

**NOTE OF THE ROUND TABLE SUB-GROUP MEETING ON ACCESS AGREEMENTS
MONDAY 17 JUNE 2010**

Attendees:

Gethyn Thomas	FERAC
Graeme Harris	FERAC
Stephen Marsh-Smith	Wye and Usk Foundation
Andy Schofield	Environment Agency
Matt Strickland	Environment Agency
Dave Liddy	FCW
Jont Bulbeck	CCW
Gerry Quarrell	WAG
John Watkins	WAG
Catrin Dellar	WAG

Following reassurance from Gerry that the Minister is reassured and invigorated in relation to access to inland water and on the importance of the Splash Fund the group went on to discuss the Sustainability Committee's Report on access to water.

Everyone agreed that the Report could help to promote access agreements on rivers. GH and GTh confirmed that on the whole anglers were content with the recommendations. However though it was suggested that the Environment Agency would be best placed to take on the role of facilitator and enforcer GTh did not believe that this would be the preferred option by anglers.

Priority waters

The group then went on to discuss which rivers (and other bodies of water) should be given priority and who should take the work forward.

MS had produced a table listing the rivers identified for investigation at the meeting in May. The table included current access available, headlines relating to the river and information on riparian rights where available. It also identified possible leads for each body of water.

[MS explained that Dave Proctor, referred to as a possible lead was an independent access officer/negotiator – i.e. unconnected to any agency. It was suggested that where he is indicated as the lead that this would be overseen by the EA.]

Table of projects to take forward in short term:

Project	lead	Actions
Fairy Glen (Afon Conwy)	EAW / FCW / CCW	
Lower Glaslyn	National Trust / EAW / RSPB / GH	GH to approach Glaslyn angling club
Mawddach / Eden/ Gamlan / Gain	FCW / with help from SMS / GH	focus on lower reaches, DL & SMS to approach angling clubs again in light of Sustainability Committee Report
Upper Severn (Caersws to Pool Quay), Vyrnwy, Banwy, Tanat	Dave Proctor / EAW	Severn Trust
Dyfi	New Dyfi Anglers / GH /WAG	GH to approach angling club
Cefni	EAW	EAW funding to install access & egress points this year
Dee (Llangollen to Farndon)	Dee Trust /GH	Maelor anglers' link SCW funding, focus on condition of SCW funding for multi-use
Taff	CCW/EAW	JB to find CCW lead
Tawe	EAW / WAG(GQ)	Pont y Tawe club, bottom stretch, canoe club proposal, presentation to Gower LFG from EAW, old agreement for access
Lower Usk (Crickhowell to Newbridge)	WUF	SMS to approach riparian/angling interests
Teifi (angling club's canoe club proosal)	splash application	AS to speak to angling club
Tywi (Carmathen to Llansteffan)	CRT - splash application £30k	GT to assist with SPLASH application

Llyn Trawsfynydd	CW / GCC / VW	Project in progress.
Afon Lwyd	WUF / Torfaen	Community based project, removal of some weirs for fish passage. SMS to lead.