



Briefing Note: Fish Eating Birds Advisory Group

NRW Fisheries Team.

Commitment has been made to launch a full review of matters around Fish Eating Birds in Wales.

We have agreed membership of an external advisory group to take this work forwards:-

Afonydd Cymru, Salmon & Trout Conservation Cymru; Angling Trust
RSPB; British Trust for Ornithology; Welsh Ornithological Society
Cefas
Welsh Government

The Group will first meet on 3rd July be chaired by NRW Board Member Madeleine Havard

Terms of Reference, to be drawn up at the first meeting and will be circulated to LFGs when available

Purpose of the group: evidence led process to assess all matters around predation in rivers and lakes/ponds in Wales, including:

- Paper on Scottish and English policy reviews (including legal framework)
Population status of salmon, sea trout and fish-eating birds in Wales
 - Salmonid and piscivorous bird monitoring in Wales
 - Bird assessments
 - Adult migratory salmonid stock assessments
 - Fish – juvenile monitoring examples
 - Existing licencing procedure and efficacy of tools employed to control birds in Wales
- We expect the group to conclude its work by March.

ACTION: LFG members are asked to:

- **Note the formation of NRW's FEB Advisory Group**
- **Provide any comments on the overall direction of the work described**

A paper will be going to NRW Board in July and available on the NRW's Board web pages.