

CORMORANTS - Biodiversity in Danger

PETITION to lobby for a change in the law and have the Cormorant placed on the 'GENERAL LICENCE' allowing the legal control of numbers where they pose a threat to our fish populations.

Dear Fellow Angler,

We are asking for your help in obtaining as many signatures for our petition from customers, friends and visitors to your shop as you possibly can.

A review of the cormorant licensing system was announced by DEFRA in January 2011, and this could be our only chance to influence this and make the difference we so desperately need.... So PLEASE HELP.

The more signatures we get, the louder our voice will be.

We have enclosed six blank petition sheets and would ask that you keep one as a master/template and photocopy your additional requirements.

We would also ask that you return the completed sheets in batches, perhaps weekly, fortnightly or monthly. This will ensure as many as possible are included in the overall petition, and will enable us to deliver the petition at short notice.

We have sent this to all 868 tackle shops up and down the country and it is vital that everyone takes part.

If we don't unite now on the most emotive subject in angling today, and on the biggest ever threat to our fish stocks, then we will only have ourselves to blame for the consequences of having to continue to put up with cormorants on our waters as an everyday occurrence we can do nothing about.

The petition is to be delivered to Richard Benyon MP. Minister for Natural Environment and Fisheries.

Further information and details, plus our accompanying document, which is to be sent with the petition can be found at www.avonroachproject.co.uk and <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/cormorants-biodiversity-in-danger.html>

We very much look forward to your support and receiving your completed petition sheets.

For and on behalf of Trevor Harrop, Budgie Price, Jim Wreglesworth, Hugh Miles, Chris Whalley, Peter Pleydell-Bouverie, Peter Orchard... And all the fish under three pounds in mainland UK.

Please return your completed sheets in batches to:-

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