

ANNAN COMMON GOOD – ALLOCATION OF POKE AND HAAF NET LICENCES 2007

1. Reason for Report

The reason for this report is to advise Members of the procedures for the allocation of Poke and Haaf net licences and for Members to consider applications for the renewal and grant of licences.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked to;

2.1 Agree to continue to follow the procedure outlined in paragraph 8.1; and

2.2 Agree to grant Haaf and Poke Net Licences to the 36 applicants detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 for the 2007 season.

3. Corporate Plan Links and Contribution

The Scheme for Decentralisation is a statutory document as required by Section 23 of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994. The principles of the Scheme are in line with those contained in the Corporate Plan in terms of managing assets and decision making at the lowest possible level to ensure resources are used appropriately.

4. Resources/Value for Money Assessment

Poke and Haaf Net Licences fees contribute to the income to the Annan Common Good Fund which is disbursed as grants to local projects/organisations.

5. Risk Assessment

The risks from the allocation of licences are;

- Income from fishing licences makes up a large proportion of the budget available for disbursement as grant. If licences are not sold the income is reduced.
- The historic skills and traditions of haaf and poke netting could be lost if uptake of licences is not encouraged

6. Authorities and Legal Implications

6.1 Area Committees are responsible for 'The administration and oversight of the local services including Common Good and Trusts'.

6.2 Parameters within which Common Goods and Common Good Funds should be administered have been set bearing in mind the fact that the Council is legally responsible for the administration of Common Goods and Common Good Funds, having regard to 'the interests of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good related prior to 16 May 1975' (i.e inhabitants of the former Burghs).

7. Consultations

The Group Manager Corporate Support and Governance, has been consulted on the contents and are in agreement with the terms of the report.

8. Background

8.1. Scheme for the Allocation of Licences

8.1.1 Members agreed at the meeting on 6 January 1998 on the procedures to be adopted for the allocation of licences to applicants resident outwith Annan and that a scheme for the renewal and grant of licences be prepared. The procedures are set out below.

8.1.2 Members will consider the renewal of licences to holders resident within the former Burgh of Annan.

8.1.3 Licence holders who did not fish during the previous season will require to provide a reason for not having fished. Where the reason is considered inadequate, the application will fall to be considered with new applications.

8.1.4 If previous licence holders have fished during the previous season and have neither infringed the licence conditions nor committed any relevant offences, the licence will be renewed.

8.1.5 For the allocation of any remaining licences, applications will be considered in the following order:

- from new applicants and previous holders who did not fish, resident in the former Burgh of Annan;
- from previous licence holders resident outwith the former Burgh of Annan;
- from new applicants resident outwith the former Burgh of Annan.

8.1.6 At any stage of the procedure, where the number of applicants exceeds the number of licences to be allocated, allocations will be made according to the following criteria:-

- applicants must be suitable persons to hold a licence, having no relevant and material convictions or police cautions and, where possible, have satisfactory references from two responsible persons.
- preference will be given to previous licence holders with a weighting according to the number of years for which a licence was held, a higher weighting being given to recent years.
- preference will be given to previous licence holders who actually fished during the previous year(s).

9. Key Issues

9.1 Scheme for Allocation of Licences – it is recommended that the procedure be continued.

9.2 Poke and Haaf Net Licence Holders

9.2.1 The Committee holds the rights to 47 Haaf Net Licences and 34 Poke Net Licences.

9.2.2 There are 10 applications for renewal of Poke Net Licences, two of which are for additional Poke Net Licences and 1 application for a new Poke Net Licence from Mr John Lister who has held a Haaf Net Licence for a number of years (**Appendix 2**).

9.2.3 There are 25 applicants for renewal of Haaf Net Licences, 3 of whom did not fish but have supplied a satisfactory reason for not having fished (**Appendix 1**).

9.2.4 All those applicants detailed in **Appendices 1 and 2** satisfy the requirements of the Scheme and it is recommended that all applicants are granted licences for the 2007 fishing season.

9.2.5 Subject to renewal/granting of licences to the those applicants detailed in Appendices 1 and 2, 23 Poke Net Licences and 22 Haaf Net Licences remain to be allocated.

9.2.6 An application for renewal of a Haaf Net licence has been received but this is currently being assessed.

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APPENDICES – 2

Background Papers

HAAF NET CATCH RETURN & LICENCE RENEWAL DETAILS 2007

Name	Address	Catch Return Received YES/NO	Fished YES/NO	Licence Renewal Received YES NO	Recommend Licence Renewed YES/NO
Mr William C Anderson	1 Howgill Bridge Carlisle Road ANNAN DG12 6QT	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr Stuart Burnfield	5 Summervale Place ANNAN DG12 6HH	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr Kenneth G Carlyle	14 Queensberry Street ANNAN DG12 5BL	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr Andrew Cowan	17 Glynt Wynd ANNAN DG12 6EL	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr John Dalton	Kimmeter Cottage Stapleton Road ANNAN DG12 6NB	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr Andrew Donaldson	Cluaran Battlehill ANNAN DG12 6SN	YES	NO	YES	YES
Mr Brian M Hodgson	11 Argyle Terrace ANNAN DH12 6SF	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr Callum S McCall	41 McNeish Drive ANNAN DG12 5HQ	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr Norman Martin	Firthside Back of the Hill ANNAN DG12 6SQ	YES	YES	YES	YES

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Name	Address	Catch Return Received YES/NO	Fished YES/NO	Licence Renewal Received YES/NO	Recommend Licence Renewed YES/NO
Mr Brian Nicholson	7 Carlyle's Place ANNAN DG12 6BQ	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr Ian Nicholson	3 Wallace Crescent ANNAN DG12 5DS	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr Brian Povall	14 River Park ANNAN DG12 5PE	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr James C Rafferty	15 Addison Place ANNAN DG12 5DL	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr George Renwick	8 Drummond Road ANNAN DG12 5AT	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr Allan M Warwick	6 Kimmeter Place ANNAN DG12 6JU	YES	YES	ES	YES
Mr Alan Woodhouse	7 Rosemount Crescent ANNAN DG12 6LF	YES	YES	YES	YES

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Name	Address	Catch Return Received YES/NO	Fished YES/NO	Licence Renewal Received YES/NO	Recommend Licence Renewed YES/NO
Mr John Woodhouse	26 Port Street ANNAN DG12 6BN	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr John T Woodman	Solway View Back of the Hill ANNAN DG12 6SQ	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr John Lister	East Midtown Cummertrees ANNAN DG12 5PX	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr John R Warwick	20 Central Avenue GRETNA DG16 5AS	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr Walter Graham	16 Dalton Avenue Raffles CARLISLE	YES	NO	YES	YES

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Mr Anthony Maxwell	8 Silverlaw Crescent ANNAN DG12 5EH	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr Andrew Nicholson	52 Drummond Road ANNAN DG12 5AU	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mr Tom Dias	The Reestings Bowness-on-Solway WIGTOWN Cumbria CA7 5BP	YES	NO	YES	YES
Mr Alan Watson	43 Greenlea Road ANNAN DG12 5JY	YES	YES	YES	YES