIES

It was considered that the fisheries in the area would benefit if the private hatcheries operating at the present time could be assisted by the Authority in making more efficient use of their existing resources. Following discussion it was felt that an investment of an estimated £400-£500 on modern rearing equipment for allocation on loan to each hatchery would be in the interests of the maintenance and development of fisheries.

### RECOMMENDED:

That to ensure more efficient working of the private hatcheries the Authority consider purchasing, at a minimum cost, rearing equipment for allocation on loan to each private hatchery within the region.

14. CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH AND WEST  
CUMBERLAND FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The late Mr. R. C. Williams, in addition to serving on the Committee as a fishery representative, had taken on the responsibility of being the member knowledgeable in the quality aspects of surface waters. It was therefore now necessary to appoint two members to the Committee.

RECOMMENDED:

That Mr. J. M. Mawson of Stone House, Scales, Aspatria, be appointed as a member knowledgeable in the quality aspects of surface waters.

RESOLVED:

That the Chairman of the Committee in consultation with the Chairman of the Regional Committee consider other nominations in connection with the appointment of an additional fishery representative and make a recommendation to the Regional Committee.

15. TIMETABLE FOR SUBMISSION OF ITEMS  
FOR INCLUSION IN FUTURE AGENDA

The Committee were reminded that all items for inclusion in the agenda for meetings of this Committee must be received by the Director of Administration at least four weeks before the date of the relevant meeting.

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYMINUTES OF A MEETING OF THEEDEN AND DISTRICT FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE14TH OCTOBER, 1975

Present: E. Cave, Esq. L. Heyworth, Esq.  
 E. P. Ecroyd, Esq. B. Irving, Esq.  
 A. C. Findlay, Esq. Dr. I. J. Faulkner  
 J. R. S. Watson, Esq.

## 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

## RESOLVED:

That Mr. E. P. Ecroyd be appointed Chairman of the Eden and District Fisheries Advisory Committee for the ensuing "Authority Year".

(E. P. ECROYD, ESQ. CHAIRMAN)

## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr. W. Birkett, Mr. P. J. Liddell, Mr. J. S. Marshall and Mr. Wm. McKenna.

## 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

## RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 29th April, 1975, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT FOR THE POST 1981 PERIOD: PLANNING STUDY

The Chairman of the Regional Committee introduced this item by referring to the necessity for the Authority to look ahead to the water resource requirements of the region in the period from the early 1980's to the end of the century. At the present time the following three major resource schemes were being undertaken:-

1. The Brenig Scheme.
2. The Shap Aqueduct.
3. The Lancashire Conjunctive Use Scheme.

The completion of these three schemes should ensure that the needs of the Region were met until about 1984.

The Authority had approved the recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee that the investigations and process of planning water resources development to provide for the needs of the Region beyond 1981 be pursued as vigorously as practicable.

The alternative programmes of resources development to meet the expected deficits likely to arise in the mid-1980's were being appraised at the present time and it was considered essential to obtain advice on the fisheries implications of the alternatives.

The Committee were invited to establish an informal group for this purpose who, in conjunction with officers of the Authority, would advise on the implications of the several schemes.

RESOLVED:

That the informal group consist of the Chairman of the Committee; Dr. R. J. Faulkner; Officers of the Authority and any Members of this Committee or local associations who the Chairman may wish to co-opt for a particular purpose.

5. REPORT BY THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICER ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

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

6. MORTALITY AT HOLMWRANGLE HATCHERY

A full report was presented on the mortality involving 130,000 fingerling brown trout on 13th August, 1975, incorporating the action taken to prevent a recurrence of this nature.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and approved.

7. RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR BAILIFFING STAFF

At the last meeting of the Committee held on 29th April, 1975, it was recommended that the Authority provide the bailiffing staff with radio communication facilities as soon as possible.

The recommendation was approved by the Regional Committee, the Water Management Committee, and the Authority at the annual meeting held on 23rd June, 1975.

It was reported that trials had been successfully carried out on a new range of radio/telephone equipment capable of adaption for the purposes required. Quotations were to be obtained for a number of base stations and personal sets, and subject to the quotations being acceptable it was hoped that the equipment would be available before the end of the current financial year.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and approved and that a further progress report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

8. LAND DRAINAGE REPRESENTATION ON LOCAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A report was submitted for the information of Members on the representation of land drainage interests on Local Fisheries Advisory Committees.

The Land Drainage Advisory Committees would be making the relevant nominations in November, thereby enabling nominees to attend the meetings of the Local Fisheries Advisory Committees in January, 1976.

9. FISHERY BYELAWS - PROPOSED NEW CODE

At the meeting of the Regional Committee held on 21st July, 1975, the final draft of the proposed new code of fishery byelaws was approved for submission to the Water Management Committee, to whom the Authority had delegated their powers for this purpose.

The final draft had included the amendments to the following byelaws proposed by this Committee on 29th April, 1975:-

6. Weekly Close Time for Salmon and Trout (Other than Rod and Line).
13. Removal of Fish.
20. Size of Hooks and Weight of Lures.
21. Return of Foul Hooked Fish.

The Water Management Committee on 28th July, 1975, had approved the proposals subject to:-

- (1) Any drafting amendments suggested by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
- (2) Provision being made for the ancient netting rights on the River Eden at Carlisle.

Difficulty was being experienced at the present time in establishing the boundaries of the ancient netting rights on the River Eden. A further progress report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

10. FISHING LICENCE DUTIES

At the meeting of the Committee held on 14th January, 1975, the following observations on the proposed new structure and scale of licence duties were submitted for consideration by the Regional Committee:-

- (1) That the structure include a rod and line season salmon and migratory trout licence for old age pensioners at 50% of the full duty.
- (2) That the rod and line part season licences for salmon and migratory trout entitle the holder to fish for brown trout, freshwater fish and eels during the whole of their respective seasons.

- (3) That the licensing provisions applying to the Border Esk be clarified.
- (4) That the licensing provisions for all classes of fish apply to all waters in the Region and the Lancashire River Board (Freshwater Fisheries) Order, 1952, be rescinded.
- (5) That the worthwhileness of general licences be investigated.

It was reported to the Regional Committee at the meeting held on 24th February, 1975, that as it was established that unless the Minister made an exception for the Border Esk and its tributaries in Scotland, the licensing structure and duties would apply thereto and proceedings which might have to be commenced in the Scottish Courts should be instituted by the Director of Administration and not by the Divisional Managers.

The final proposals endorsed by the Policy and Resources Committee and approved and adopted by the Authority at the annual meeting held on 23rd June, 1975, included the procedure detailed above for instituting legal proceedings in the Scottish Courts and provided for old age pensioners to be granted licences in all categories at the same rates as juniors.

The proposal at (2) above was also incorporated in the structure and the procedure outlined in the proposal at (5) above was adopted.

In so far as the observation at (4) above was concerned, the Authority were to seek permission to exempt from the system of licensing, fishing for freshwater fish and eels with rod and line in any pond or other water within the Region having a surface area of not more than one hectare (2.47 acres) and not connecting or communicating with any river.

The intentions of the Authority had been given wide publicity in the press during the first week of August and application had been made to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for confirmation of the proposals.

#### 11. REPORTS ON FISHERY SURVEYS AND INVESTIGATIONS

##### RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Area Fisheries Officer send copies of the report on the biological survey of Castle Carrock Reservoir - January, 1975, to all Members of the Committee;
- (2) That copies of all future reports of this nature be included with the papers for meetings of the Committee.

12. CONSTITUTION OF THE EDEN AND DISTRICT  
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported on the establishment of a Steering Committee to form a consultative association for the Border Esk area. The Steering Committee had been asked to nominate a member to serve on this Committee.

13. TIMETABLE FOR SUBMISSION OF ITEMS  
FOR INCLUSION IN THE FUTURE AGENDA

The Committee were reminded that all items for inclusion in the agenda for meetings of this Committee must be received by the Director of Administration at least four weeks before the date of the relevant meeting.

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYMINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH LANCASHIRE FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE15TH OCTOBER, 1975

Present: T. A. F. Barnes, Esq. R. D. Houghton, Esq.  
 Dr. R. B. Broughton J. R. S. Watson, Esq.  
 Professor W. E. Kershaw R. H. Wiseman, Esq.

## 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That Mr. R. D. Houghton be appointed Chairman of the South Lancashire Fisheries Advisory Committee for the ensuing "Authority Year".

(R. D. HOUGHTON, ESQ. CHAIRMAN)

## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr. T. A. Blackledge, Mr. J. Johnson and Mr. P. J. Liddell.

## 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 7th May, 1975, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. POSSIBLE ANGLING VENUES FOR THE NORTH WEST  
DISABLED AND HANDICAPPED ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION

It was reported that Mr. T. A. Blackledge had attended the National Conference for Disabled and Handicapped Anglers held at the Fishmongers Hall, London, on 9th July, 1975, and reported on the success of the Conference to the Regional Committee on 21st July, 1975, when it was resolved that the Local Committees be asked to consider whether any waters within their respective areas might be suitable for the use of disabled and handicapped anglers.

It was further reported that Mr. Les Curran of 50 Kenilworth Drive, Hindley Green, Wigan, the General Secretary of the North West Disabled and Handicapped Anglers' Association, had approached the Authority for assistance in seeking suitable fishing on lakes and rivers for his members.

The Regional Fisheries Officer was pursuing enquiries regarding any suitable waters in the ownership of the Authority and the Committee were invited to ask Associations within their area, and owning suitable waters, to consider offering a date or dates to the Association.

It was emphasised that, ideally, disabled anglers required the following:-

- (1) A car park close to the fishing.
- (2) For wheelchair anglers, firm and safe access roads from car parks to waterside and level banks without slopes in either direction.
- (3) Safety rails or ridges for wheelchairs.
- (4) A minimum of overhanging vegetation.

RESOLVED:

That members invite Associations to consider offering suitable angling venues to the North West Disabled and Handicapped Angling Association.

5. WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT FOR THE POST 1981 PERIOD: PLANNING STUDY

Reference was made to the necessity for the Authority to look ahead to the water resource requirements of the region in the period from the early 1980's to the end of the century.

At the present time the following three major resource schemes were being undertaken:-

1. The Brenig Scheme.
2. The Shap Aqueduct.
3. The Lancashire conjunctive Use Scheme.

The completion of these three schemes should ensure that the needs of the region were met until about 1984. The Authority had approved the recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee that the investigations and process of planning for water resources development to provide for the needs of the region beyond 1981 be pursued as vigorously as practicable.

The alternative programmes of resource development to meet the expected deficit likely to arise in the mid-1980's were being appraised at the present time and it was considered essential to obtain advice on the fisheries implications of the alternatives.

For this purpose the Committee were invited to establish an informal group who in conjunction with officers of the Authority, would advise on the implications of the several schemes.

RESOLVED:

That the Chairman of the Committee invite not more than five representatives in addition to himself to form an informal group to discuss the fisheries implications of the alternative schemes with officers of the Authority.

6. REPORT OF THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICER ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

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

Discussion centred on the problems experienced at Langcliffe Hatchery and the policy being pursued to isolate the cause of the mortality in April of this year.

The Manager of the Rivers Division assured the Committee that it was the aim of the Authority to maintain appropriate biological services for work on fisheries and that work was proceeding on a policy of restocking following mortalities caused by pollution from the Authority's own installations.

RESOLVED:

That a report on the prosecution resulting from the spillage of sulphuric acid into Trawden Beck on 15th June, 1975, be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee and details of subsequent proceedings in connection with fish mortalities be submitted to future meetings.

7. LAND DRAINAGE REPRESENTATION ON LOCAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A report was submitted for the information of members on the representation of land drainage interests on Local Fisheries Advisory Committees.

The Land Drainage Advisory Committees would be making the relevant nominations in November, thereby enabling nominees to attend the meetings of the Local Fisheries Advisory Committees in January, 1976.

8. FISHERY BYELAWS - PROPOSED NEW CODE

At the meeting of the Regional Committee held on 21st July, 1975, the final draft of the proposed new code of Fishery Byelaws was approved for submission to the Water Management Committee, to whom the Authority had delegated their powers for this purpose.

The final draft had included the amendments to the following Byelaws proposed by this Committee on 7th May, 1975:-

15. Prohibition of Taking Undersized Fish.
18. Prohibition of Use of Gaff, Handlines, or other Means or Modes of Fishing.
22. Returns of Net and Rod Catches.

The Committee's recommendation that regulations should be introduced in respect of keep nets was also incorporated and whilst the recommendation that anglers be permitted to fish for eels with rod and line during the Annual Close Season for Freshwater Fish was approved, no action was taken on the proposal that such anglers should require a game fish licence.

The Water Management Committee on 28th July, 1975, had approved the proposals subject to:-

- (1) Any drafting amendments suggested by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
- (2) Provision being made for the ancient netting rights on the River Eden at Carlisle.

Difficulty was being experienced at the present time in establishing the boundaries of the ancient netting rights on the River Eden.

A further progress report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

#### 9. FISHING LICENCE DUTIES

At the meeting of the Committee held on 22nd January, 1975, the following observations on the proposed new structure and scale of licence duties were submitted for consideration by the Regional Committee:-

- (1) That a seven-day rod and line licence for fishing for freshwater fish and eels be included in the structure.
- (2) That the licensing provisions for all classes of fish apply to all waters in the region and the Lancashire River Board (Freshwater Fisheries) Order, 1952, be rescinded.

The final proposals endorsed by the Policy and Resources Committee and approved and adopted by the Authority at the Annual Meeting held on 23rd June, 1975, had incorporated the proposal at (1) above and in so far as the observation (2) above was concerned the Authority were to ask the Minister to excuse from the system of licensing, fishing for freshwater fish and eels with rod and line in any pond or other water within the region having a surface area of not more than one hectare (2.47 acres) and not connecting or communicating with any river.

The intentions of the Authority had been given wide publicity in the press during the first week of August and application had been made to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for confirmation of the proposals.

#### 10. TIMETABLE FOR SUBMISSION OF ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN FUTURE AGENDA

The Committee were reminded that all items for inclusion in the Agenda for meetings of this Committee must be received by the Director of Administration at least four weeks before the date of the relevant meeting.

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LUNE, WYRE AND  
FURNESS FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

20th OCTOBER, 1975

Present: W. Bailey, Esq. J.M. Croft, Esq.  
R.A. Challenor, Esq. Dr. J.V. Dyer  
C.H. Cheetham, Esq. J.H. Fell, Esq.  
Major N.J. Clarkson Webb L. Hill, Esq.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That Mr. J.M. Croft be appointed Chairman of the Lune, Wyre and Furness Fisheries Advisory Committee for the ensuing "Authority Year"

(J.M. CROFT, ESQ. CHAIRMAN)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr. R. Barratt, Mr. A.L. Harris, Mr. P.J. Liddell, Mr. J.R.S. Watson and Mr. G. Wilson.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 5th May, 1975, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT FOR THE  
POST 1981 PERIOD: PLANNING STUDY

Reference was made to the necessity for the Authority to look ahead to the water resources requirements of the Region in the period from the early 1980's to the end of the century.

At the present time the following three major resource schemes were being undertaken:-

- (1) The Brenig Scheme
- (2) The Shap Aqueduct
- (3) The Lancashire Conjunctive Use Scheme.

The completion of these three schemes would ensure that the needs of the Region were met until about 1984.

The Authority had approved the recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee that the investigations and process of planning for water resources development to provide for the needs of the Region beyond 1981 be pursued as vigorously as practicable.

The alternative programmes of resources development to meet the expected deficits likely to arise in the mid-1980's were being appraised at the present time and it was considered essential to obtain advice on the fisheries implications of the alternatives.

For this purpose the Committee were invited to establish an informal group who, in conjunction with officers of the Authority, would advise on the implications of the several schemes.

RESOLVED:

That the Chairman of the Committee, Messrs. R.A. Challenor, J.H. Fell, A.L. Harris and L. Hill, along with officers of the Authority meet informally to consider the fisheries implications of the alternative schemes.

5. POSSIBLE ANGLING VENUES FOR THE NORTH WEST  
DISABLED AND HANDICAPPED ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

It was reported that Mr. T.A. Blackledge, a member of the Regional Committee, had attended the National Conference for Disabled and Handicapped Anglers held at the Fishmongers Hall, London, on 9th July, 1975, and had reported on the success of the Conference to the Regional Committee on 21st July, 1975 when it was resolved that the Local Committees be asked to consider whether any waters within their respective areas might be suitable for the use of disabled and handicapped anglers.

It was further reported that Mr. Les Curran of 50, Kenilworth Drive, Hindley Green, Wigan, General Secretary of the North West Disabled and Handicapped Anglers Association, had approached the Authority for assistance in seeking suitable fishing on lakes and rivers for his members.

The Regional Fisheries Officer was pursuing enquiries regarding any suitable waters in the ownership of the Authority and the Committee were invited to ask associations within their areas and owning suitable waters, to consider offering a date or dates to the Association.

It was emphasised that, ideally, disabled anglers required the following:-

- (1) A car park close to the fishing.
- (2) For wheel chair anglers, firm and safe access roads from car parks to waterside and level banks without slopes in either direction.
- (3) Safety rails or ridges for wheel chairs.
- (4) A minimum of overhanging vegetation.

RESOLVED:

That members invite associations to consider offering

suitable angling venues to the North West Disabled and Handicapped Anglers' Association.

6. REPORT BY THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICER  
ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

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

The Area Fisheries Officer emphasised that generally it appeared that there had been little, if any, reduction in the fish population below the pipe crossings on rivers in the area, but that there had been a reduction in the invertebrate fauna in some cases. Whilst some siltation of spawning gravel had occurred this should prove relatively short term in its effect.

Concern was expressed at the apparent lack of fish in the rivers and the problems to be considered in the importing and planting-out of ova were discussed.

7. EEL TRAPPING

A request from Mr. J.W. Priestland of Little Lever, Bolton, to trap eels by fyke netting in the Lune Estuary was considered.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) That permission be granted to the applicant for a trial period, subject initially to the Area Fisheries Officer being informed of the site at which the nets would be set and the times at which they would be lifted;

(2) That no further applications of this nature be approved until the trials being carried out by the present three operatives had been completed and reviewed by the Fisheries Officers.

8. FISHERIES PROTECTION - RIVER LEVEN

At the meeting of the Regional Committee held on 21st July, 1975, the Manager of the Rivers Division had been asked to consider the possibility of making local arrangements to ensure prompt releases from the water bank of 500 million gallons in Lake Windermere in cases of emergency.

It was considered that the effectiveness of operations might be improved by adopting the following arrangements:-

(1) In the event of the Area Fisheries Inspector or the Bailiff believing that a release should be made in the interests of fisheries, they would contact the Area Fisheries Officer or his Assistant, or, if neither of these officers was available, the Duty Flood Warning Officer would be notified. It would be necessary to stipulate that if a third party wished to request a release he should be required to do so through the Bailiff or the Inspector. (Such

requests would usually arise only in extreme circumstances.) The Watchgate Control Room would be notified accordingly.

- (2) Both the Area Fisheries Inspector and the Bailiff would have a key to the control box, and would be briefed on the procedures to be followed in connection with assessing and recording the amount of the release.
- (3) Given the consent of the appropriate officer, the Bailiff or Inspector would himself open the control box, operate the sluice and record the release made.

The essential difference in this proposed revised arrangement was that the keys of the control box, instead of being in Preston, would be available locally and that a responsible officer would be able to be contacted at all times to authorise action.

RECOMMENDED:

That the arrangements authorised at (1), (2) and (3) above be adopted and that investigations into the possibility of making pre-arranged releases at times of low flow be pursued.

9. PIPE CROSSING OF THE RIVER  
LEVEN, NEAR NEWBY BRIDGE

A report was submitted on the laying of a 6" water main across the River Leven near Newby Bridge during September of this year.

In letting the contract, no restriction had been placed on the contractor as to when and how the works should be carried out, other than at the planning stage in October, 1974, when it had been agreed that care should be taken to comply with the wishes of the then Lancashire River Unit.

Revised arrangements were now to be introduced at local level relating to prior notification and programming of Authority and other works which affect watercourses.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and approved.

10. LAND DRAINAGE REPRESENTATION ON  
LOCAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A report was submitted for the information of members on the representation of land drainage interests on Local Fisheries Advisory Committees.

The Land Drainage Advisory Committees would be making the relevant nominations in November, thereby enabling the nominees to attend meetings of the Local Fisheries Advisory Committees to be held in January, 1976.

11. FISHERY BYELAWS - PROPOSED NEW CODE

At the meeting of the Regional Committee held on 21st July, 1975, the final draft of the proposed new code of fishery byelaws had been approved for submission to the Water Management Committee, to whom the Authority had delegated their powers for this purpose.

The final draft had included the amendments to the following byelaws proposed by this Committee at their meeting held on 5th May, 1975:-

18. Prohibition of Use of Gaff, Hand Lines, or Other Means or Modes of Fishing.
20. Size of Hooks and Weight of Lures.
23. Returns of Net and Rod Catches.

The wishes of the Committee had been met when it was resolved to leave unaltered the existing rights of riparian owners and their lessees concerning the removal of fish from waters.

It had been decided not to extend the prohibition of fishing on certain waters in Kendal, as recommended by the Committee, and the further recommendation that the baiting provisions apply to all waters had not been accepted although some expansion of the provisions had been approved.

The Water Management Committee on 28th July, 1975, had approved the proposals subject to:-

- (1) Any drafting amendments suggested by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
- (2) Provision being made for the ancient netting rights on the River Eden at Carlisle.

Difficulty was being experienced at the present time in establishing the boundaries of the ancient netting rights on the River Eden. A further progress report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

12. FISHING LICENCE DUTIES

At the meeting of the Committee held on 20th January, 1975, the following observations on the proposed new structure and scale of licence duties were submitted for consideration by the Regional Committee:-

- (1) That the structure include rod and line salmon and migratory trout licences for old age pensioners at 50% of the full duty.
- (2) That the licensing provisions for all classes of fish apply to all waters in the Region and the Lancashire River Board (Freshwater Fisheries) Order, 1952, be rescinded.

The final proposals endorsed by the Policy and Resources Committee and approved and adopted by the Authority at the Annual Meeting held

on 23rd June, 1975, incorporated Salmon and Migratory Trout Licences for old age pensioners at the same rate as that applying to juniors for both season and part-season licences.

Insofar as the observation at (2) above was concerned the Authority were to seek permission to exempt from the system of licensing, fishing for freshwater fish and eels with rod and line in any pond or other water within the Region having a surface area of not more than one hectare (2.47 acres) and not connecting or communicating with any river.

The intentions of the Authority had been given wide publicity in the press during the first week of August and application had been made to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for confirmation of the proposals.

RECOMMENDED:

That all rod and line licences issued by the Authority carry the wording:

"This licence does not authorise the holder to fish in private waters without the prior permission of the owner."

13. "TAKING STOCK" - A REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION OF RIVER AUTHORITIES

RESOLVED:

That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the progress made by the Water Authorities on implementing the recommendations contained in "Taking Stock".



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- (2) For wheelchair anglers, firm and safe access roads from car parks to waterside, and level banks without slopes in either direction.
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- (4) A minimum of overhanging vegetation.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That members invite associations to consider offering suitable angling venues to the North West Disabled and Handicapped Anglers' Association;
- (2) That the Regional Fisheries Officer continue his enquiries regarding possible suitable waters in the ownership of the Authority, and a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

5. REPORT BY THE DIVISIONAL SCIENTIST  
ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

The Divisional Scientist presented his report on fisheries activities in the area since the last meeting of the Committee and commented on the following various sections of the report:-

- (1) Stocking: In particular the continuing improvement in the angling afforded by the River Sett.
- (2) Biological Works: The desirability of further scientific and survey work on the River Bollin.
- (3) Fish Mortalities: Unusually large numbers of fish mortalities had been produced by the long hot summer, many mortalities being caused by a combination of high water temperatures, low dissolved oxygen content at night due to the high respiration of dense weed or algal growth and high pH values during the day.

Several serious fish kills had taken place including the spillage of caustic soda from the nationally reported train crash at Dutton Viaduct and a discharge of waste brine into the River Croco which had denuded a one mile stretch of the River Dane downstream to the River Wheelock.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and approved and the Divisional Scientist, the Regional Fisheries Officer and the Biologist investigate the possibility of holding a seminar for the benefit of associations on the detection and recognition of symptoms leading to water conditions untenable by fish life.

6. IMPORTATION OF LIVE FRESHWATER FISH

In accordance with the wishes of the Committee expressed at the meeting held on 21st April, 1975, the Regional Fisheries Officer reported on developments in this field.

The Fisheries Liaison Group of the National Water Council had welcomed the new controls on imports introduced by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and food earlier this year and the general feeling was that a move towards a total ban on imports was desirable. However, it was essential that coupled with this object must be the progressive development of adequate native sources to meet stocking demands.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and approved.

7. LAND DRAINAGE REPRESENTATION ON LOCAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A report was submitted for the information of members on the representation of land drainage interests on Local Fisheries Advisory Committees.

The Land Drainage Advisory Committees would be making the relevant nominations in November, thereby enabling the nominees to attend meetings of the Local Fisheries Advisory Committees to be held in January, 1976.

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Difficulty was being experienced at the present time in establishing the boundaries of the ancient netting rights on the River Eden. A further progress report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

RECOMMENDED:

That should the proposal concerning the Annual Close Season for Freshwater Fish be approved, the attention of anglers be drawn to the fact that there is no Close Season for angling for eels, by printing such information on the face of each licence.

## 9. FISHING LICENCE DUTIES

At the meeting of the Committee held on 27th January, 1975, the following observations on the proposed new structure and scale of licence duties were submitted for consideration by the Regional Committee.

- (1) That if a regional freshwater fish licence be introduced by the Authority the duty should not exceed 50p and that juniors and old age pensioners be accorded a 50% discount;
- (2) That a brown trout licence be introduced for the area of the Mersey and Weaver River Unit with a duty of 50p for all age groups;
- (3) That junior (12 to 15 years inclusive) migratory trout licences carrying the following duties be incorporated in the structure:-

Season .. .. .	£2.00
Part season to 31st May ..	£1.00
Part Season from 1st June ..	£1.00

The final proposals endorsed by the Policy and Resources Committee and approved and adopted by the Authority at the Annual Meeting held on 23rd June, 1975, incorporated in the scale and structure:-

- (1) That freshwater fish licensing provisions apply to all waters save enclosed ponds or lakes not connected or communicating with any river and not exceeding 1 hectare (2.47 acres) in surface area.
- (2) The introduction of a part area licence for freshwater fish and eels in the area of the former Mersey and Weaver River Authority (not required by the holder of the regional licence) at a duty of 50p with the same proportion of reductions for juniors and old age pensioners as applied to the regional licences, subject to this part area licence lapsing after a period of three years from its introduction.
- (3) That in the event of a review of licences before the end of the three year period, the part area licence be reviewed according to circumstances prevailing at the time.

The intentions of the Authority were given wide publicity in the press during the first week of August and application had been made to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for confirmation of the proposals.

### RECOMMENDED:

That the rod and line licences be given as wide a distribution as possible through tackle dealers and that consideration be given to providing the secretaries of major associations with a supply of licences subject to satisfactory financial safeguards being provided.

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE3RD NOVEMBER, 1975PROPOSED COARSE FISH UNIT - WORTHINGTON

1. At the previous meeting of the Committee held on 21st July, 1975, the adaptation of certain disused water treatment installations below Worthington Reservoirs, Standish, in order to make them suitable for use as a coarse fish unit was approved, subject to confirmation of the estimated cost.
2. Preliminary discussion with Central Division had indicated that the work required could probably be carried out at a cost not exceeding £1,000. Since then, however, a detailed survey has been carried out, and the Division has now advised the Regional Fisheries Officer that a sum of £1,400 should be allowed for the adaptation work.
3. Adequate provision exists under Capital provision for "Fishery Engineering Works" in the current financial year and the Committee is requested to recommend that the estimate be approved and that work be put in hand as soon as possible.

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE3RD NOVEMBER, 1975NETTING ON THE SOLWAY FIRTH

1. At the last meeting of the Committee, held on 21st July, 1975, the Regional Fisheries Officer was asked to investigate the differing conditions applying on the Solway Firth to netsmen from the English and Scottish shores, and to report on the action required to regulate netting on the whole of the Firth (Minute No. 18).
2. As an initial approach to the problem, a letter was sent to Mr. S. Drummond Sedgwick, the Inspector of Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries for Scotland, seeking his views on the possibility of standardisation of fishing regulations on the Firth.

His reply, dated 9th September, 1975, is set out below:-

"Thank you for your letter of 3rd September, 1975, on the question of differences in the salmon netting situation on the English and Scottish shores of the Solway Firth. Your Committee may be under some misapprehension regarding the feasibility of uniform netting activities on the whole of the Firth.

The fundamental difference between salmon (and sea trout) fisheries on the Scottish and English sides is that in Scotland the fisheries out to the mid-line of the Channel are private property and are not public as they are on the English side. This, of course, applies to all Scottish salmon fisheries in rivers, estuaries and the sea out to the limit of Territorial Waters. There is no licensing system in Scotland and, apart from the Solway, no limitation on the location and number of nets which a proprietor may fish.

The situation on the Scottish side of the Solway is different to that in the rest of Scotland because the number and location of "fixed engines" was set by the Special Commissioners for the Solway Fisheries in 1878-79 and Certificates giving details of the construction of each net were issued. The number of "haaf" nets which may be fished is not so limited.

The Certification of the Solway fixed nets came about as a result of the creation of "estuary limits" in Scotland following the passing of the Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act of 1868. Rod and line or net and coble (sweep nets) then became the only legal methods of salmon fishing on the landward side of these limits. The limit of the Solway Firth is a straight line drawn from the Mull of Galloway in the County of Wigtown to Hodbarrow Point in the Parish of Millom in the then County of Cumberland. The proprietors of "fixed engine" fisheries in the Solway appealed against this limitation, pointing out the special circumstances which arose from the size

of the Firth. The Special Commissioners were set up to look into the case and as a result of their deliberations issued Certificates to most of the existing fixed nets which were operating outside the estuaries of the main rivers flowing into the Scottish side.

Your Committee will appreciate that any change in the existing system would require new legislation and that very considerable sums by way of compensation would no doubt be sought as the fisheries concerned are private property. I would, however, be pleased to discuss the matter with you informally if you think this would serve any useful purpose. I am afraid I shall be away during most of the week beginning 22nd September but it might, in any case, be more interesting for you if we could meet in Carlisle or Dumfries at some future date when you could see something of the situation for yourself."

3. The Chairman of the Committee has seen this reply and has requested the Regional Fisheries Officer to try to obtain the information regarding the number of fixed engines and haaf nets in use on the Scottish shore of the Solway, the average annual catch, and certain other matters. It is hoped that a reply will be received in time for a verbal report on these additional points to be given at the meeting.
4. From the foregoing it is clear that not only would new legislation be required in Scotland, but substantial compensation would no doubt be sought by fishery owners and the Committee are therefore asked to decide whether, in the light of this information they wish the Regional Fisheries Officer to pursue the matter any further.

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY

REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3RD NOVEMBER, 1975

FISHING LICENCE DUTIES

(An oral report on the current position  
will be given at the meeting).

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY

REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3RD NOVEMBER, 1975

MANCHESTER WATER ORDER 1966 -  
FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT WORK ON THE RIVER LEVEN

1. At the Authority meeting held on 3rd February, 1975, approval was given to the recommendation of the Committee that works be carried out in the River Leven as set out in Minute No. 27 - 1974-75 (i) to (vi) of the Committee.
2. It was also agreed that further negotiations be carried out with Mr. D. While regarding the possible restriction on abstraction by him from the River Leven at Eels Dam, Haverthwaite, during the months of July, August and September, for power generation purposes.
3. The officers have now reached agreement in principle with Mr. While for an initial three months trial period for cessation of abstraction in July, August and September, 1976, subject to certain "hands off" considerations.
4. Before the details of the arrangement can be considered extensive gauging studies need to be undertaken and Mr. While has agreed to staff entering on his property for this purpose. It is hoped that the majority of the necessary further investigations can be carried out in November and that a full report setting out the proposed terms of the agreement will be available for the Committee at their meeting in February, 1976.

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE3RD NOVEMBER, 1975HONORARY WATER BAILIFFS

1. At the previous meeting of this Committee held on 21st July, 1975, the Regional Fisheries Officer was requested to prepare a detailed report on proposals for reducing the number of Honorary Water Bailiffs, and the conditions applicable to the remaining force.
2. Due to the need to discuss with local fisheries Inspectors, and Water Bailiffs, the effectiveness of more than 150 existing Honorary Bailiffs, it has not yet been possible to carry out more than an initial thinning-out process. This has resulted in a suggested reduction to a total (in Cumbria and Lancashire) of 71. While it may be possible to reduce this figure further, the aim is the retention of a useful force of Honorary Bailiffs and in this connection, the number of offences reported is not necessarily a valid criterion.
3. It is recommended that when the review has been completed, the following conditions apply to the appointment of Honorary Water Bailiffs:-
  - (1) That warrants be issued valid for two years only. At the end of this period the contribution of each Bailiff to be reviewed and warrants renewed in respect of those carrying out duties in a satisfactory manner. Such an arrangement would not exclude the possibility of withdrawing a warrant before the expiry date if circumstances should justify such action.
  - (2) That Honorary Water Bailiffs be entitled to reimbursement of postal and telephone expenses necessarily incurred in the execution of their duties, together with any other reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.
  - (3) That Honorary Water Bailiffs be issued with instructions setting out their principal duties and the method of reporting offences and they be required to maintain regular liaison with the full-time Water Bailiff in whose district they most frequently operate.
4. It is considered that such arrangements would help to increase the usefulness to the Authority of the force of Honorary Water Bailiffs while at the same time ensuring that they are not out of pocket due to expenses incurred in carrying out their duties and the Committee is invited to approve the proposals set out in (3) above.

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE3RD NOVEMBER, 1975FISHING AT JUMBLES RESERVOIR

1. At the last meeting of the Committee held on 21st July, 1975, it was resolved that the Recreation Sub-Committee and Water Management Committee be invited to consider the following proposals for opening Jumbles reservoir for angling during 1975-76 in advance of the establishing of a satisfactory wardening system for the proposed Country Park.
  - (1) That 100 tickets entitling the holders to fish for trout and freshwater fish be issued at a charge of £3 each, valid until and including 14th March, 1976, there being no reduction for juveniles.
  - (2) That the availability of the tickets be advertised in the local press, and should there be more than 100 applications the tickets be allocated by a draw system.
  - (3) That this be an interim arrangement only, applicable until it is considered practicable to open the fishing to the general public by the issue of day tickets.
2. In view of the time factor, the Chairman of the Authority, following consultation with the Chairman of the Recreation Sub-Committee and the Chairman of the Water Management Committee, approved the implementation of the proposals.
3. The proposals were advertised in the Blackburn and Bolton press during the second and third weeks of October and to date there have been eighty two applications for tickets.