

Annan Common Good Sub-Committee

PROCEDURE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF HAAF NET LICENCES

The Annan Common Good Fund Sub-Committee holds the rights to 47 Haaf Net Licences and 34 Poke Net Licences. However, in accordance with Conservation Regulations being progressed by Scottish Government, Poke Net licences will not be available for allocation.

The procedure used to allocate licences on behalf of Annan Common Good Fund Sub Committee is as follows:

1. Members will consider the issuing of licences to those who were licence holders in the previous year and who are resident within the former Burgh of Annan;
2. then, Members will consider the issuing of licences to any new applicants resident within the former Burgh of Annan;
3. then, Members will consider the issuing of licences to those who were licence holders in the previous year and who are resident within Dumfries and Galloway;
4. then, Members will consider the issuing of licences to any new applicants resident within Dumfries and Galloway;
5. then, Members will consider the issuing of licences to those who were licence holders in the previous year and who are not resident within Dumfries and Galloway;
6. then, Members will consider the issuing of licences to any new applicants who are not resident within Dumfries and Galloway;

At any stage of the procedure outlined above and where the number of applicants exceeds the number of licences to be allocated, allocations will be made according to the following criteria:-

- a. Licence holders from the previous year who did not fish during the season will be required to provide a reason for not having fished. Where the reason is considered inadequate by Elected Members, the application will fall to be considered with new applications
- b. Applicants must be suitable persons to hold a licence and confirm that they have no relevant or material convictions or cautions. We may consult Police Scotland to confirm this information. You must provide contact details for referees as to your character and ability to fish, who may be contacted to provide a reference. If you have committed any relevant offence, have previously infringed licence conditions or receive unsatisfactory references then your application for a Licence may be refused.
- c. Allocations will be made to previous licence holders with a weighting according to the number of continuous years for which a licence was held, a higher weighting being given to more years.
- d. Should the number of applications, following the above criteria, exceed the number of licences available, decisions will be taken by a names draw.

NOTE: Licences are issued on an annual basis only and there is no automatic right to have it renewed.