

THE TAY DISTRICT SALMON FISHERIES BOARD

Election Procedure 8th December 2020

In terms of Section 47(1) and Schedule 2 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries(Consolidation)(Scotland)Act 2003 a meeting has been called for the purpose of forming an association of Proprietors of Salmon Fisheries and for electing a Committee. This Committee will in due course become the District Board.

At the start of this meeting which will immediately follow the Annual Meeting of Proprietors, the Chairman of the Board will intimate that he and the outgoing Board resign and he will hand the Meeting over to the Clerk who will advise the Meeting that the only business to be conducted is the Election of representatives of proprietors.

The Clerk will advise the meeting of the recommendation of member numbers by the previous Board. This will have to be fixed by the Proprietors before Nomination commences. The Proprietors, at the Election meeting, must decide upon the number of Upper and Lower Proprietors to be elected. The number of co-optees will then be decided by the Elected Proprietors at a subsequent meeting. However, the maximum number of co-optees must be at least one fewer than the Elected Proprietors.

There is now a minimum requirement of 3 Proprietors but no maximum.

The Lower Proprietors (being those below Perth Bridge on the Tay and those below the old Bridge of Earn railway bridge on the River Earn) will elect from amongst themselves at least 1 member of the Committee and the Upper Proprietors elect the other members of the Committee from amongst themselves.

Should more candidates be proposed by either the Upper or Lower Proprietors than has been agreed by the Meeting before the Election commenced, the Clerk will call a vote.

A Qualified Proprietor (i.e. a Proprietor of a Salmon Fishery entered in the Valuation Roll) shall have in respect of each Fishery he owns within the District at least 1 vote, dependent on the entries as follows:-

Value in the Valuation Roll up to £5,000	-	1 Vote
Value in the Valuation Roll between £5,001 and £10,000	-	2 Votes
Value in the Valuation Roll between £10,001 and £15,000	-	3 Votes
Value in the Valuation Roll above £15,000	-	4 Votes

A Proprietor whose Fishery has not been entered in the Valuation Roll is not entitled to vote in the Election.

Where an individual, company or organisation owns more than 1 Fishery in the District then that individual, company or organisation is entitled to a maximum of 4 Votes for each of those Fisheries.

A single vote for all vacancies will be taken and the relevant candidates gaining the most votes will be elected. A Proprietor with 1 vote may only use that single vote for a single candidate of his choice. A Proprietor with more than 1 vote may use those votes for any combination of candidates he chooses. In the event of a tie there will be a further Election between those candidates who have tied.

In terms of Section 42 of the Act, a qualified Proprietor or an elected member or Chairman may at any time authorise a Mandatory to act for him. A Mandatory may as such be elected to be a representative of Qualified Proprietors or serve as Chairman of the Board.

Within 21 days after the Election the first Meeting of the new Board must take place. The new Board is then obliged to co-opt representatives of salmon anglers and tenant netsmen and the new District Board may remain in office for up to 3 years. The Chairman, who must be a Proprietor or Mandatory of a Proprietor will be elected by the whole Board once it is fully formed with co-opted members.

Please contact Inga MacGillivray (Clerk) on 01738 583733 if you have any questions.