

Correspondence received and sent between Marine Scotland and The Loch Lomond Fisheries Trust (L.L.F.T) on and after 30th October 2017

Subject: RE: (URGENT) Jim Raeburn's Chairman of the LLAIA letter to selected Riparian Owners (Private and Confidential)

From: Eddie Edmonstone
Sent: Thursday, 2 November 2017 22:15
To: Dryden S (Simon); lomondfisheritrust@gmail.com;

Evening Simon, I have just received your email and voicemail. I can make 16th Nov and circulating this email. Yours Aye Eddie

On 1 Nov 2017, at 17:56, "Simon.Dryden@gov.scot" <Simon.Dryden@gov.scot> wrote:
Dear Eddie,

It was good to chat on Monday evening.

As discussed, it is the River Endrick's assessment as a grade 3 river which, because it is a SAC, results in the whole Loch Lomond system moving from a grade 2 to a grade 3 river.

Although the final determination will be made by Scottish Ministers, the only opportunity for the Endrick to be regarded is for missing salmon catch data for the river to be supplied.

Currently we have received just two returns for the River Endrick, from the LLAIA and from a proprietor on the River Blane (a nil fishing return, as opposed to a nil catch return).

I now appreciate that the lack of catch returns is mainly a consequence of Marine Scotland not knowing and therefore not requesting and reminding those with heritable salmon fishing rights on the River Endrick to make returns.

I appreciate that it is Marine Scotland's responsibility to identify those with heritable salmon fishing rights on the River Endrick (and indeed anywhere in Scotland where we don't get returns). From our conversation on Monday, I understand that you have this information.

If so, I would be very grateful if you could supply asap.

With this information, I would contact each owner by post, email and/or phone, to confirm the extent of their ownership and to seek retrospective catch returns for any or all of the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016.

Going forward, their details would also be added to our database so that we would proactively contact them for 2017 and future annual returns.

Since we spoke, we have done some preliminary work to understand the potential impact on the River Endrick's grading of adding this missing data to the system. It appears that it is conceivable that this missing data, when added, could move the River Endrick into grade 2.

However, we would need the catch data from the proprietors by 15 November, to have sufficient time to utilise it for the 2018 assessment.

As also discussed, we would be delighted to meet with you, Malcolm and Caroline. Would you be able to come to Atlantic Quay in Glasgow from 3.30pm on 16 November?

Kind regards,
Simon.

From: Dryden S (Simon)
Sent: 02 November 2017 23:25
To: Eddie Edmonstone; llomondfisheriestrust@gmail.com;

Evening Eddie,

Many thanks for getting back to me.

Very pleased that you could make 16 November. I hope it suits everyone.

If possible, I would like to pursue, urgently, trying to obtain the missing salmon catch data, even if nil fishing and/or nil catch returns.

Is it possible that you or colleagues could supply the contact details early next week?

Best wishes,
Simon

From: Dryden S (Simon)
Sent: 06 November 2017 13:37
To: Eddie Edmonstone

Dear Eddie,

Many thanks for your voicemails today. I will call again this pm.

In the meantime, I hope the attached is useful.

If possible, we would like the attached form to be completed for each of the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The first five years of this sequence impact the current assessment, for the 2018 season. The last five years, including 2017, will impact the 2019 season's assessment.

You will see that there is a tick box to denote if no fishing, as opposed to no catch.

In order to update our database, and send out requests for future annual returns, we'd be very grateful for the following ownership details for each 'beat':

- The name and contact details for the owner(s) of the salmon fishing rights
- A description of the extent of the fishings

I am very grateful for your help and look forward to hopefully meeting on 16 Nov.

Kind regards,
Simon.

From: Eddie Edmonstone [mailto:eddie@edmonstone.com]
Sent: 07 November 2017 15:24
To: Dryden S (Simon)
Cc: Main K (Keith); llomondfisheriestrust@gmail.com

Simon, Many thanks. How many Kms do you estimate this to be? Yours Aye Eddie

Sent from my iPhone

On 7 Nov 2017, at 13:13, "Simon.Dryden@gov.scot" <Simon.Dryden@gov.scot> wrote:
Dear Eddie,

Apologies for my delayed reply after yesterday's call.

We have had catch returns from the LLAIA for the following beats:

1. Endrick Water, Meikle Drumquharn Farm. Grid ref point for Meikle Drumquharn Farm: 250851688348.
2. Endrick Water, Gartness Farm. Grid ref point for Gartness Farm: 250093686930.
3. Endrick Water, Little Drumquharn & Drumtian. Grid ref point for Little Drumquharn Farm: 251326687829 and for Drumtian Farm: 251913688099.

We have also had a catch return from Drumore Farm Fisheries for the following beat:

4. Endrick Water, Drumore Farm. Left bank from the site of the old railway bridge (250249687133) upstream to Killearn Bridge (250830687578).

Finally, we have had nil fishing return (a dormant fishery) from Killearn Home Farm for the beats:

5. Blane Water, Killearn. Fishings are in the vicinity of 250443684757.
6. Blane Water, Home Farm, Killearn. Grid ref point for the Home Farm: 250294685036.

Kind regards,
Simon.

Hi Eddie,

The LLAIA claim that 1 to 3 below – their returns – cover 19km (circa 41%).

They describe the whole river as 46km in length. I'm afraid I'm not clear what length of river beats 4, 5 & 6 below represent.

Rgds,
Simon.

Subject: FW: Loch Lomond Proposed Category 3 outcome

From: Eddie Edmonstone [mailto:eddie@edmonstone.com]
Sent: 12 December 2017 17:03
To: Dryden S (Simon)
Cc: 'llomondfisheriestrust@gmail.com'

Evening Simon, I am just touching base to see how the meeting went with Jackie Baillie MSP and the LLAIA committee on Tuesday 12th Dec 2017? The LLFT is meeting some of our more influential Riparian Owners this Thursday 14th Dec. They have asked in their agenda for an update regarding the proposed category 3 situation within the Lomond System and other parts of Scotland, which may affect our catchment area. I look forward to hearing back from you shortly. Many thanks.

Yours Aye
Eddie

From: Eddie Edmonstone [mailto:eddie@edmonstone.com]
Sent: 14 December 2017 16:03
To: Dryden S (Simon)
Cc: llomondfisheriestrust@gmail.com

Simon, Many thanks. Your feedback is much appreciated. Look forward to catching up in the New Year. Yours
Aye Eddie

Sent from my iPhone

On 14 Dec 2017, at 14:23, "Simon.Dryden@gov.scot" <Simon.Dryden@gov.scot> wrote:

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Eddie,

The Cabinet Secretary has asked for more information from officials on a number of matters before she makes a decision.

We anticipate that we will supply these for her 'Christmas box' on 19 Dec and that we will get feedback in the New Year, after recess.

Kind regards, Simon

Subject: FW: Lomond Proposed Category 3 Update

From: Eddie Edmonstone
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 07:59
To: Dryden S (Simon)
Cc: Loch Lomond Fisheries Trust

Morning Simon, I trust all is well with you? I was just making contact to find out if there is any update regarding the Proposed Category 3 status concerning the Lomond System or any other changes or amendments since the Scottish Government has now returned back for a while after the Christmas recess? I look forward to hearing back from you shortly. Many thanks.

Yours Aye
Eddie

Eddie Edmonstone

From: Dryden S (Simon)
Sent: 29 January 2018 09:43
To: Eddie Edmonstone
Cc: Loch Lomond Fisheries Trust;

Morning Eddie,

We hope to lay the Order on Feb 7. Subject to it getting through the Parliamentary process, the Lomond System will stay at category 3. So, despite representations, the proposed overall grading remains the same.

The only change we have proposed is that, in non SAC areas, where the river grading was 1 and the river & loch grading was 2, we propose to go with 1. This means, across Scotland in non SAC catchments, the river & loch assessment only ever pulls down the grade if it is a 3 and the river only a 1, where we propose a 2.

This proposed change does not impact Loch Lomond, but does lead to a few other rivers changing post consultation.

Kind regards,
Simon

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