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NEW ANGLING CODE AIMS TO PROMOTE THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF INLAND WATERS

Perth & Kinross Outdoor Access Forum have just published a new advisory leaflet for anglers entitled the *Perth & Kinross Angling Code* which is intended to cover all types of rod fishing.

The Perth & Kinross Outdoor Access Forum was established in 2004 to offer advice to the Council and others in relation to the right of responsible access given to the public by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. The Forum later set up a Water Issues Subgroup in response to the many access issues arising on the river Tay and other water bodies. In December 2005 they organised a workshop on water issues for user groups to explore conflicts and solutions. Improved communications and understanding between user groups was identified as a major area for improvement.

This new Angling Code seeks to offer guidance for anglers regarding sharing inland waters, with other water users, such as canoeists and rafters. Guidance for paddlers was produced by the Scottish Canoe Association in 2004.

The Angling Code reflects current environmental, conservation, and disease issues and in highlighting these aims to help conserve habitats and fish stocks. Tips on personal safety and fishing etiquette serves to remind anglers about the need to act responsibly at all times in order to get the most out of their fishing.

The Angling Code has been compiled by William Lindsay who is a riparian owner on the Tay and a member of the Perth & Kinross Outdoor Access Forum's Water Issues Sub-Group. In doing so he consulted widely with many organisations including The Association of Salmon Fisheries Board, Atlantic Salmon Trust, FishScotland Ltd, Salmon & Trout Association, Scottish Natural Heritage and The Scottish Rural Property Business Association,.

A copy of the Perth & Kinross Angling Code can be downloaded from
<http://www.fishtay.co.uk/pkac.pdf>

Further information and a copy of the Perth & Kinross Angling Code can be obtained from:
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The Scottish Outdoor Access Code offers guidance on rights and responsibilities and can be viewed on line at www.outdooraccess-scotland.com

Know the Code before you go

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