



Virtual Fisheries Forum 22/03/2022 (The Angling Improvement Fund).

Q&A session

Q. Is there a limit on funding for areas?

A. (Andy) No not for areas but applications must be for sites within England and the limit is £5000 per project.

Q. Is Andrew Chadwick one of your fishery advisors (in the south)? I met him last year and got the impression he was/had replaced Jake Davoile?

A. (Alex) Andrew Chadwick is an Environment Officer and I am guessing he was active advising you in your project as you would have applied for the last round of AIF funding which intended for improving biosecurity whereas this time round the funding is intended for predation prevention. Jake is still active in his post as a fishery management advisor.

Q. We rent a lake from the council. Are we able to get funding? especially if the council will not contribute to the overall funding?

A. (Alex) That comes down to the terms of the lease I would think. If a secure long-term lease is held the AIF funding application is more likely to be successful.

A. (Andy) Yes, if a decent lease is held and you are providing angling opportunity to people who buy fishing licenses then yes you can apply! There is a large number of fisheries which are leased yet are successful with funding applications.

Q. Earlier this week I started an application, I completed section 2, went back to section 1 to change something, when I went back to section 2 it was blank!?

A. (Andy) I suspect this may be a case of accidentally opening a new application. Contact me to discuss and we will try to sort this.

Q. Who would you prefer to sign from a club? Chairman, treasurer or someone else?

A. (Andy) It does not matter but when we pay out the money the person named as making the application is financially responsible.

Q. Can anything be done about Otter predation on rivers? We have a large population.

A. (Alex) This will be a matter to reach out to your relevant Angling Trust Fisheries Management Advisor. I am not sure the fund would be able to do anything for rivers.

Q. Cormorants are my main concern and are what I would like AIF funding to tackle. Can the funding also be used for fish refuges at my fishery?

A. (Andy) Yes but contact our Fisheries Management Advisors to discuss the exact details of what you want.

Q. Where does the FMA north-south divide occur? My club has waters in West Midlands from Ironbridge to Tewkesbury?

A. (Alex) This would be Richard Bamforth covering your area as a FMA.

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