

Firstly, I trust you are all well and slowly as life returns to what will be known as “the new normal” you are able to once again enjoy your family and friends whilst also taking care and following current guidelines.

The committee had an extra meeting to discuss and look at what action we need to be taking to safeguard our members whilst also taking on board the regulations from Defra and the local boat skippers in the ports. We considered all the aspects of the events and have concluded we need to address these now and keep you all informed.

The Committee have taken everything into consideration, Social Distancing, Social Gathering restrictions, Self-Isolation should anyone be found to have Covid19, covering track and trace requirements. The hotels and accommodation uncertainty and the cost of covering 5 anglers on a boat when we normally would have 10. Based on all the current information the Committee have made the following decisions that we feel safeguards you and everyone involved in our competitions and these are as follows:

**English Boat Championship-Weymouth- September 2020.      Cancelled**

The current situation in Weymouth is the skippers are continuing to only take 5 anglers on a boat (making a total of 6 people from different households) and maintaining the 2-meter Social Distancing Guidelines. We support them in this as it shows due diligence and taking care of the anglers, they are responsible for. The cost implication of a restricted number of competitors makes holding the event unviable financially and is also restrictive in opening it up to all our members.

Up to now only four people had entered and their money will be refunded. If you have booked or reserved accommodation, please do make your own arrangements to cancel them.

This is regrettable and we trust you understand the decision to cancel and give you all good notice to take care of any prearrangements you might have made.

**English Species Event-Penzance-November 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 2020.      Decision by 17<sup>th</sup> Septemebr**

After a long discussion the Committee have decided to suspend the entry form for the moment and to have another look at the guidelines closer to the proposed dates. We will be having another full Committee meeting (via teams) in early September and we will update everyone by the 17th of September at the latest. It is our hope that things may have changed, we can be hopeful and with another discussion with the skippers we will be in a more informed position to decide on the event.

**AGM and Fun Fish 2021**

We will be looking at these events at our next Committee Meeting in early September and trust you will agree that this is the best we can do now. We must always be mindful of our responsibilities to everyone within the Section and those we all come into contact with.

Please be assured that we are trying to look after everyone’s interest, and we will continue to do so.

I thank everyone for their support, and we will continue to update you all as things develop.

Thank you, stay safe and please take care.

Neil

Chairman, EFSA England