



Gyrodactylus salaris Angler Declaration



Gyrodactylus salaris (GS) is the greatest threat to wild salmon in the River Spey, and the UK as a whole. It is a parasitic freshwater fluke which is indigenous to rivers in parts of Russia, Norway and Sweden, where salmon have evolved resistance to it. However, GS has spread to rivers in Norway, Denmark, Germany, France, Spain and Portugal where native salmon have no resistance, resulting in mass mortality of juvenile fish. In Norway infected rivers lost 98% of their salmon within 5 years. Infected rivers must be poisoned to remove all fish hosts, and barriers erected to stop salmon entering the river to spawn and generate more hosts. GS can survive for 5 to 7 days without a host in damp conditions (e.g. angling clothing, waders, wet reels, lines or landing nets).

Currently the UK is GS-free. The economic and ecological consequences of GS entering the country and the Spey would be catastrophic.

Please do your part to prevent GS from decimating the Spey's wild salmon by signing this Angler Declaration BEFORE FISHING.

ANGLER DECLARATION

A: I have/have not (*please circle*) fished OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM within the last 3 months.

If you circled 'have', please complete Section B.

If you circled 'have not', please sign and print your name below:

Signed.....

Printed.....

Date.....

B: Before fishing the Spey I have taken anti-GS measures by (*please tick box*):

- 1. **Drying equipment/clothing at 20°C or more for at least 2 days**
- 2. **Heating equipment/clothing at 60°C or more for at least 1 hour**
- 3. **Deep freezing equipment/clothing for at least 1 day**
- 4. **Immersing equipment/clothing in chemical treatment provided by the Fishery/Beat**

Signed.....

Printed.....

***Please return the signed Declaration to the Fishery Manager or Ghillie
BEFORE FISHING***