

Invasive Non-Native Species & Bio-Security for Angling

INNS cost the British economy at least £1.7 billion every year, and it is estimated that in addition the total non-market costs incurred, including disturbance of ecosystem services, are in the region of £96 billion in the UK.

A considerable part of the non-market costs identified above relates to the impact on angling, whether it is the impact on fisheries from signal crayfish predating on fish or eggs, the adverse changes to habitats from increasing siltation, KHV affecting carp or the as yet not quantified results of the arrival of Killer Shrimp and Demon Shrimp together with the more recent arrival of Quagga mussels from Europe.

Anglers need to take their part in ensuring that we do not accidentally spread these species further than where they are at present, and the Angling Trust has been supporting the government's Check, Clean, Dry bio-security message for the last 4 years: in fact we were part of the group that set this up. There is already a range of good practices out there — carp anglers in particular have been carrying out disinfections as a means of ensuring that KHV is not spread; but we need to do more.

This is why we are asking that all coaches are trained in the Check, Clean Dry procedures by signing up to and completing the online training module on the GB Non-Native Species Secretariat's website at www.nonnativespecies.org.

The training section includes the basic Module 1: Introduction to Non-Native Species and Module 3: Bio-security training. Please complete both modules (it only takes half an hour and all our front-line staff members have done it) and send a copy of your certificate to emily.smith@anglingtrust.net to our Invasive Non-Native Species Manager Emily Smith.

Following these simple protocols will help to ensure that we are not accidentally spreading species which could damage your fisheries.

We would also encourage you to ask the people you coach to take a look at the information and complete the training.

Good luck in your coaching, and let us know if you have any comments or questions.



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