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Action on Cormorants - Protect our Fish



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Go to www.anglingtrust.net/cormorants to find out more, watch the great campaign film made by Passion for Angling film maker Hugh Miles or to make a donation to our fighting fund.

This campaign is proudly supported by the Angling Trust, Angling Trades Association, Atlantic Salmon Trust, Avon Roach Project, British Association of Shooting and Conservation, Countryside Alliance, Predation Action Group, Salmon & Trout Association, The Rivers Trust, Wild Trout Trust

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PROTECT OUR FISH - DEMAND ACTION ON CORMORANTS!

The Government is reviewing the impact of the increased numbers of cormorants on our fish stocks. Now is the time for anglers to make their voices heard. Please contact your MP now. Sign and post this card or send them an email.

Go to www.theyworkforyou.com to find out the name of your MP.

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Dear

<<--insert name of your MP here and opposite -->>

I am your constituent and one of hundreds of thousands of anglers who are desperately concerned at the plight of our freshwater fish stocks which have been severely damaged by the increased level of predation by cormorants and goosanders.

Over the last 25 years, over-wintering cormorant numbers have expanded from around 2,000 to as high as 27,000 with each bird eating at least 1lb of fish a day – a total of 4,000 tonnes a year. This is simply unsustainable and is doing massive damage to the biodiversity of our rivers, lakes and canals and to the other wildlife that require healthy fish stocks to survive. In some rivers, indigenous fish species such as the roach, that have thrived since the ice-age, are facing near wipe out. This cannot be allowed to happen. There are 3.5 million anglers in the UK generating £3.5 billion for the economy and sustaining 37,000 jobs. Without sustainable fish stocks, all this is at risk.

The current licensing system for controlling cormorant numbers is woefully inadequate and fails to protect declining fish stocks. Countries such as France have taken effective action, so why can't we?

As my MP I'm asking you to support the measures being proposed, on behalf of Britain's anglers, by the Angling Trust and the organisations listed overleaf to add cormorants and goosanders to the general shooting licence so that their numbers can be more effectively controlled and our fisheries better protected. I would like you to become a parliamentary supporter of the Action on Cormorants campaign. You can add your name to the list at www.anglingtrust.net/cormorants where you can see a film about the problem.

Your support would be greatly appreciated and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Signed Date

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