

Forth District Salmon Fishery Board – Salmon Angler and Tenant Representatives 2025

The Forth DSFB is looking for representatives of the salmon angling community and tenants netsmen to become Board Members.

The Board was established under the 1862 and 1868 Salmon Fisheries Legislation, which has been amalgamated under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003 as amended in 2007 and 2103. (Salmon Act).

The Board is empowered under legislation to take such acts as it considers expedient for the protection, enhancement and conservation of stocks of salmon and sea trout within the Forth District. It also has a duty to ensure the general protection and enhancements of the fishery. The Board is responsible for more than 3,600 km² of water, including the Firth and Estuary and all rivers which enter them including the Forth, Allan, Almond, Avon, Bannockburn, Carron, Devon, Esk, Leven, Teith, Tyne, Water of Leith and coastal burns.

Under the requirements of the Salmon Act, triennial elections are held for qualified proprietors from the Forth District to form a Board. These elections will take place on 8th May 2025 at Dunblane Cathedral Halls at 6pm. The new board will convene immediately after the election and wishes to co-opt as many salmon anglers and tenants netsmen as it is able.

The Board is inviting applications by end of 7th May 2025.

What we do:

- The Board sets and collects the levy from salmon proprietors each year and following the requirements of legislation uses this to fulfil its statutory remit within the limitations of funding available.
- The Board employs a Superintendent and Clerk and has responsibility for a number of volunteer bailiffs; collectively the Board has overall responsibility, although the day to day running of the Board is undertaken by the Clerk.
- The Board has overall responsibility for the enforcement, with day to day management resting with the Superintendent. The Board also has powers to allow certain non-legal methods of fishing and for stocking of migratory species managed by the Clerk.
- The Board also has a remit for conservation and enhancement, the day to day management of this is undertaken by the Forth Rivers Trust (including development and delivery of projects).
- The Board is governed by the Salmon Act, the Code of Best Practice issued by Scottish Government and the Forth DSFB Code of Conduct.
- The Board meets once a quarter, when most business is undertaken, some input (usually by email or phone) is sometimes required between these meetings.

How can you get involved:

If you are an angler or netsman who wants to get involved in the running of the Forth District and contribute to the changes ahead then by becoming a Board Member you can be part of the process.

Wendy Kenyon

Clerk to the Forth District Salmon Fishery Board



Protecting and enhancing the Forth Fishery.

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Notes on co-opting procedures

These notes are designed to clarify co-opting procedures. If any angler or netsman wishes clarification on any of the following please contact the Clerk, Wendy Kenyon: clerk@forthdsfb.org

Qualifying salmon angler.

A representative of salmon anglers shall be a person whom the board consider to be representative of persons angling for salmon in the district but who is not an upper proprietor in that district. (Schedule 2 – 4(3))

Qualifying tenant netsmen

A representative of tenants netsmen shall be –

- (a) a tenant netsman in the district who is not a lower proprietor in that district;
- (b) a tenant netsman in the district who is a lower proprietor in that district if
 - (i) there is insufficient tenant netsmen who are qualified or willing to be co-opted and who are not lower proprietors in that district;
 - and
 - (ii) that person has not been elected to the board of that district as a representative of lower proprietors or as convener.
- (c) a lower proprietor in the district who is not a tenants netsman in that district if –
 - (i) there are insufficient tenant netmen qualified or willing to be co-opted, whether or not they are also lower proprietors of that district;
 - and
 - (ii) that person has not been elected to the board of that district as representative of lower proprietors or as convener,but a person shall not be disqualified under this sub-paragraph solely by reason of being an upper proprietor in that district or of having been elected to the board of that district as a representative of upper proprietors.

(Schedule 2 – 4(5))

Before co-opting a person as a representative of salmon angler, the board shall consult such organisations representing salmon anglers in the district as they think fit. (Schedule 2 – 4(4))

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Co-option to follow election of qualified proprietors to be held on 8th May 2025

CANDIDATURE FORM

I, the undersigned, am willing to stand for co-option as a Salmon Angler/Tenant Netsman
(*Please delete the category that does not apply)

I confirm that, if elected, I would be willing to serve on Forth District Salmon Fishery Board
for a term of three years.

I confirm that I will abide by the Code of Conduct for Board Members and the Scottish
Government Code of Practice dated August 2013.

Signed.....

Name in capitals:

**Please provide a supporting statement of the skills, experience or other strengths which
will inform the decision making of the board.**

Should there be more candidates than places available, the board may make the decision
based on a vote. (Schedule 2 – 4(1) – In co-opting of representatives of salmon anglers and
of tenant netmen, the number of representatives of salmon anglers and tenant netsmen
together shall be less than the number of elected representatives of qualified proprietors).

Forth District Salmon Fishery Board Code of Conduct for Board Members 2019

This voluntary code aims to supplement the Scottish Government's Code of Good Practice dated August 2013 – <https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Salmon-Trout-Coarse/game/governance>

The Forth DSFB acts under the requirements of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003 and subsequent amendments. Member of the Board therefore have a duty to ensure that it is reflective of the wider membership of fishery proprietors across the District. The purpose of the Forth DSFB is to provide good management procedures for the Forth fishery as a whole. To enable the Forth DSFB to discharge these obligations members of the DSFB have duty to act impartially, transparently and effectively to enable it to discharge those duties.

The Forth DSFB will be hold an election on 8 May 2025 and membership of the Board is open to any qualifying proprietor (who may then mandate a representative). That Board will then co-opt Salmon Anglers and Tenants Netsmen.

To ensure that members of the board are aware of their commitment to the DSFB any candidate who is elected will be expected to abide by the Seven Principle of Public Life.

These are:

Selflessness

You should take decisions solely in terms of the public interest. You should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family or your friends.

Integrity

You should not place yourself under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might, or might be perceived to, influence you in the performance of your official duties.

Objectivity

In carrying out public business, including awarding contracts and recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, you should make choices on merit.

Accountability

You are accountable for your decisions and actions to the public and must submit yourself to whatever scrutiny is appropriate for your office.

Openness

You should be as open as possible about the decisions and actions that you take. You should give reasons for your decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

Honesty

You have a duty to declare any private interests relating to your public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

Leadership

You should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

These principles should inform your actions and decisions as a board member.

Responsibilities as a Board Member

- You should play a full and active role in the work of the body. You should fulfil your duties and responsibilities responsibly and, at all times, act in good faith and in the best interests of the body.
- You should deal with the public and their affairs fairly, efficiently, promptly, effectively and sensitively, to the best of your ability. You must not act in a way that unjustifiably favours or discriminates against particular individuals or interests.
- You must comply with any statutory or administrative requirements relating to your post.
- You should respect the principle of collective decision-making and corporate responsibility. This means that, once the board has made a decision, you should support that decision.
- You must not use, or attempt to use, the opportunity of public service to promote your personal interests or those of any connected person, firm, business or other organisation.

Attendance:

The Board meet quarterly (plus one public meeting) and the dates are set annually, it is expected therefore that a Board member will commit to attending meetings to ensure that effective management can take place. The Forth DSFB currently reports on attendance annually.

Non-attendance of two consecutive meetings will be raised at the next board meeting and the Forth DSFB reserves the right to investigate further the reasons for non-attendance. If it is felt that a board member is unable or unwilling to attend then the Board reserves the right to ask the member to resign from the Board and to elect another member in their place.

Confidentiality

Due to the sensitive nature of the work that the Forth DSFB undertakes (in particular in relation to enforcement), all board member must respect the information provided by the Clerk, Superintendent and other board members as confidential. Any breach of confidentiality will result in the Forth DSFB asking the member to resign forthwith and a new member may be co-opted in their place.

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