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Collection of Scottish salmon rod effort data 2019 Form Number 372

Please find enclosed Topic Sheet 103 detailing the reporting of rod fishing effort related to salmon catch return **Form Number 372** for the 2019 season. This Topic Sheet explains what rod fishing effort is, how to record rod days, and how we intend to use the data.

We appreciate that these data may be difficult to collect in some instances. We are asking for rod effort data, partly in response to feedback from fishery managers, in order to better inform the conservation status assessment of rivers under the Salmon Conservation Regulations. In other words, the primary purpose of collecting this data is to explore how it might contribute towards the better protection of wild salmon stocks. The exact use of the data will be determined by the quality of the data we receive, the uncertainties around the data and the link between effort and exploitation rates.

Please note this information is required for salmon fishing only. No rod effort data from sea trout fisheries are yet required. Catch forms for the 2019 season will have space provided to record rod days for salmon along with your catch.

Fishing but caught no fish?

If you fish in any month and do not catch any salmon it is still important to report the number of rod days fished on your catch form.

Data Privacy

The Scottish Government takes your data privacy seriously and our Privacy Notice explaining how and why we process the data that you return to us can be found at: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Publications/stats/SalmonSeaTroutCatches/privacynotice>