

DEE DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD

Extension to Annual Close Time for the River Dee

1. In terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003 (the Act), notice is hereby given that the Dee District Salmon Fishery Board (The Board) has applied to the Scottish Ministers, under section 37 of the Act, for an Order to alter the annual close time when it is permissible to fish by rod and line within the Dee Salmon Fishery District.

2. In the River Dee and its tributaries:

- the annual close time currently extends from 27 August until 10 February the following year
- fishing by rod and line during the annual close time is permitted during the periods 27 August to 30 September and from 1 February to 10 February.

The Dee District Salmon Fishery Board has applied to Scottish Ministers to extend the date of the annual close time when it is permissible to fish for and take salmon by rod and line to:

- 27 August until 15 October
- 1 February until 10 February

The current situation with the Rivers Cowie and Carron shall remain unchanged.

3. The general effect of these proposals would be to extend the angling season on the Dee by 2 weeks from September 30 to October 15. During the previous 4 year trial season extension the Board carried out an extensive programme of research and monitoring into the effect on salmon stocks. The season extension monitoring reports and final summary can be viewed at www.riverdee.org.

4. Persons wishing to make representations or objections with respect to the proposals should submit them in writing by 11 November 2011 to:

Fiona Hepburn

Scottish Government - Marine Scotland

Salmon and Recreational Fisheries Team

Area 1B North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

Representations or objections may also be sent electronically on or before 11 November 2011 to:

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Please be aware that a Respondent Information Form will be issued with the acknowledgement letter to anyone who comments on the proposal. The form is required to ensure that your wishes with regards to the publication of your response are respected.

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