

Western Isles District Salmon Fisheries Board

Gyrodactylus salaris Declaration

Gyrodactylus salaris (GS) is an extremely dangerous parasite responsible for the destruction of salmon stocks in over 20 rivers in Norway. *Gyrodactylus* is present in Russia, Finland, Sweden, Germany, France, Spain and Portugal.

Once present the only method is the complete eradication of all fish in a river and allowing the river to remain fallow.

The *Gyrodactylus* parasite is carried in fresh water and will survive away from a fish host for some time. Damp fishing tackle such as landing nets, fly boxes and waders all provide suitable conditions for the transfer of this parasite.

It is vital that we take the appropriate bio security precautions to ensure that *Gyrodactylus* does not enter our rivers.

It is the policy of the Western Isles District Salmon Fisheries Board that no fishing is to take place until a GS declaration has been signed. Please read and sign the following declaration.

I declare that my fishing tackle **HAS NOT** been outside the United Kingdom in the 7 days prior to the date of my arrival at _____**

Or

I declare that my fishing tackle **HAS** been used outside the United Kingdom in the 7 days prior to the date of my arrival at _____ and that it has been properly sterilised by using one of the following methods**:

- **Drying** to a minimum of **20 degrees Celsius** for **48 hours**.
- **Heating** to above **60 degrees Celsius** for **1 hour**.
- **Deep freezing** for **24 hours**.
- **Immersion** in a solution of one of the following chemicals to the concentration indicated for a minimum of **10 minutes**: *Virkon* 1% or *Wescdyne* 1% or *Sodium Chloride* (common salt) 3% or *Sodium Hydroxide* 0.2%.

Signed----- **Print**----- **Date**-----

** Delete as applicable