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**Your Fisheries – River Thame**

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**We need your help!**

**Take part in the questionnaire and have your say**

**River Thame – ‘Your Fisheries’**

**What is ‘Your Fisheries’?**

‘Your Fisheries’ is an initiative developed by The Rivers Trust, the Environment Agency and Angling Trust. It is a web-based application that brings together evidence and knowledge from a range of different sources to help produce fisheries action plans. These plans are intended to represent a multi-partner perspective on the current status of fish populations and fishing opportunity in the catchment, the key factors affecting them and the actions required to maintain and/or deliver improvements.

The River Thame Conservation Trust are looking to produce a fisheries action plan for the River Thame catchment and to help us put together this plan we are looking to collect information and gain your views by completing the questionnaire below on the following topics:

1. The current status of fish populations
2. Key factors affecting fish populations
3. Actions to maintain or improve fish populations
4. Monitoring
5. Fishing Opportunity and fishing access

Please note all views and information gathered will be treated with confidentiality. For further details please contact Tom Sherwood at [tom@theriverstrust.org](mailto:tom@theriverstrust.org)

**About You**

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Member of angling club or other organisation:

Are you happy to receive further information related to ‘Your Fisheries’ via the e-mail address/ address provided?

**Please e-mail completed questionnaires to** [**tom@theriverstrust.org**](mailto:tom@theriverstrust.org) **or post to**

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**River Thame – ‘Your Fisheries’ Questionnaire**

**Fish Populations**

In this section we would like to get an understanding of what you think the current status of fish populations are like within the River Thame. For the purposes of this question we have split the catchment into two. The Upper Thame (from source to where the Scotsgrove Brook enters the main river at Thame) and Lower Thame (from Scotsgrove Brook to Thames Confluence)

1. **How would you rate the current status of fish populations in the Upper Thame Catchment?**

Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Bad, Unknown

Answer -

**What are your main reasons for choosing this score and do you have any supporting information i.e. catch records, log books etc.?**

# if you require more room, please continue at the end of the questionnaire

1. **How would you rate the current status of fish populations in the Lower Thame Catchment?**

Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Bad, Unknown

Answer -

**What are your main reasons for choosing this score and do you have any supporting information i.e. catch records, log books etc.?**

**Key Factors affecting fish populations**

When answering this question please consider what you think are the main problems and factors affecting fish populations in the River Thame catchment. Please consider what the effect is, if there any specific locations and whether there is a particular effect on breeding, growth or survival of fish populations

1. **Please indicate what are the main issues affecting fish populations in the River Thame catchment**

**Actions**

In this section please think of what actions you think could be taken to improve fish populations This could be in the catchment overall or at specific locations and could include actions such as habitat improvement works, providing fish passage, improving water quality etc.

1. **What actions do you think would help maintain or improve fish populations in the River Thame Catchment?**

**Monitoring**

In this section please consider what additional monitoring might be needed in the Thame catchment. This could include further Fisheries surveys, habitat assessments, water quality monitoring etc. either on the catchment scale or at specific locations.

1. **Please highlight any additional monitoring you think needs to be undertaken in the River Thame Catchment to help improve understanding of fish populations and what may affect them.**

**Fishing Opportunity**

In this section we would like to get your views and opinions on what the availability and access to fishing is like in the whole of the Thame catchment i.e. do you feel there is enough fishing available or is access and availability of fishing an issue?

1. **How would you rate the current level of opportunity to access fishing in the River Thame Catchment?**

Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Bad, Unknown

Answer -

1. **What are your main reasons for choosing this score?**

**Factors Affecting fishing opportunity and access**

In this section we would like you to consider what are the factors which affect fishing opportunity and access in the catchment. This could be the availability of day tickets, car parking, affordability of permits, bankside fencing, information on fishing rights etc. This could be generic or at specific locations

1. **What do you see as the key factors which affect fishing opportunity and access to fishing in the River Thame Catchment?**

**Actions to improve fishing opportunity and access**

In this section please think of actions which would improve fishing opportunity in the Thame catchment. Again this could be generic measures or measures at specific locations and could include, for example, improving day ticket permit availability, improving access to fishing pegs, car parking etc.

1. **What actions do you think would improve fishing opportunity and access to fishing in the River Thame Catchment?**

**Further information**

**If you would like to provide further information to any of the above questions or any other point of interest, please use the space below**

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