

Salmon fees cut as stocks dip

SALMON fishing rents have been cut in half in the wake of record low catches.

Crown Estate Scotland warned of 'challenging circumstances' as it said angling association tenants will receive 'significant rebates' on their fishing rents from 2019 to 2021.

The organisation is responsible for the rights to fish wild salmon and sea trout in many river and coastal areas.

The move is in response to a continued drop in fish numbers and tenant feedback on the need for increased support to deal with 'the consequences of falling numbers'.

Wild salmon catches in Scotland are at their

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lowest level since records began, Government figures published last month show.

Fisheries Management Scotland said new data highlighted that stocks are at 'crisis point'.

Fiona Simpson, asset manager for Crown Estate Scotland, said: 'We are aware of the pressures we face as the numbers of adult fish returning from the marine environment continue to reduce.'

'It is vital that we gain greater knowledge of the factors causing this. In the meantime, it is only right that we help our tenants as they try to deal with the consequences of falling fish numbers.'

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