



**Association of  
Salmon Fishery Boards**



The Atlantic salmon is an iconic symbol of Scotland and a wonderful natural resource. The migrations of the Atlantic salmon may cover thousands of miles from the natal river to the sub-arctic regions of the North Atlantic Ocean. It provides vital revenue to the rural economy and has significant wider benefits to biodiversity. Yet, wild Atlantic salmon and sea trout are under threat from a range of human activities.

As a candidate in the upcoming Scottish elections, the Association of Salmon Fishery Boards and Rivers & Fisheries Trusts of Scotland asks you to sign up to our pledge to protect Scottish wild salmon and sea trout:

***'If elected, I pledge to work towards the protection of our iconic wild Atlantic salmon and sea trout and the habitats on which they depend'***

**To sign up please reply to this email**

The names of all signatories will be posted on our dedicated Facebook pages and distributed to members of wild fisheries and angling groups across Scotland.

## **About Us**

**The Association of Salmon Fishery Boards is the representative body for Scotland's 41 District Salmon Fishery Boards (DSFBs) including the River Tweed Commission (RTC), which have a statutory responsibility to protect and improve salmon and sea trout fisheries.** Conservation of fish stocks, and the habitats on which they depend, is essential and many DSFB's operate habitat enhancement schemes and have voluntarily adopted 'catch and release' practices to this end. ASFB create policies that seek where possible to protect wider biodiversity and our environment as well as enhancing the economic benefits for our rural economy that result from angling. An analysis completed in 2004 demonstrated that freshwater angling in Scotland results in the Scottish economy producing over £100 million worth of annual output, which supports around 2,800 jobs and generates nearly £50million in wages and self-employment into Scottish households, many of which are in rural areas.

Rivers and Fisheries Trusts of Scotland (RAFTS) is an independent freshwater conservation charity representing Scotland's national network of 24 rivers and fisheries Trusts and Foundations. Our members work across over 90% of Scotland's freshwaters to protect and develop our native fish stocks and populations by undertaking a range of activities including freshwater, river habitat restoration, fish and fisheries monitoring, research and education programmes. RAFTS is the membership organisation of the fisheries and rivers trusts operating in Scotland and is, itself, a charity and company limited by guarantee.