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As a grassroots angler with experience across most of the pleasure angling sectors, I believe I can offer a truly independent and representative voice on the Angling Trust board. My passion for angling includes a love of the environment that supports the quality of our fishing.

Since a very early age I have enjoyed the sport with a passion and was supported by my Father and Uncle who were countrymen and taught not only the skills to catch fish but the love of nature and protection of the environment. Today I still maintain these values in all the elements of angling be it freshwater, match, game or sea fishing. I believe there is a balance needed between the access and right to fish and the need to manage sustainable angling for the future.

My work in the Construction Industry has taken me across Britain and overseas, including South Africa and India, where I have always taken every opportunity to take time out to fish, resulting in an experience in all types of angling.

Now recently retired, I see this as an opportunity to give something back to the sport that I love.

My concerns for the future of all angling include the decline in river angling access due to the high rents demanded by landowners, the uncontrolled introduction of invasive species into our wild waters, the impact of intensive salmon fish farming in Scotland, the lack of apparent support in Government for sea angling in the new fisheries bill and the need to educate all anglers that we are the custodians for the protection of our environment.

My beliefs;

There is a need to impress upon more anglers to join Angling Trust along with a need to re-define what Angling Trust can do for all anglers, clubs, fishery owners and charter skippers.

We must challenge the Environment Agency, who receive our licence money and attain an openness with an objective of gaining more support for both freshwater and sea angling.

We must engage with all social sectors of our community to assist in lawful access to angling and give young people the ability to experience and foster the sport of angling and management of our environment.