North West Water Authority

Dawson House, Great Sankey Warrington WA5 3LW Telephone Penketh 4321

6th May, 1975.

To: Members of the Regional Fisheries Advisory Committee (Messrs. J. R. S. Watson (Chairman); T. A. Blackledge; 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; F. R. James; P. W. Jennings; Wm. McKenna; R. A. Parkin; G. B. Robinson; 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, 12TH MAY, 1975, in the BOARD ROOM at DAWSON HOUSE, GREAT SANKEY, for consideration of the following business.

Yours faithfully,

R. E. WOODWARD,

Director of Administration

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated).

3. Proceedings of Local Fisheries Advisory Committees:-

(A) Mersey and Weaver - 21st April, 1975 Recommendations in the following minutes:-

> 47. Fishery Byelaws - proposed new code (See report at Item 5 on Agenda)

- (B) South and West Cumberland 28th April, 1975 Recommendations in the following minutes: 38. Fishery Byelaws - Proposed new code (See report at Item 5 on Agenda)
- (C) Eden and District 29th April, 1975 Recommendations in the following minutes:-

47. Fishery Byelaws - proposed new code (See report at Item 5 on Agenda)

- 53 Holmwrangle Hatchery.
- 54. Radio Equipment for Bailiffing Staff.

(D) Lune, Wyre and Furness - 5th May, 1975)

To follow

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(E) South Lancashire - 7th May, 1975

4. Licence Duties.

5. Fishery Byelaws.

6. Halton Fishery, River Lune - Issue of Permits.

7. Regional Fish Hatchery Requirements.

8. Long Term Angling Leases on Authority Waters.

9. Constitution of Advisory Committees.

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.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MERSEY AND WEAVER FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

21ST APRIL, 1975

Present:	t.	J.	S. Bailey, Esq.	т.	N. McLoughlin, Esq.
		F.	Egerton, Esq.	Α.	Ross, Esq.
		P.	W. Jennings, Esq.	J.	R. S. Watson, Esq.

In Attendance: E. H. Fleming Smith, Esq.

44. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That in view of the Chairman of the Committee Mr. F. R. James being unavoidably absent, Mr. P. W. Jennings take the Chair.

(P. W. JENNINGS, ESQ. IN THE CHAIR)

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr. F. R. James, Mr. P. J. Liddell and Mr. F. W. Sims.

46. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 27th January, 1975, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

47. FISHERY BYELAWS - PROPOSED NEW CODE

At their meeting held on 29th April, 1974, the Regional Committee appointed a Working Party of Officers with the following terms of reference:-

"That the officers review the existing Fishery Byelaws operating within the Authority's area and prepare a draft combined code for consideration by this Committee."

The Regional Committee at the meeting held on 24th February, 1975, agreed that in the first instance the Local Committees should have the opportunity of considering the proposals. Accordingly all members of Local Committees had been supplied with copies of the draft combined code, as set out in the appendix to these minutes.

The Chairman of the Regional Committee informed members that the Authority was looking for guidance from this Committee particularly in respect of the proposed Byelaw No. 5 concerning the Annual Close Season for Freshwater Fish.

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Members were in full agreement with the Byelaw as drafted and expressed appreciation of the efforts of the Working Party in compiling the combined code.

RESOLVED:

That this Committee are of the opinion that the incorporation of the note in proposed Byelaw No. 5 will be of great value to the angling interests in clarifying the provisions of the Byelaw.

RECOMMENDED:

That the proposals as set out in the combined draft code be adopted for submission to the Water Management Committee.

48. TOUR OF INSPECTION - 26TH JUNE, 1975

RESOLVED:

That the officers be authorised to prepare an itinerary for the inspection including a visit to a sewage treatment plant.

49. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

At a meeting held on 10th March, 1975, the Policy and Resources Committee approved a draft timetable of meetings of the Authority, Committees and Sub-Committes for the "Authority Year" from June, 1975 to June, 1976, for submission to the Authority for consideration in accordance with Rule 1(3) of the Rules of the Authority at the Annual Meeting to be held on 23rd June, 1975.

A schedule of the proposed timetable for the Regional and Local Fisheries Advisory Committee meetings was submitted for the information of members.

The Committee confirmed that the dates proposed for the meetings of this Committee as set out hereunder were acceptable.

2.30 p.m.	Monday,	7th July, 1975
2.30 p.m.	Wednesday,	22nd October, 1975
2.30 p.m.	Tuesday, .	20th January, 1976
2.30 p.m.	Monday,	12th April, 1976

50. REPORT BY THE UNIT WATER QUALITY OFFICER ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

> The former Unit Water Quality Officer presented his report on fisheries activities within the area during the period 1st January to 31st March, 1975.

Reference was made to the disappointing outcome of the netting of Chapel House Reservoir in Cumbria, which had resulted in the transference of approximately 300 Perch to the Trent and Mersey Canal instead of the anticipated several thousand. The Regional Fisheries Officer felt that valuable lessons had been learned in the carrying out of the operation.

51. LICENCE DUTIES

It was reported that the Policy and Resources Committee at the meeting held on 10th March, 1975, had recommended that the proposals submitted by the Regional Committee be referred back to the Regional Committee for further consideration. This recommendation was approved by the Authority on 24th March, 1975, and accordingly the proposals would be considered further at the Regional Committee Meeting to be held on 12th May, 1975.

52. IMPORTATION OF LIVE FRESHWATER FISH

For the information of members the Regional Fisheries Officer presented a report on the importation into the United Kingdom of live freshwater fish, a matter which was to be considered at the meeting of Fisheries Members and Fisheries Officers at the National Water Council on 30th April, 1975.

With effect from 1st April, 1975, the importation of live wild freshwater fish had been prohibited although imports from fish farms were permitted under licence by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The issue of the licence depended upon routine checks on broodstock and certification of those checks under the official Government Stamp of the country of origin.

The Regional Fisheries Officer felt that past outbreaks of disease, coupled with recent developments in fish pathology raised grave doubts as to the wisdom of permitting the importation of any freshwater fish into this country. He recognised that such a prohibition would produce greatly increased demands on local resources in this country which would be likely to lead to a period of short supply and it was therefore questionable whether the imposition of such a ban could be justified without the ability to provide alternative supplies.

RESOLVED:

That the Regional Fisheries Officer prepare a progress report on this matter for the next meeting of this Committee.

Item No. 3 B

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SOUTH AND WEST CUMBERLAND FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

28TH APRIL, 1975

W. F. Hobson, Esq. (Chairman)
F. Bunting, Esq. J. R. S. Watson, Esq.
A. C. Matthews, Esq. R. C. Williams, Esq.
G. B. Sedgwick, Esq. G. N. F. Wingate, Esq.

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present:

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

37. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 13th January, 1975, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

38. FISHERY BYELAWS - PROPOSED NEW CODE

At their meeting held on 29th April, 1974, the Regional Committee appointed a Working Party of Officers with the following terms of reference:-

"That the officers review the existing fishery byelaws operating within the Authority's area and prepare a draft combined code for consideration by this Committee."

The Regional Committee at the meeting held on 24th February, 1975, agreed that in the first instance the Local Committees should have the opportunity of considering the proposals. Accordingly all members of Local Committees had been supplied with copies of the draft combined code as set out in the Appendix to these Minutes. The Committee proceeded to consider the draft.

RESOLVED:

That the following observations be conveyed to the Regional Committee in connection with the proposals numbered below:-

2.	Annual Close Season for	Salmon -
	(Rod and Line)	· · ·
3.	Annual Close Season for	r Migratory
	Trout (Rod and Line)	

That with regard to the above-mentioned proposals and in view of the varying fishing conditions, the Rivers Derwent, Ellen, Waver and Wampool should be considered as a separate category from the Rivers Annas, Bleng, Esk, Mite, Irt, Calder and Ehen. The Committee were of the opinion that the following Annual Close Season for Rod and Line should apply:-/

Salmon: Derwent, Ellen, Waver and Wampool. The period between the 31st day of October and the 15th day of February following.

> Annas, Bleng, Esk, Mite, Irt, Calder and Ehen. The period between the 31st day of October and the 1st day of April following.

Migratory Trout: Derwent, Ellen, Waver and Wampool. The period between the 15th day of October and the 1st day of May following.

> Annas, Bleng, Esk, Mite, Irt, Calder and Ehen. The period between the 31st day of October and the 1st day of May following.

6. Weekly Close Time for Salmon and Trout (Other than Rod and Line)

That there was no justification for amending the Weekly Close Times for salmon as they exist at the 'present time within the North Cumbria area of the Rivers Division.

13. Removal of Fish

Concern was expressed regarding the proposed revocation of the existing right of riparian owners, or their lessees, to remove fish from their waters. The Committee were of the opinion that this would be detrimental to fisheries management, particularly in case of pollution and poaching where fish mortalities had occurred.

14. Baiting

The application of the proposed Byelaw to "any waters populated by salmon or migratory trout" appeared unsatisfactory and would prove to be difficult to apply.

17. Prohibition of use of Gaff, Hand Lines and other Means or Modes of Fishing

Being of the opinion that paragraph (a) of the proposal could unnecessarily handicap pike anglers the Committee were of the opinion that the prohibition should apply to fishing for migratory fish only.

18. Worm Fishing

19. Size of Hooks and Weight of Lures

The Committee were unanimously opposed to the introduction of Byelaws 18 and 19 on the grounds that such measures would not deter the person intent on "snatching" but would most certainly prevent the bona fide angler fishing in a legal manner with traditional lures.

20. Return of Foul Hooked Fish

That in the event of proposals 18 and 19 not being introduced, the provisions of this Byelaw be extended to the whole of the respective seasons for salmon and migratory trout.

The Committee also considered that the approximate comparative Imperial Units should be shown in brackets along with the metric measurements, throughout the Byelaws as a guide to the public at this time.

39. TOUR OF INSPECTION

It was reported that the Cumberland Land Drainage Advisory Committee was undertaking a Tour of Inspection in South and West Cumberland on 19th September, 1975, and that the Eden and District Fisheries Advisory Committee were scheduled to include a visit to the hatcheries at Shearwater and Holmwrangle during their Tour of Inspection on 11th June, 1975.

RESOLVED:

That subject to satisfactory arrangements being made, this Committee take part in the Land Drainage Inspection of South and West Cumberland on 19th September, 1975, and the Fisheries Inspection embracing a visit to the hatcheries on 11th June, 1975.

40. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

At a meeting held on 10th March, 1975, the Policy and Resources Committee approved a draft Timetable of Meetings of the Authority, Committees and Sub-Committees for the "Authority Year" from June, 1975 to June, 1976, for submission to the Authority for consideration in accordance with Rule 1(3) of the Rules of the Authority at the Annual Meeting to be held on 23rd June, 1975.

A schedule of the proposed Timetable for the Regional and Local Fisheries Advisory Committee meetings was submitted for the information of members.

The Committee confirmed that the dates proposed for the meetings of this Committee as set out hereunder were acceptable.

> 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, 24th June, 1975 2.30 p.m. Monday, 13th October, 1975 2.30 p.m. Monday, 12th January, 1976 2.30 p.m. Monday, 5th April, 1976

41. REPORT BY THE UNIT FISHERIES OFFICER ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

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

Copies of reports on invertebrate bottom fauna surveys of the River Ehen and Calder were made available for information. It was reported that the Keeper's Cottage at Chapel House Reservoir had been made available for a Bailiff and the Unit Fisheries Officer stated that he considered the new conditions of employment had assisted in the quantity and quality of the applications he had received for bailiffing positions.

42. LICENCE DUTIES

It was reported that the Policy and Resources Committee at the meeting held on 10th March, 1975, had recommended that the proposals submitted by the Regional Committee be referred back to the Regional Committee for further consideration. This recommendation was approved by the Authority on 24th March, 1975, and accordingly the proposals would be considered further at the Regional Committee meeting to be held on 12th May, 1975.

43. IMPORTATION OF LIVE FRESHWATER FISH

For the information of members the Regional Fisheries Officer presented a report on the importation into the United Kingdom of live freshwater fish, a matter which was to be considered at the meeting of fisheries members and fisheries officers at the National Water Council on 30th April, 1975.

,44. POLLUTION OF THE RIVER ELLEN - ASPATRIA/ROSEGILL

A report was presented on the outcome of the prosecution brought by the Authority against the Milk Marketing Board and heard before the Wigton Justices on 16th January, 1975, when the Board pleaded guilty, was fined a sum of £25 and ordered to pay £10 Advocate's Fee and £48 in respect of Analyst's Fees.

The Unit Fisheries Officer reported that the river had been restocked with 4,250 6"-11" brown trout of a strain which he considered would be of great benefit to the river in the future.

Compensation of approximatley £1,300 had been paid by the Milk Marketing, Board to the Associations concerned.

Item No. 3 C

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EDEN AND DISTRICT FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

29TH APRIL, 1975

Present:

E. P. Ecroyd, Esq. (Chairman) W. Birkett, Esq. Dr. I. J. Faulkner E. Cave, Esq. L. Heyworth, Esq. Wm. McKenna, Esq.

In opening the meeting the Chairman extended a warm welcome to Dr. I. J. Faulkner who was attending his first meeting of the Committee having kindly accepted the invitation to serve as a member qualified in respect of the quality aspects of surface water.

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr. E. H. Fleming Smith, Mr. P. J. Liddell and Mr. J. R. S. Watson.

46. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 14th January, 1975, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

47. FISHERY BYELAWS - PROPOSED NEW CODE

At their meeting held on 29th April, 1974, the Regional Committee appointed a Working Party of Officers with the following terms of reference:-

"That the officers review the existing fishery byelaws operating within the Authority's area and prepare a draft combined code for consideration by this Committee."

The Regional Committee at their meeting held on 24th February, 1975, agreed that in the first instance the Local Committees should have the opportunity of considering the proposals. Accordingly all members of Local Committees had been supplied with copies of the draft combined code, as set out in the Appendix to these Minutes. The Committee proceeded to consider the draft.

RESOLVED:

That the following observations be conveyed to the the Regional Committee in connection with the proposals numbered below:- Annual Close Season for Fishing for Salmon and Trout (Other than with Rod and Line)

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The Committee felt that the proposal introduced some measure of standardisation without inflicting hardship on the interests involved and it was believed that the haaf netsmen as a body had indicated that they were willing to curtail their Open Season in the interest of conservation, on the understanding that other interests were prepared to adopt a similar attitude. The proposed Byelaw in effect reduced the haaf netting season by 28 days.

6. Weekly Close Time for Salmon and Trout (Other than Rod and Line)

Whilst opinion was divided on the proposed amendment to the existing Weekly Close Times it was recognised that the effect would be to increase the Weekly Close Time for the Solway haaf netsmen by six hours. Following due consideration the Committee felt that the Weekly Close Times as they exist at the present time in the North Cumbria area of the Rivers Division should be retained.

13. Removal of Fish

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The Committee expressed concern at the proposal that riparian owners or their lessees were not to be permitted to remove fish from their waters and it was felt that this was not in the interest of good husbandry nor was it in accordance with the intentions of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Acts. The Committee were of the opinion that the riparian owners or their lessees should not be prohibited from removing fish in the manner so proposed by the Byelaw.

14. Baiting

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It was considered that this Byelaw should apply to all waters.

17. Prohibition of use of Gaff, Hand Lines and other Means or Modes of Fishing

The Committee were of the opinion that the provisions of paragraph (a) should be limited to migratory fish only and that it should be an offence to carry a gaff in the circumstances described.

19. Size of Hooks and Weight of Lures

Members were unanimously opposed to the introduction of this Byelaw on the grounds that certain conventional lures used in a legal and traditional method of fishing would be prohibited.

20. Return of Foul Hooked Fish

It was felt that the expression "foul hooked" should be defined as "fish hooked behind the gills", as quite often fish were hooked in the side of the face when taking a lure presented in a legal manner.

48. TOUR OF INSPECTION

The Tour of Inspection of the area of the Committee was scheduled to be held on 11th June, 1975, and it was envisaged that visits to Holmwrangle Hatchery and the Hatchery at Shearwater would be included in the itinerary.

RESOLVED:

That the officers be authorised to arrange the details of the itinerary and the members of the South and West Cumberland Advisory Committee be invited to take part in the Inspection.

49. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

At a meeting held on 10th March, 1975, the Policy and Resources Committee approved a draft timetable of meetings of the Authority, Committees and Sub-Committees for the "Authority Year" from June, 1975 to June, 1976, for submission to the Authority for consideration in accordance with Rule 1(3) of the Rules of the Authority at the Annual Meeting to be held on 23rd June, 1975.

A schedule of the proposed timetable for the Regional and Local Fisheries Advisory Committee meetings was submitted for the information of members.

The Committee confirmed that the dates proposed for the meetings of this Committee as set out hereunder were acceptable.

> 2.30 p.m. Wednesday, 25th June, 1975 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, 14th October, 1975 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, 13th January, 1976 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, 6th April, 1976

50. REPORT BY UNIT FISHERIES OFFICER ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

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

51. LICENCE DUTIES

It was reported that the Policy and Resources Committee at the meeting held on 10th March, 1975, had recommended that the proposals submitted by the Regional Committee be referred back to the Regional Committee for further consideration. This recommendation was approved by the Authority on 24th March, 1975, and accordingly the proposals would be considered further at the Regional Committee meeting to be held on 12th May, 1975.

52. IMPORTATION OF LIVE FRESHWATER FISH

For the information of members the Regional Fisheries Officer presented a report on the importation into the United Kingdom of live freshwater fish, a matter which was to be considered at the meeting of fisheries members and fisheries officers at the National Water Council on 30th April, 1975.

53. HOLMWRANGLE HATCHERY

It was reported that difficulties had been experienced in obtaining quotations for the fence at the hatchery but that these had now been overcome and an order was now to be placed.

Insofar as the generator and pump was concerned, quotations were being obtained and it was hoped to expedite the matter.

RECOMMENDED:

That this Committee urge the Authority to take all possible steps to erect the security fence and install the generator and pump at Holmwrangle.

54. RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR BAILIFFING STAFF

Concern was expressed as to the hazards confronting the Bailiffs with the approaching "poaching season" and the desirability of equipping the Bailiffs with radio communication sets.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Authority provide the bailiffing staff with radio communication facilities as soon as possible and a report on this subject be submitted to the next / meeting of the Committee.

Item No. 4

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY

REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12TH MAY, 1975

LICENCE DUTIES

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The recommendations of the Committee relating to licence duties, (a summary of which is attached as an Appendix to this report) were submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee on 10th March, 1975. The Policy and Resources Committee recommended that the proposals be referred back to this Committee for further consideration and their recommendation was approved by the Authority on 24th March, 1975.

Although the whole of the proposals were referred back to enable them to be retained in composite form, the Policy and Resources Committee were specifically concerned with the recommendation that application be made to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to excuse from the licensing system, throughout the region, freshwater fishing in canals and enclosed waters.

The Committee may feel that the following points are relevant to their reconsideration of the matter:-

- (a) The duty of the Authority under Section 18(1) (a) of the Water Act, 1973, is to "maintain, improve and develop the salmon fisheries, trout fisheries, freshwater fisheries and eel fisheries in the area for which they exercise functions under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Acts, 1923 to 1972".
- (b) With the exception of the Mersey and Weaver Local Committee, (who had not expressed any view at the date of the last Regional Committee meeting), all the other Local Committees indicated by their recommendation to abolish the Lancashire River Board (Freshwater Fisheries) Order 1952, that freshwater fishing should be licensed on all waters throughout the region.
- (c) Because of the duty placed on the Authority, as set out in
 (a) above, waters where fishing is exempted from licensing cannot be ignored but the amount expended on them is a matter for the discretion of the Authority.
- (d) Whilst the licence duties are not fixed in relation to the quality of the fishing in any particular water or waters, and are not intended to be so, nevertheless, the quality of canal and "enclosed water" fishing, particularly in the southern region of the area is better than that in a number of the rivers in the same area.
- (e) The Mersey and Weaver Committee whilst not commenting specifically on the 1952 Order referred to in (b) above have previously indicated that they do not oppose the principle of a regional freshwater fishing licence but they consider that the amount therefore should not exceed 50p.

4. In the light of the foregoing the Committee may now consider it advisable for freshwater fishing to be licensed on all waters throughout the region, as was originally envisaged, other than "enclosed waters" and recommend appropriate licence duties.

An appropriate definition of "enclosed waters" would seem to be "any lake, pond or other water having a surface area of not more than one hectare (2.47 acres) and not connected or communicating with any river".

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDED LICENCE STRUCTURE

- 1. That Children under 14 years of age be exempted from the licensing provisions for Rod and Line.
- 2. That in the event of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food confirming a new code of increased Rod and Line Licence Duties, similar percentage increases be applied to the existing General Licences issued within the Region.
- 3. That each application for a general licence should be considered on its merits and an appropriate recommendation be made to the Policy and Resources Committee in each case.
- 4. That the holder of a part-season licence for salmon and migratory trout (whether for the first or second part of the season) be thereby entitled to fish for brown trout, freshwater fish or eels for the whole of their respective seasons.
- 5. That consideration of the standardisation of the rate of commission paid to licence distributors throughout the Region be deferred pending settlement of a new scale of licence duties.
- 6. That application be made to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for (a) revocation of the Lancashire River Board (Freshwater Fisheries) Order, 1952, and (b) an exemption under Section 6(2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act, 1972, from the licensing system in respect of freshwater fishing in canals and enclosed waters throughout the Region.
- 7. That the principle of issuing temporary licences as defined in Schedule 1 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act, 1972, particularly in respect of freshwater fishing matches, be adopted.
- 8. That, as it was established that unless the Ministry made an exception for the Border Esk and its tributaries in Scotland, the licensing structure and duties would apply thereto, any proceedings which might have to be commenced in the Scottish Courts should be instituted only by the Director of Administration and not by a Divisional Manager.
- 9. That the Director of Administration be authorised to publish the proposals in appropriate newspapers as required by Clause 3 of Schedule 1 to the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act, 1972.
- 10. That the Director of Administration be authorised to take all such steps as may be necessary including representation at a Public Inquiry, in the event of objections being received by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
- 11. That the following revised licensing structure and scale of duties be approved.

	Proposed	Existi Cumberland	ng Lancashire
ROD AND LINE (WHOLE AREA)		River Unit	River Unit
	£	£	£
Salmon and Migratory Trout			•
Season	12.00	6.00	8.00
	6.00		
	7.00	-	5.00*
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** Includes Migratory Trout			
NETS AND FIXED ENGINES	•		
Cumberland River Unit Area			
Whole Area Drift Net	60.00	35.00	
Riven Eden Draw Net	300.00	60.00	
River Esk Draw Net	50.00	30.00	
Whole Area Heave Net	13.00	6.50	
River Eden Coop	90.00	55.00	
River Derwent Coop	200.00	125.00	
South West Cumberland Garth	100.00	65.00	
Lancashire River Unit Area			
in an			
River Ribble Drift Net	40.00		_ 15.00
River Lune Drift Net	80.00	- 3 5	30.00
River Lune Draw Net	70.00	- -	25.00
River Duddon Draw Net	55.00		20.00
River Lune Heave Net	30.00		15.00
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River Kent Lave Net	30.00	-	15.00

25.00

River Leven Lave Net

15.00

STRUCTURE AND SCALE OF LICENCE DUTIES

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REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12TH MAY, 1975

FISHERY BYELAWS

1.

- At the last meeting of the Committee held on 24th February, 1975, it was decided that the Local Committees should, in the first instance, have the opportunity of commenting on the proposals formulated by the Officers Working Party.
- 2. At the time of despatch of these papers four of the Local Committees have met and many observations have been received.

The South Lancashire Committee meet on 7th May, 1975, when further observations may be forthcoming.

- 3. It is recommended that the Regional Committee or a Sub-Committee thereof consider the proposed byelaws along with the observations of the Local Committees at a future date when all the details are collated.
- 4. A copy of the proposed combined code is attached hereto as an Appendix.

SALMON AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES ACTS, 1923-1972

FISHERY BYELAWS

The North West Water Authority in exercise of their powers under Section 59 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act, 1923, as amended by the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act, 1972, and all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following byelaws:

1. Annual Close Season for fishing for Salmon and Trout (Other than with Rod and Line)

The Annual Close Season for fishing for salmon and trout (other than with rod and line) shall be the period between the 31st day of August and the 1st day of April following with the following exceptions where the Annual Close Season shall be the period between the 31st day of August and the 1st day of March following:-

- (i) In that part of the Solway Firth within the boundary of the former Eden Salmon Fishery District from Old Sandsfield downwards;
- (ii) In the Riven Eden upstream of Old Sandsfield and in the River Esk (Border) and its estuary not included in (i) above; in all rivers, lakes and waters, tributary to or connected with the said Rivers Eden and Esk (Border).
 - NOTE: "Old Sandsfield" means an imaginary line drawn true north from a point at the northerly end of the boundary between O.S. No. 1246 and O.S. No.1252 (Edition of 1926 Parish of Burgh-by-Sands) the direction of which is indicated by posts erected and maintained by the Authority on the left bank of the River Eden.

2. Annual Close Season for Salmon (Rod and Line)

The Annual Close Season for salmon (rod and line) shall be the period between the 31st day of October and the 1st day of February following with the following exceptions:-

- (i) In the Riven Eden and all rivers, lakes and waters, tributary to or connected with the River Eden, the period between the 14th day of October and the 15th day of January following;
- (ii) In the following listed rivers and all rivers, lakes and waters, tributary to or connected with those rivers, the period between the 31st day of October and the 1st day of April, following:

River Annas, Bleng, Esk, Mite, Irt, Calder, Ehen, Derwent, Ellen, Waver and Wampool.

3. Annual Close Season for Migratory Trout (Rod and Line)

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The Annual Close Season for fishing for Migratory Trout with rod and line shall be the period between the 15th day of October and the 1st day of May following.

4. Annual Close Season for Brown (Non-Migratory) Trout and Char (Rod and Line)

The Annual Close Season for fishing for Brown (non-migratory) Trout or Char with rod and line shall be the period between the 30th day of September and the 15th day of March following.

5. Annual Close Season for Freshwater Fish

The Annual Close Season for fishing for freshwater fish shall be the period between the 14th day of March and the 16th day of June following, providing that during this period it shall be lawful to fish with rod and line for eels providing that in doing so no hook is attached to the line.

NOTE: Under the provision of Section 4(3) of the 1972 Act the Annual Close Season now applies to all inland waters within the region and not just to waters connected to or communicating with any river as previously.

6. The Weekly Close Time for Salmon and Trout (Other than Rod and Line)

The Weekly Close Time for fishing for salmon and trout (other than with rod and line) shall be the period between the hour of six on Saturday morning and the hour of six on the following Monday morning.

7. Prohibition of Netting

The use of any net (not being a duly licensed fixed engine or a landing net used in conjunction with a rod and line) for taking salmon, trout or freshwater fish is prohibited except for the use of the stated types of nets in the following parts of the Authority's area:-

- (a) In that part of the Solway Firth which lies between an imaginary straight line across the Firth from National Grid Reference NY.2063 6452 and National Grid Reference NY.2122 6269 within the area of the Authority (the eastern side of the former Solway Viaduct) and Old Sandsfield - Heave or Haaf Nets.
- (b) In that part of the Solway Firth within the area of the Authority which lies between an imaginary straight line drawn across the Firth between National Grid Reference NY.2063 6452 and NY.2122 6269 (the eastern side of the former Solway Viaduct) and an imaginary line across the Firth from National Grid Reference NY.1828 6435 true south to the English shore - Draw, Draft or Seine Nets and Heave or Haaf Nets.

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In that part of the sea and those tidal waters of the River Ellen bounded - by lines originating on the coast 2.5 Kms to the North and 2.5 Kms to the South of the White Light structure at the seaward end of the South Pier, Maryport and each extending seawards for 3.25 Kms in a direction of a true bearing of 300° and by the line joining the seaward extremities of those lines - Draw, Draft or Seine and Heave or Haaf Nets.

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(d) In that part of the sea and those tidal waters of the River Derwent bounded by lines originating on the coast 2.5 Kms to the North and 2.5 Kms to the South of the White Light structure at the seaward end of the South Pier, Workington, and each extending seawards for 3.25 Kms in a direction of a true bearing of 280° and by the line joining the seaward extremities of those lines - Draw, Draft or Seine Nets and Heave or Haaf Nets.

(e) In the River Waver seaward of an imaginary line drawn across the river between National Grid Reference NY.1807 5164 and National Grid Reference NY.1808 5165 (the former railway bridge at Abbey Junction) and in the River Wampool seaward of an imaginary line drawn across the river between National Grid Reference NY.2231 5721 and National Grid Reference NY.2240 5726 (the former Solway Junction railway bridge) - Heave or Haaf Nets.

(f) In the Ribble Estuary seaward of a line drawn true south from the Naze at Freckleton - Drift, Hang or Whammel Nets.

(g) Lune Estuary -

- (i) In the whole of that part of the Estuary seaward of Carlisle Bridge, Heave or Haaf Nets;
- (ii) In that portion of the said part of the Estuary as lies seaward of a line drawn true south-east from the landward end of the breakwater at Bazil Point - Draw, Draft or Seine Nets;
- (iii) In that portion of the said part of the Estuary as lies seaward of a line from Cockersand Abbey Lighthouse to the seaward extremity, at highwater springs of Sunderland Point - Drift, Hang or Whammel Nets.
- (h) In the Kent Estuary seaward of a line drawn parallel to and 365 metres below Arnside Viaduct - Lave Nets.
- (i) In the Leven Estuary seaward of a line drawn parallel to and 365 metres below Ulverston Viaduct - Lave Nets.

- (j) In the Duddon Estuary seaward of a line drawn through Dunnerholme Point and Greenroad Railway Station - Draw, Draft or Seine Nets.
- *(k) In the Wyre Estuary, after 30th June, 1982, and seaward of Shard Bridge Heave or Haaf Nets.
- (1) In those tidal waters and parts of the sea, excluding the areas defined in (c) and (d) above, adjoining the coast of Cumbria between National Grid Reference NY.1828 6100 and National Grid Reference SD.103 840 as defined in the schedule hereto - Drift, Hang or Whammel Nets.
- NOTE: The schedule will refer to the waters as defined in the Cumberland River Board (Limitation of Salmon and Migratory Trout Drift or Hang Net Licences) Order, 1962.

Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any net necessarily and solely used for the purpose of removing from a duly licensed fixed engine the fish caught by that fixed engine.

8. Regulation of Nets

- Drift, hang or whammel nets shall for the purposes of these byelaws be unarmoured nets without bags or pockets, consisting of a single sheet of netting measuring when wet -
 - (a) When used in the Ribble Estuary, not more than 140 metres in length and not more than 34 meshes deep at any point and having meshes not less than 8.255 cms. in extension from knot to knot, or 33.02 cms. round the four sides;
 - (b) When used in the Lune Estuary, not more than 300 metres in length and not more than 44 meshes deep at any point and having meshes not less than 6.35 mcms. in extension from knot to knot or 25.4 cms. round the four sides;
 - (c) When used in any other part of the Authority's area meshes not less than 5.08 cms. in extension from knot to knot or 20.32 cms. round the four sides.
- (11)
 - Heave or haaf nets shall, for the purposes of these byelaws be of single netting of a mesh measuring when wet not less than 5.08 cms. in extension from knot to knot, or 20.32 cms. round the four sides and shall be so constructed as to form a bag or purse suspended from a wooden frame, consisting of a heave, beam, or pole not exceeding 5.5 metres in length having at each end an end stick or projecting arm not exceeding 1.25 metres in length except that for the years 1976 and 1977 within the defined areas of the River Eden and the Solway Firth the mesh shall measure when wet not less than 4.445 cms. from knot to knot or 17.78 cms. round the four sides.

- (iii) Lave nets shall, for the purposes of these byelaws be of single netting of a mesh measuring when wet not less than 5.08 cms. in extension from knot to knot or 20.32 cms. round the four sides and which shall be constructed to form a bag or purse attached to a yoke in the shape of a "V", the widest part of which shall not exceed 2 metres, and which shall be fitted with a hand staff to the apex of the yoke.
 - (iv) Draw, draft or seine nets shall, for the purposes of these byelaws, be unarmoured nets without bags or pockets consisting of a single sheet or wall of netting, having the following measurements (when wet) namely, a length of not more than 185 metres and a depth on the middle of the net of not more than 144 meshes and having meshes not less than 5.08 cms. in extension from knot to knot, or 20.32 cms. round the four sides.
 - (v) For the purposes of paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of this byelaw measurements from knot to knot shall be in relation to each side of the square of the mesh.
- (vi) The use of any net made wholly or partly of monofilament material is prohibited.

9. Regulation of Use of Nets

Where, under the provisions of byelaw 7 the use of any of the nets therein mentioned is permitted such nets shall not be used in any manner except that prescribed by the succeeding paragraphs of this byelaw.

- (i) The number of operatives allowed to work a Drift, Hang or Whammel Net and a Draw, Draft or Seine Net at any time is limited to three.
- (ii) The manner of using a drift, hang or whammel net shall be as follows, namely it shall be shot or paid out from a boat and the boat and net attached shall float or drift with the tide provided that no drift, hang or whammel net or any part thereof, shall be used within 185 metres from any part of another drift, hang or whammel net already in use.

Provided that no drift, hang or whammel net shall be worked across more than three-quarters of the water in the channel at the time of fishing.

(iii) The manner of using a heave or haaf net shall be by one person standing in the water and supporting or holding the net and lifting or scooping any fish that may become enclosed in the net. (iv) The manner of using a lave net shall be by one person standing or moving in the water and supporting or holding the net and lifting or scooping any fish that may become enclosed in the net. No person shall use a lave net in proximity to a fixed net, designed to catch other fish, in such a way that the migratory fish are restricted in movement by such fixed net thereby facilitating their taking in the lave net.

The manner of using a draw, draft or seine net shall be as follows, namely, one end of the rope of the net shall be held on the shore or bank and the net shall be shot out or paid out from a boat which shall start from such shore or bank, and return thereto without pause or delay, and the net shall thereupon be drawn into and landed on such shore or bank, and no net shall be shot or paid out from any point within 90 metres from any part of the space on the shore or bank between the point of starting and the point of return of the boat during the said operation or until after the expiration of 15 minutes from the time at which the net is completely drawn in and landed. No draw, draft or seine net shall be worked across more than threequarters of the water in the channel at the time of fishing.

The hand ropes attached to the ends of the net shall not be considered part of such net.

10. Numbering of Licences, Nets and Boats

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Any number bearing label issued by the Authority in respect of a licensed net shall, at all times, be attached to the headrope of the net or, in the case of a heave or haaf net, to that part most nearly corresponding to the headrope.

The same number shall be conspicuously painted and maintained in white numerals not less than 15 cms. high and 2 cms. wide, on a black background, or in black numerals on a white background, on the outside and near the centre of the gunwale on each side of the boat from or in connection with which the net is used.

11. Carrying of Nets During Annual Close Season

No person shall, during the Annual Close Season for salmon, carry or permit to be carried or to remain in or upon any boat, any net capable of taking salmon, other than a landing net or a net used in that place or district for sea fishing if carried in a boat or vessel commonly used for that purpose in such place or district.

12. Carrying of Unlicensed Nets

The carrying in or attaching to a boat or vessel whilst being used in fishing for salmon or trout of any net (other than a landing net) which is not licensed or if licensed has not attached thereto the label referred to in Byelaw No. 10 is hereby prohibited.

13. Removal of Fish

No person other than a full time Water Bailiff of the Authority shall take or remove any dead fish or live fish from any waters within the area of the Authority unless acting in accordance with the written permission of the Authority and acting in accordance with any conditions attached to that permission or unless otherwise he is lawfully authorised so to do.

NOTE: This Byelaw does not apply to the taking of fish in a legal manner with a duly licensed instrument.

14. Baiting

During the period between the 14th day of March and the 16th day of June in any year, (i) the use of maggots or imitations thereof or the chrysalises of maggot or imitations thereof as hook bait and, (ii) the use of any lure or bait not on or attached to a hook, are prohibited in any waters populated by salmon or migratory trout.

15. Prohibition of Taking Undersized Fish

No person shall take from any waters within the area any fish of a kind and of a size less than such size as is hereinafter prescribed, that is to say,

Migratory Trout	• •	••		25 cms.
Brown Trout and	Char	• •	••	20 cms.

The size shall be ascertained by measuring from the tip of the snout to the fork or cleft of the tail.

Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person-who takes any undersized fish unintentionally if he at once returns to and liberates the same in the water with as little injury as possible.

16. Fishing Near Weirs

No person shall, without the previous consent in writing of the Authority, during the period between the 30th day of September and the first day of the Salmon Close Season for rod and line in any year, take or attempt to take by any means, any fish within a distance of 20 metres above and 50 metres below the crest of any Weir in waters populated by migratory fish.

Provided in respect of the under-mentioned weirs no person shall at any other time take or attempt to take by any means, any fish within a distance of 50 metres below the crest of the said weirs:-

Brantwaite Weir	River Marron
Innan Weir, Bridgefoot	River Marron
Rosegill Mill Weir	River Ellen
Ennerdale Mill Weir	River Ehen

17. Prohibition of Use of Gaff, Hand Lines and Other Means or Modes of Fishing

- (a) No person shall use a gaff in connection with fishing by rod and line during the period between the 30th day of September and the 1st day of May following.
- (b) No person shall use a hand line (except in Lakes Windermere, Coniston, Rydal Water, Grasmere and Stanley Park Lake, Blackpool).
- (c) No person shall use any means or modes of fishing for salmon, trout, freshwater fish or eels (other than a duly licensed net, fixed engine, rod and line, or in Lakes Windermere, Coniston, Rydal Water, Grasmere and Stanley Park Lake, Blackpool, only, a duly licensed hand line) except with the written permission of the Authority and subject to such conditions as may be imposed.

18. Worm Fishing

Nó person shall, excepting as hereinafter provided, use in fishing for salmon or trout a worm baited on more than a single hook and such hook shall not exceed 4 cms. in length overall nor 1.5 cms. in width of gape and the weight or weights used to sink the hook shall not in any case exceed 15 g. in the aggregate; provided that in fishing for trout a tackle of two or three hooks may be so used if tied upon a single strand of gut or other artificial substitute material and if each of such hooks does not exceed 1.5 cms. in length and is not more than 0.7 cms. in width of gape.

19. Size of Hooks and Weight of Lures

- (a) No person shall use in fishing with rod and line for salmon or trout during the months of September and October in any year double, treble or multiple hooks any of which exceed 0.7 cms. gape.
- (b) No person shall use in fishing with rod and line for salmon or trout after the 31st August in any year, any lure or weight which (together or singly) exceed 30g (1-oz. approximately) in weight.

This Byelaw shall not apply to fishing for char in Lakes Windermere, Coniston, Rydal Water and Grasmere.

20. Return of Foul Hooked Fish

During the period between the 31st day of August and the first days of the respective Close Seasons in any year all salmon and migratory trout hooked otherwise than in the mouth shall be returned to the water without delay and with as little injury as possible.

21. <u>Prohibition of Fishing in</u> Certain Waters in Kendal

The use for taking salmon, trout or freshwater fish of any instrument in such part of the River Kent as lies between its confluence with the Dockray Hall Mill Race and Victoria Bridge in the Borough of Kendal, or in the said mill race by a person fishing from the right (or westerly) bank of the said river or the said mill race at any time is prohibited.

This Byelaw shall not apply to fly fishing with rod and line providing that no weight or weighted device is attached to or incorporated in the line, cast or hook.

22. Returns of Net and Rod Catches

(a) Any person fishing for salmon or migratory trout within the Authority's area shall in the month of November each year in the case of anglers and on the last day of the months of March, April, May, June, July and August in the case of netsmen, either (i) send a return to the Authority in the appropriate form set out in paragraph (b) of this byelaw (giving the particulars indicated therein) of any such fish he has taken within the Authority's area during the period or periods specified in such forms or (ii) if he has taken no such fish, send to the Authority a statement that he has taken no such fish during such period or periods.

In the case of <u>anglers</u> fishing for <u>salmon or migratory</u> <u>trout</u>, the following is the appropriate form:-

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These Byelaws shall not apply to any employee of the Authority acting in his official capacity or to any person who with the permission in writing of the Authority and acting in accordance with any conditions attached to that permission carries out work connected with the preservation or development of a fishery or for some scientific purpose.

# 24. Revocation of Existing Byelaws

Date:

All existing byelaws previously made by the former Cumberland and Lancashire River Authorities and their predecessor bodies under the powers contained in the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Acts, 1923-72, are hereby revoked.

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# Interpretation

- In these Byelaws, 'unless the context otherwise requires, "Authority" means the North West Water Authority; "area" means the area of the North West Water Authority as defined in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 Part 1, Paragraph 4(1) of the Water Act, 1973.
- (2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these Byelaws as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if these Byelaws and the Byelaws hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

Item No. 6

## NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY

### REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# 12TH MAY, 1975

# HALTON FISHERY, RIVER LUNE - ISSUE OF PERMITS

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At the meeting of the Lune, Wyre and Furness Local Fisheries Advisory Committee held on 9th December, 1974, the officers were requested to investigate alternatives to the existing system of issuing permits on the Authority owned Halton Fishery and to report thereon to the Regional Fisheries Advisory Committee.

This matter arose from complaints received mainly from anglers in the Preston area who travel to fish for sea trout on Halton Fishery. Under the existing system of issuing such permits anglers have to obtain them by post some two or three days in advance or alternatively purchase the permit on the day they intend to fish, from the authorised distributors in Lancaster before close of their business and then wait until 8.00 p.m. to start fishing.

Thirty-two day fishing (Salmon and Brown Trout) permits and 27 night fishing (Sea Trout) permits are available every 24 hours for the whole of this fishery. Fishing on Salmon and Brown Trout permits is from 8.00 a.m. until 8.00 p.m. and on Sea Trout permits from 8.00 p.m. until 4.00 a.m. All permits are at present issued by Messrs. Darwen and Gough of 6 Moor Lane, Lancaster. This business is open from 6.30 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. on weekdays, 6.30 a.m. until 5.00 a.m. on Saturdays and from 6.30 a.m. until 10.00 a.m. on Sundays.

There is therefore some basis for the complaints which have been made. However, it appeared that the only means of overcoming this difficulty was to find some other person, preferably resident in Halton rather than in Lancaster, who would be prepared to issue Sea Trout permits after Messrs. Darwen and Gough had closed and satisfactory arrangements have now been made with Mrs. A. Curwen of Greenup Cottage, Hornby Road, Caton.

At close of business for the day, Messrs. Darwen and Gough will notify Mrs. Curwen of the number of Sea Trout permits remaining available for issue on that day, and Mrs. Curwen will be able to issue up to that number. No advance bookings will be accepted by Mrs. Curwen who will issue the permits to anglers applying in person only. If for any reason, Messrs. Darwen and Gough are unable to contact Mrs. Curwen, who has a telephone installed at her home, no permits will be issued that evening in view of the risk of over issuing. It is considered that this situation is likely to arise only on very rare occasions.

6. The revised arrangements have been advertised in the local - press, the Angling Times and the Trout and Salmon.

It is emphasised that Mrs. Curwen, who will also issue rod and line licences on behalf of the Authority, will not issue any Sea Trout permits during the business hours of Messrs. Darwen and Gough and the performance of the new arrangements will be assessed at the end of the current season.

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### REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# 12TH MAY, 1975

# REGIONAL FISH HATCHERY REQUIREMENTS

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At the last meeting of the Committee held on 24th February, 1975, it was recommended that the Authority adopt the eight policy objectives, as set out in Minute No. 40 of that meeting, as a guide in carrying out hatchery activities.

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The Policy and Resources Committee endorsed the recommendation at the meeting held on 10th March, 1975, and the Authority approved and adopted the recommendation on 24th March, 1975.

Item No. 8

# NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY

# REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# 12TH MAY, 1975

# LONG TERM ANGLING LEASES ON AUTHORITY WATERS

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At the meeting held on 27th January, 1975, the Mersey and Weaver Advisory Committee recommended:

- " 1. That the Authority consider the possibility of incorporating saving provisions within the renewal of long-term angling leases to allow for the possible introduction of other activities to the waters concerned;
  - 2. That in considering the renewal, or otherwise, of long-term angling leases, the Authority take into account the capital expenditure incurred by the lessees in improving the angling facilities."

This Committee approved the recommendation on 24th February, 1975, which was endorsed by the Water Management Committee and approved and adopted by the Authority on 24th March, 1975.

# REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Item No. 9

# 12TH MAY, 1975

### CONSTITUTION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

At the Annual Meeting of the Authority to be held on 23rd June, 1975, the Standing Committees of the Authority as set out hereunder will be appointed:

Policy and Resources Committee Water Management Committee Water Quality Panel Regional Fisheries Advisory Committee

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2. The appointment of the Sub-Committees (which includes Local Advisory Committees) will be made by the parent Committee at their meeting following the Annual Meeting and the Regional Fisheries Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on 21st July, 1975.

The recommendations from the meeting of 21st July, 1975, will be submitted to the Authority on 6th October, 1975, and therefore members of Local Committees will continue to serve in that capacity until 6th October, 1975.