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WELSH CANOEING ASSOCIATION



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Annwyl Laurence,

RE: Canoeing agreement River Tawe and Twrch

The WCA board, in the light of recent research, membership wishes and angler representations has issued a directive that "access agreements" are unsustainable and ineffective mechanisms for managing recreational canoeing. The board have issued a mandate not to enter into such arrangements and are undertaking an audit of the existing arrangements in place.

We now recognise that due to the size and scope of paddling activity in Wales that it is incongruent for the Welsh Canoeing Association to be providers of access.

It is clear from the complaints that we have received from your association that some canoeists are in breach of the existing agreement. We also note that this also true from the in respect of some angling practitioners. It is frustrating for us that we are unable to create meaningful agreements for the benefit of all parties.

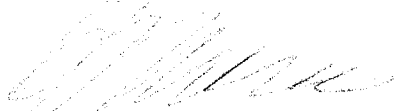
Therefore the Welsh Canoeing Association is writing to terminate its current agreement with your association for canoeing.

As we recognise that paddling will continue to take place along the rivers of Wales, we are prepared to offer resources to help secure funding for any improvements that may be beneficial to allow this to continue (items such as fencing, styles, signage and car parking). We also offer our technical expertise in allowing you to consider realistic mechanisms for managing water-based activity, in co-operation with other partners and National Governing Bodies.

We are very grateful for your co-operation during the agreement to date and hope that you will be able to find an appropriate way to manage activity on your land in the future.

If we can be of any further help, please do not hesitate to contact Ashley Charlwood on 01341 422692 (direct), who has responsibility for helping organisations such as yours in providing opportunity for canoeing.

Diolch a cofion gorau.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Richard Harvey', is written over a light grey rectangular stamp area.

Richard Harvey

(Chief Executive Officer)