

GYRODACTYLUS SALARIS DECLARATION

Gyrodactylus Salaris is an extremely dangerous parasite responsible for the destruction of salmon stocks in over 20 rivers in Norway, it is also present in Russia, Finland, Sweden, Germany, France, Spain, and Portugal. It is vital that the Gyrodactylus declaration has been completed and signed by anglers and ensures the appropriate precautions are taken so that Gyrodactylus does not enter our islands.

It is the policy of the Western Isles Salmon Fisheries Board that no fishing is to take place until a GS declaration has been signed.

Please read and sign the following declaration.

*I declare that my fishing tackle and fishing clothing/footwear HAVE NOT been outside the United Kingdom in the 7 days prior to the date of my arrival at South Uist or Benbecula ***

OR

*I declare that my fishing tackle and fishing clothing/foot wear HAVE been used outside the United Kingdom in the 7 days prior to the date of my arrival at South Uist or Benbecula and that it has been properly sterilised by using one of the following methods **:*

- Drying to a minimum of 20 degrees Celsius for 48 hours.
- Heating to above 60 degrees Celsius for 1 hour.
- Deep freezing for 24 hours.
- Immersion in a solution of one of the following chemicals to the concentration indicated for a minimum of 10 minutes: Virkon 1% or Wescdyne 1% or Sodium Chloride (common salt) 3% or Sodium Hydroxide 0.2%.

**** Delete as applicable**

I SHALL WEAR A LIFE JACKET WHILE BOAT FISHING

I am aware of the **South Uist Angling Club and Storas Uibhist's Procedure** (please see reverse) that all persons using a SUAC and/or Storas Uibhist boat **MUST** wear a life jacket which complies with BS EN 399: 1993. I therefore declare that on any occasion that I shall use a SUAC and/or Storas Uibhist boat, I shall wear a lifejacket/buoyancy aid and adhere to the H&S Procedure:

I will wear a buoyancy aid/lifejacket **issued to me by Stòras Uibhist at the rate of £15 (pp/day)** and I agree that it is correctly fitting.

OR

I will wear **my own** buoyancy aid/lifejacket and I agree that it complies with BS EN 396 of 150N or BS EN 399 of 275N, and fully functioning, not damaged and correctly fitting.

**** Delete as applicable**

I acknowledge my acceptance of the appropriate Gyrodactylus Salaris Declaration, the Health & Safety Procedure overleaf and the Wearing of a Life Jacket declaration by signing below.

OR

I acknowledge the acceptance of the appropriate Gyrodactylus Salaris Declaration, the Health & Safety Procedure overleaf and the Wearing of a Life Jacket declaration on behalf of my party by signing below.

Permit/Invoice		Date		Car Reg	
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Name		Signature	
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Stòras Uibhist

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Health and Safety Policy Statement

Stòras Uibhist aims to ensure, so far as is reasonable & practicable, the health, safety & welfare of our visitors while they are fishing our waters that may be affected by our undertakings. This general policy statement provides a commitment and intent to comply with Health & Safety Law etc. Act 1974

To ensure the principles of health & safety are clearly understood the following points must be adhered to:

- 1 All boat anglers **MUST** wear a life jacket and sign the relevant paperwork agreeing to do this, failure to comply will result in anglers being removed from the water.
- 2 Life jackets are obtainable from Stòras Uibhist Office at the hire rate of £15 per person.
- 3 Gyrodactylus Salaris is an extremely dangerous parasite responsible for the destruction of salmon stocks in over 20 rivers in Norway, it is also present in Russia, Finland, Sweden, Germany, France, Spain, and Portugal. It is vital that the **Gyrodactylus declaration** has been completed and signed by anglers and ensures the appropriate precautions are taken so that Gyrodactylus does not enter our islands.
- 4 If a guest has a medical condition which may be a factor or is relevant to the activities undertaken when fly fishing, it must be disclosed. (see terms & conditions – not applicable to SUAC Members)
- 5 The ghillie/angler has final responsibility for boat safety in high wind conditions when too rough for boat use; however Stòras Uibhist has the authority to cease all fishing from boats in high winds.
- 6 Maximum of **3** persons per boat with a maximum load of **330kg**.
- 7 Boat should be in good working order with no leaks, equipped with oars and bailer, anglers are to report any breakages / damage to the Stòras Uibhist office or SUAC Boat Officer immediately after occurring. Boats are checked on a regular basis by the Fisheries Manager.
- 8 Outboard use - Keep speed down to avoid rocks, damage to boats & collision with other boats i.e give way to drifting boats. **Maximum outboard HP on Stòras Uibhist boats is 2.5 HP.**
- 9 Hired outboards from Stòras Uibhist are checked on a regular basis by the Fisheries Manager.
- 10 Floatation devices and personal boats are **NOT** permitted for use on all waters.
- 11 Anglers must act in a safe manner at all times whilst in the boat and **MUST NOT** stand up while fishing.
- 12 Anglers should make themselves aware of any overhead electricity cables at all times i.e. while walking to boat stations, bank fishing, wading and in any cases where cables cross over the lochs during fishing from a boat. While wading anglers should ensure the ground underfoot is stable.
- 13 Eye Protection & a peaked cap should be worn for safety from glare and fishing flies. Anglers should also make the appropriate provisions against sun/heat stroke & also from hypothermia which may arise from long periods outdoors.
- 14 Anglers should take suitable precautions against tick bites and be aware that medical advice should be sought where necessary to prevent contraction of Lyme disease.
- 15 Stòras Uibhist and SUAC ask that general use of common sense and common courtesy is applied sensibly to all activities undertaken by anglers while fishing all waters i.e. boats & huts must be left clean and tidy & crofter's land/property is treated with respect.