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INQUIRY INTO ACCESS TO INLAND WATER IN WALES

Dear Ms Hawkins,

The following is the submission to the inquiry into Access to Inland Water in Wales on behalf of the Prysor Angling Association we make our submission representing 200 Welsh anglers and 1,500 visiting anglers annually to our waters.

We are over a 100 years old and fairly large Fishing club in North Wales that provides fishing to all walks of life whether they are Otters, Ospreys, humans, local, visiting, young or old and disabled, we welcome all. To explain how our organisation works will be as follows:-

We lease the fishing rights for the lake on a long term basis but **PAY** annually for the lease, the lease money is paid into a local community organisation which they use to improve the community where necessary by

match funding etc.so as you can see our money goes further than people expect!

Also we lease the fishing rights from the local farmers to our 3 rivers, 'Afon Prysor, Afon Eden and Afon Cain', not only this but we improve the river habitats and look after these waters for the spawning of fish and other invertebrates for future generations. It should be pointed out to other water users that there are closed seasons for the spawning season and this should be respected, **no fishing is done during these periods.**

Other points that should be considered is that the angler pays to fish the rivers i.e. a permit is bought for fishing the club waters and as explained this money is being used to improve the water and facilities of the angling club.

A fishing rod license is obtained from the Environment Agency for a day, weekly or a season some of this money is being put back into the aquaculture industry.

If the angling clubs are to continue with this good house keeping of their waters for future generations, the angling clubs must have some control to the say of what the future use of these waters are for.

Yours Sincerely

Malcolm Atherton (on behalf of the PRYSOR ANGLING ASSOCIATION)