



*National Coarse
Fishing Federation
of Ireland*

Coarse Angling Development and Conservation Stamp

An opportunity for improving all recreational coarse angling on the Island of Ireland.

Angler's contributions are invested in developing and protecting recreational fisheries infrastructure to improve coarse angling opportunities for all.

Agree by unanimous vote at AGM 2012



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Coarse Angling Development and Conservation Stamp

The Executive Committee of NCFFI presented the following draft proposals on setting up a Coarse Angling Development and Conservation Stamp fund, CADACS having been agreed unanimously, by an AGM 2012.

It is proposed that fund will be designed and managed by NCFFI Executive Members in partnership with relevant statutory bodies.

The CADACS will apply to the island of Ireland and will replace all state licences, conservation stamps and permits currently payable by the coarse angler in either jurisdiction.

In essence, it will comprise of an investment fund contributed to by all coarse anglers including tourist anglers and will be used for the development of coarse angling facilities to improve coarse angling opportunities for all. It may however provide certain exemptions or concessions for children, disabled anglers, old aged pensioners and those on illness benefit and long-term unemployed.

What will this mean for coarse angling on the Island of Ireland?

It will provide much needed capital to progress many angling facility development projects throughout the country. This will be achieved by providing developing groups (contributors) the necessary funding, to plan, develop and complete projects with the assistance of the ACI, IFI and DCAL and the other state agencies.

CADACS contributions received from this fund may be used as seed capital and may attract other support funding e.g. Leader Funding. This would provide an excellent opportunity to advance coarse angling facility development to a level not experienced in Ireland before.

- Coarse Anglers will have a direct input in to how the fund is managed
- Coarse Anglers will have meaningful participation in the assessment and allocation of funding processes for all projects
- Coarse Anglers contributions can attract partnership funding opportunities
- Coarse Anglers can plan, develop and complete angling facility projects in their own areas

What is this about and how will it work?

Coarse Anglers only pay an investment contribution for improving angling fisheries infrastructure for the purpose of improving angling opportunities that will benefit them and other tourist anglers.



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Improving Coarse Recreational Angling Opportunities in Ireland

Improvement works will include:

- Coarse Angling Safety Training
- Coarse Angling Safety equipment
- Developing open access gates with wheelchair access
- Safe Angling platforms including adaptations suitable for disabled anglers, elderly and children
- Riparian zone works to improve access to fisheries, river, lake and shoreline
- Provision of toilet facilities
- Fishing huts
- Club storage facilities (containers, etc)
- Drying rooms
- Provision of slipways for launch and recovery of small angling boats
- Certified Angling Coaching & Technical Skills courses
- Provision of safe car parking for anglers
- Angling boats and stands for the inclusion of children and disabled adults
- Marina developments for small boats
- Upkeep and maintenance of facilities
- Restocking projects
- Development of fresh water nature reserves
- Catch & Release for coarse fish
- Provide additional insurance cover for projects
- Provide for professional fees if required for projects

The proposed fund is not to be used to undertake work which does not benefit catching fish such as saving the pollen, restoring eels, protecting pearl mussels, etc. These are functions provided by IFI, DCAL and others. The proposed new system must be based in law and enforced by IFI and DCAL Fisheries.



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Aims of the CADACS Fund

- To improve fisheries, (facilitating coarse angling through infrastructure development) as well as implement a CATCH & RELEASE for coarse fish.
- To provide funding for partnership opportunities such as Leader Ireland, IFI, DCAL, Fáilte Ireland, Waterways Ireland, Loughs Agency, etc.
- To be inclusive and open to all coarse anglers in its operations.

How is the proposed contribution to be collected?

This proposed scheme includes the introduction of a computerised card (similar to a bank card) that must be purchased by all persons using a rod to catch coarse fish. A structured payment system will be introduced.

Period	In State		Out of State	
	Adult (over 18)	Youth	Adult (over 18)	Youth
3 week	€15/£12	€5/£4	€15/£12	€5/£4
1 year	€30/£24	€10/£8	€30/£24	€10/£8

Period	Over 65	Old Age Pensioners/Disabled Anglers/Adult (over 18)	Youth
3 week	€8/£6	€8/£6	€5/£4
1 year	€20/15	€20/15	€10/£8

Provisions could be made to allow payment at selected outlets and online.

Fisheries Officers shall have powers to inspect the angler's contribution card.

Management of Funds

CADACS Fund will be collected by statutory agencies and managed by the CADACS Fund Partnership in each jurisdiction. All funds collected through the fund shall by law be expended on the improvement of fisheries angling infrastructure to improve angling opportunities for all in the jurisdiction in which it is collected shall be made up of three angling representative two representatives of the relevant statutory agencies and two independent (perhaps an accountant and project manager) and an Independent Chair, eight in all. This Partnership would arrive at decisions on a consensus basis, based on mutual respect and in a business like fashion.

Information will be made available to all via a website.



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The CADACS fund would include projects in the following areas:

- In water fisheries enhancement and stocking programmes
- Bank-side improvements
- Angler access and facilities
- Recreational and Sport Angling education, awareness, coaching and training
- Research on recreational coarse angling
- Enforcement of compulsory contributions
- Administration of CADACS programme

CADACS and Investment Accountability

- Five Year strategy
- Annual Investment Plans
- Review, monitoring and Annual Reporting

Applications may be made by public and private angling groups (IFI, State bodies working in partnership with CADACS) for use of the funds. CADACS can only allocate or spend the funds available to it from anglers' contributions.

Annual Contribution Investment Plans

A system will be developed for an annual application and grant scheme which will be agreed prior to the scheme in general being passed into law. The scheme will provide for the grant aiding of projects on an annual or multi year basis. All applications for funding will be assessed on an agreed and published system.

State Leased Fisheries

To assist angling clubs and long-term angling development there is a requirement to take on 10 year leases with clear agreed management conditions. Such leases need to be review annually, and will only be renewed if no serious concerns are raised during reviews.

Should concerns be raised an appeals process will be put in place for speedy resolution of the concerns.



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Project Assessment Criteria

When assessing applications, CADACS will use a number of criteria, some of which are more important than others. Each application will be scored on how well it meets these criteria and then ranked within its own river basin district and within its own coarse angling discipline. CADACS makes the final decision on each application. Applications will be assessed and scored on the following criteria:-

- Whether the applicant is a not for profit community based group
- Whether the applicant complies with Children First Guidelines as developed by the National Governing Body.
- Whether the application increases coarse angling participation and/or coarse angling performance. In particular priority will be given to applications in disadvantaged areas and areas where the relevant coarse angling discipline is poorly developed. In assessing projects a guiding principle will be that projects close to actual angling participation and programmes of training and coaching will have high priority. Landscaping social facilities will in general have a low priority.
- Whether the application has shown that it meets the coarse angling needs of the locality.
- Whether the application shows how the project will be managed and maintained after completion.
- Whether the application has shown that it fulfils the priorities of the coarse angling discipline as identified by NCFFI.
- Whether the applicant can prove that local schools and youth groups have access to the facility.

It is envisaged that this will be a competitive process. Applications just ticking boxes in relation to each scoring criteria will not guarantee funding for a project. CADACS may consult with NCFFI and local schools and groups during the scoring process.



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