

Freshwater Fisheries Steering Committee 7 May 2008

Regulating the Introduction of
Freshwater Fish into Scottish
Waters

Background

Section 35 of the 2007 Act amends Section 33 of the 2003 Act

An offence to introduce or have with the intention of introducing any fish or spawn without written consent of appropriate Authority

DSFB or the Scottish Ministers

Coming into force 1 August 2008

Working Group

SG

FRS

SANA

BTA

ASFB

ASSF

IFM

SFCA

Develop Delivery Strategy

Main Work-streams

Transitional Measures

Form Design

Assessment criteria/model

Resources, Finance and Consultation

Information strategy

Enforcement

Web-based application interface

Assessment Criteria Model

A simple but effective risk-based approach

**A precautionary and pragmatic approach
based on current scientific knowledge
Green, Amber and Red consents**

FRS currently developing thinking

**Working Group, SNH, SEPA and CEFAS
will then fine-tune**

**Proposed FRS will administer applications
in year 1**

Information Strategy

Write to all stakeholders on the back of the Framework Strategy if possible

Application forms, guidance and advice for Bailiffs

Offer Regional surgeries for Bailiffs late summer

Hold a formal seminar at the Bailiffs Conference in march 2009

Enforcement

Mainline police officers

Wildlife Crime Unit will provide an intelligence gathering and liaison role

Bailiffs to feed back intelligence to WCU via standard operating procedures

Decision to pursue a prosecution will be for mainline police forces to determine

Resources limited but we have the mechanism to enforce

Web-based Application Interface



Options and recommendation to Ministers

Real Time Study

Development and testing will be conducted with Working Group

Specifications must permit exchange between CEFAS LFMD and FRS and be business friendly

Timing

Transitional measures in place by 1 August 2008

- **Commence 4 week public consultation and information drive May 2008**
- **Develop and test assessment model**
- **Forms and guidance to all commercial fisheries and angling clubs by July 2008**
- **Work up web-based system and process testing and trial by January 2009 – launch spring summer 2009**

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