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GRAND INTRODUCTORY
RAFFLE

On behalf of the
Flow Country Rivers Trust

The river Berriedale and the Flows looking west from Cairn Mhor

WHO WE ARE

At one end of the scale are the bodies established by Parliament – the Caithness and the Northern District Salmon Fishery Boards. At the other end are the big hitters such as Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). In between comes the Flow Country Rivers Trust, a vigorous, broad-minded, independent body of men and women. It has seven trustees, chaired by James Fleming, and a Scientific Advisor, the highly respected Alan Youngson (full details at www.fcrt.org). Its job is to think not just about salmon but about all species of freshwater fish in the Flow Country and to promote whatever it takes for their betterment.



THE FLOW COUNTRY

WE PROTECT YOUR FISH

- Will the offshore renewable industries (ie the Moray Firth wind farm, the Pentland Firth underwater turbines and probably others as yet unknown) prove harmful to migrating salmon?
- Why are the wild brown trout in Loch Watten in decline? Is this similar to the decline that took place in the 1970s? Is the build-up of Canadian Pondweed to blame? Have P and N levels risen unduly in recent years?
- What are the consequences of government figures that count one salmon caught and released five times as five different fish? Do we have many fewer salmon than the stats would have us believe? How can we know what the correct figures are?

WE THINK TO THE FUTURE

Let's be realistic. Climate change is here to stay. So is the degradation of the oceans. In fifty years time some fish species, especially the migratory ones, may be on the way to extinction. It's not impossible. What can the Trust do about that? Lots of things. For example, it can lobby for more research on sea-going smolts, for slowing the spate run-off by blocking forestry drains and for electro-fishing the Flow Country rivers regularly. Change is inevitable. But let's not be surprised by it. Let's chart it as it happens so that we have ample time to consider the next step.

WE THINK TO THE PAST

With your help we want to locate, digitise and archive the absolute treasure trove of printed and hand-written records that tell the story of three centuries of freshwater fishing effort in the Flow Country. River owners, agents, netsmen, newspapers, hotels, fishing clubs, your granny, all will have bits of paper lying around the place. What happens to paper? It hates damp. It loves skips. So let us gather together these relics and make a permanent record of them before they disappear.

This is an extraordinary and exciting project. For now we are only at the first stage of discussions with the North Highland Archive. But next year!

It is fundamental to the well-being of the rivers and lochs of the Flow Country that the Trust is supported. Never has it been truer in the world of nature that the enjoyment of future generations depends on the effort of this one.

Please assist our work in any way you can.

THE DEAL

For £10 only

become a Friend of the Flow Country Rivers Trust for a year
and receive your raffle ticket

This offer is good for the 2015 season only.

THE PRIZES

- The following river owners will be delighted to welcome the individual winners in specific weeks – to be announced later:
Naver – the Skelpick Private Water
Thurso – John Thurso M.P.'s Private Beat
Thurso – Thurso Fisheries Ltd. Private Beat
 - These rivers may be fished by arrangement directly with the owners so as to accord with the water conditions:

Berriedale	Borgie	Dunbeath
Forss	Kinloch	Mallart
Strathy	Wick	
 - AND - the gift of Jim Gray of Altnaharra Estate, three colossal days on the Dee for three rods. To each of the three lucky winners will go one rod on THREE consecutive days in May/ June on the Upper Drum and Lower Durris Fishings. These beats are immediately below the world famous Park Beat and can be fished from both banks.
AND - the gift of the owners of the Halladale, three rods on the Lower River for the WHOLE of the second week of April. How can you possibly resist?
 - TROUT FISHING - the committee of the Dounreay Fly Fishing Association is offering FIVE separate days on the cream of its brown trout lochs, complete with boat, to a fisher man or woman with or without his family.
 - Mr Pieter Høvig is offering one day on Loch Scye, the most difficult of all the Flow lochs but also, in the mayfly season, the most rewarding, plus FIVE days on Loch Shurrery where, thanks to an osprey and Pieter's efforts, the average size of fish is three times bigger than a couple of years ago.
 - A day on Loch na Moine, a private paradise nestling on Sandside Head with fantastic views of Orkney.
- LASTLY
- The most fascinating opportunity for a salmon angler - a day with master netsman James Mackay hauling the nets at the Armadale station.

THE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ULBSTER ARMS, HALKIRK, ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6th 2015.

Enrol as a Friend of the Trust

I wish to assist the work of the Flow Country Rivers Trust and be kept informed about its activities. Please enrol me as a Friend and send me my raffle ticket for £10.

Name.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....

Email.....

To receive your raffle ticket(s) please complete the above and post it with a cheque payable to "Flow Country Rivers Trust" to the address given below.

Alternatively, if paying by Bank Transfer (see below), you may scan this form and submit it by email to admin@fcrt.org

(We will NOT use this information for any other purpose than to contact you with Trust news.
We will NOT pass your email address or other details to any third party.)

Be bold! Be brave!

Further raffle tickets are available at £10 each. No limit!

Increasing your support for the Trust

If you would like to make a donation or set up a Standing Order to continue supporting the work of the Trust please indicate below. To increase the benefit of your contribution at no cost to yourself, please "Gift Aid" it. Further details are available on our website at www.fcrt.org (click on admin).

Payment

Please make your cheque payable to "Flow Country Rivers Trust" and return with this form to: The Flow Country Rivers Trust, Skerraboe, North Keiss, Wick, Caithness, KW1 4XF.

If paying by Bank Transfer or setting up a Standing Order, our details are:

Account Name: Flow Country Rivers Trust

Sort Code: 83-28-07; Account No 00276908;

Reference: [please insert your full name]

Even if you're paying by Bank Transfer, we still need a completed form to send you your raffle ticket(s)

Payment by Standing Order is of great assistance with our admin. costs.

Checklist

Please tick as applicable:

I enclose a cheque for £.....

OR

a payment of £.....has been made on (date paid) to the Trust bank account. (this will enable us to identify your remittance) This covers my enrolment and first raffle ticket plus.....extra tickets.

I confirm that I am aged 16 or over.

If you wish to support us additionally via Gift Aid

For every £1 donated under Gift Aid the Trust can recover 25p from HMRC.

Higher rate tax relief can be claimed by you on Gift Aid donations.

A Declaration can be cancelled at any time by notifying us. It must cease if you no longer pay tax.

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