

SUMMARY PROCEDURES RELATING TO BOOKING OF WAT IF COMMUNITY BOAT

The following procedures summarise the arrangements whereby local people can book a boat at Cobbinshaw Reservoir under the community membership financed by WAT IF.

- (a) Driving a powered boat can be dangerous and requires a degree of competence and common sense. All anglers must exercise due care and diligence when afloat.
- (b) Bookings should be made by the WAT IF staff to ensure eligibility of angler(s).
- (c) Only people local to the WAT IF area are eligible.
- (d) A max of four outings per person per year is allowed.
- (e) Only one boat can be booked at a time.
- (f) Up to three anglers can fish at a time in the boat provided there is at least one adult present (over 18); the minimum age for a single angler is 18.
- (g) Spouses and children of school age 16 and below can fish with an eligible adult free of charge provided they share the kill limit of 4 fish.
- (h) Adults are responsible at all times for any children with them at the fishery.
- (i) With the exception of spouses and children 16 and under, the cost per angler will be the same as a member provided they are all eligible (i.e. live in the WAT IF area).
- (j) A community member can bring a guest from out with the area, for whom the guest rate will be payable.
- (k) All anglers must register with the Keeper at the loch prior to fishing, and advise him that he is fishing on a community membership; the keeper will explain the operation of the boat and motor and other key aspects.
- (l) Anglers and others must provide their own tackle and life jacket, as appropriate.
- (m) Fishing commences at 9am and finishes around sunset (the closing time varies daily. All boats must be in the harbour by the specified time.
- (n) Limited bank fishing is also allowed - further details from the Keeper.
- (o) Fishing charges:
 - (i) Member rate - £12 for first 4 hours and £1.50 per hour thereafter
 - (ii) Guest rate - £22 for first 4 hours and £1.50 per hour thereafter
- (p) Kill limit is 4 fish per paying angler.
- (q) Fishing the main loch is by fly only - no spinning, bait fishing or trolling is allowed.
- (r) The normal Fishing Regulations will apply and must be adhered to at all times (copies available separately at WAT IF and at the loch)
- (s) The policy of the Association is to prosecute wherever possible all poachers and anyone found deliberately exceeding the kill limit without reasonable excuse (eg bleeding fish) and failing to declare such to the Keepers. Note that bags can be searched by the Keepers.