



Angling Trust
East Midlands Forum (Trent)
April 27th 2017
The West Gate Suites
West Gate, Long Eaton, NG10 1EF

Meeting Notes

Inspiring Youngsters to go Fishing - James Roche, Angling Trust, Participation, Development Manager will talk about this topic and give advice.

Q – I'm finishing my Level 2 Coaching at the moment and our club needs volunteers to help with coaching and family fishing programmes.

A – I think volunteers are key and I recommend parents are invited too. Volunteers can be there to help with tangles etc.

Q – Does a licenced coach need to be present at a participation event?

A – If a coach is present then licences aren't required because they can arrange a waver with the Environment Agency for the event.

Q – Have schools and scout groups shown positive feedback towards angling participation events?

A – Ideally schools will have a head teacher who is supportive. The benefits of angling become apparent when the activities begin. The tackle trade has been very supportive to get youngsters started. There's a lot of enthusiasm, kids want to go fishing, they just need the opportunity. Fishing has demonstrated how it can help with exam stress.

Q – Is there a database of available coaches?

A – We have a database and it can be used to find coaches suitable for your events.

Finding Solutions to Migrant Angler Issues - Rado Papiewski, Angling Trust, Building Bridges Manager will talk about how his team find solutions.

Rado wanted to stress that their department is a support service available to clubs, fisheries and organisations and to please get in contact with the team.

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Environment Agency Update – Simon Ward, Fisheries Officer and The Fisheries Team detail their work to improve fish stocks, including planning for a large HLF bid to improve fish passage on the Trent.

Q – Where’s the fish pass at Beeston?

A – It’s located at the hydro facility.

Q – There’s a tree blocking Gunthorpe fish pass!

A – Please let us know about blockages and we’ll clear them.

Q – Will a fish pass at Colwick effect the gravels?

A - We currently have sequential opening of the sluices and a pass will change the dynamic of flow but won’t change overall in my anticipation.

Q – When fish are present in a fish refuge, aren’t they exposed to predation?

A – Some fish will get predated on but a refuge will aid fish far more than not having one there.

Q – How did Ripley get you involved with their fish refuges?

A – Ripley are proactive, they paid for some of the refuges themselves. They have also spent money building new pegs and installing habitat

improvements. Sometimes we can help clubs with our Fisheries Improvement Program, we'll supply the materials and the club finds the labour.

Q – The problems we've got with cormorants and otters far outweighs the problems we've got with fish theft and poaching. Does the EA get applications from people wanting to install an otter holt and does the EA give consent to these?

A – I don't remember ever receiving an application to install an otter holt.

Q – The Trent at Stoke last year was polluted, will it get re-stocked?

A – That isn't my patch but I will find out for you.

Q – Is there any work going on to encourage the Asian community to go fishing?

A – Participation Programs have been going on in Birmingham. Councils and community leaders are best placed to help with this.

Q – Gary from Derbyshire Railway Club – The Airport at Castle Donnington is releasing effluent into the Trent. The bed of the river downstream is covered in sludge, this is an important area for fish refuge and spawning sites. This area contains spined loach and bullheads. This pollution occurs with the consent of the Environment Agency and the airport could release much more without prosecution.

Would the EA and AT review the consent of the amount of effluent entering the river?

A – This situation is ongoing and it's a de-icing problem. We're in discussion with the airport and they have agreed to work with us to improve the situation.

