

Re: Affiliation to the Predation Action Group [PAG]

I hope you will already be aware of the work of PAG, in relation to the effect of multiple predation on species and fisheries from signal crayfish, cormorants and goosander, mink and otters.

This letter is prompted by a recent approach from the Barbel Society who asked us how they could support the work of PAG.

We have suggested to them that they affiliate to the PAG via an annual donation, an amount of their choice. The PAG have already previously received donations from the National Anguilla Club and Scottish Carp Group.

We firmly believe that our influence within the Angling Trust on issues relating to predation would carry greater influence if we had affiliation from all species groups out there, and in this regard we ask you all to support us with our work in relation to this, you can do this if you wish by making an annual donation to our cause. Apart from our day to day activity, we are currently funding trail cameras on certain sites to monitor predation, as well as making a professional short film showing the impact predation can have on our environment.

We also meet with the Angling Trust and will continue to do so in the future, to lobby for their support, in combating predation. To be able to mention your support would help the cause of Angling as a whole.

Should you wish to affiliate please complete the attached form.

We would also ask that those of you who do have representation on the Angling Trust "Specialist Angling Freshwater and Fisheries Group" to ensure there are regular meetings of the group, and that your representatives attend them.

We feel the Specialist AT group could make considerable contributions to AT's work on this and other fisheries matters. We would hope too that your representative could then draw attention to the Angling Trust of everyone's very real concern about the impact predation has upon our sport as a whole. Fencing cannot be applied to all still-water fisheries and especially not rivers.

In the fullness of time, I hope to be able to invite you to attend a conference at the Carp Society headquarters Horseshoe Lake in Lechlade to discuss some of the issues outlined.

For now, I would ask you to respond urgently in relation to affiliation to PAG. The clock is ticking, and the future of angling for all species is at stake.

For now, I thank you for your time.

We are all concerned for the future of angling, and as a result must take action in order to have an impact on what happens in the future. A phrase used during the recent legal campaign in which the Carp Society has been involved with comes to mind... "Yes we can!" Help the cause against predation and affiliate now!

Thank you for your time,

D. Stratton

Derek Stritton

Chair of the Carp Society, and member of PAG.



Affiliation to PAG

| Name of organisation: | |
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| Number of members: | |
| Contact Name and address: | |
| Email: | |
| Telephone: | |
| Wish to affiliate to the PAG. | |
| We enclose a donation of: £ | |
| [Cheques payable to Predation Action Group] | |
| Please post to our treasurer. | |
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