

AGENDA ITEM No. ....

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: LEISURE SERVICES GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE	Subject: APPLICATION FOR GRANT- SCOTTISH CAMPAIGN FOR PUBLIC ANGLING	
From: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES		
Date: 15/1/98	Ref: PJ/RS/SR	

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to advise sub-committee of an application for grant funding received from the Scottish Campaign for Public Angling and to recommend a course of action.

2. BACKGROUND

The Scottish Campaign for Public Angling (SCAPA) claims national and non-political status and has the aim of bringing all angling rights in Scotland into public ownership under an elected Scottish Anglers Trust. The attached letter from the organisation indicates the difference between Scotland and other countries around the world in terms of jobs and revenue created by public sector controlled angling and points to advantages to conservation.

3. GRANT REQUESTED

The organisation is seeking a financial contribution of £150 towards administration and research costs.

Whilst this amount compares reasonably with previous contributions from other local authorities including Angus, East Renfrewshire, Edinburgh, Fife, North Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire its proposed use for core-funding against administration and research costs makes it difficult to establish direct benefit to North Lanarkshire residents or the Council.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the application is not supported.

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Dear Sirs

Application for Financial Assistance - Public Access to Scotland's Waters

We are a non-political organisation, formed in March 1990, with the aim of bringing all angling rights in Scotland into public ownership under an elected Scottish Anglers Trust. The Trust would ensure that all anglers could fish at reasonable cost allied to conservation. There would be no free for all.

Over the years local authorities have generously supported our campaign and our last request for funding, in September 1996, resulted in contributions from: - Angus £50.00, East Renfrewshire £50.00, Edinburgh £100.00, Fife £100.00, North Ayrshire £150.00, South Lanarkshire £118.00, and West Dunbartonshire £100.00.

Public angling is the norm in Canada, France, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and the United States - to name but a few. Conservation is given top priority and the economic benefits are greater than in Scotland.

In Scotland a 1989 survey by MacKay Consultants stated our angling supported 3,400 jobs and was worth £50 million to the economy. For a number of reasons those figures have declined drastically since 1989.

In Sweden 13,000 jobs are created and the figure for Norway is 7,500 jobs. Angling in New Zealand is worth 845 million dollars to the economy. In the American state of Michigan (twice Scotland's size in area and population) angling supports 30,000 jobs and is worth 1 billion dollars to the state.

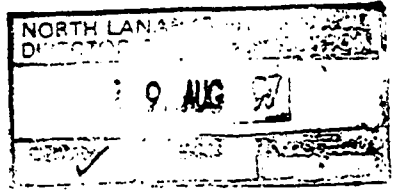
For the guidance of your Council we are seeking a financial contribution of £150.00 towards our administration and research costs only.

Please be kind enough to place this letter before your Council.

Yours faithfully

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Secretary



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