

Going Forward

Together



Stòras Uibhist

Oifis Stòras, Daliburgh, South Uist, HS8 5SS

Health and Safety Policy Statement

Stòras Uibhist aims to ensure, so far as is reasonable practicable, the health, safety & welfare of our visitors while they are fishing our waters that may be affected by our undertakings. This general policy statement provides a commitment and intent to comply with Health & Safety Law etc. Act 1974

To ensure the principles of health & Safety are clearly understood the following points must be adhered to:

- 1 All anglers fishing Stòras Uibhist waters **MUST** wear a life jacket and sign the relevant paperwork agreeing to do this, failure to comply will result in anglers being removed from the water.
- 2 Life jackets are obtainable from Lochboisdale Hotel / Borrodale Hotel /Stòras Office and also the fishing manager, John Steele.
- 3 Gyrodactylus Salaris is an extremely dangerous parasite responsible for the destruction of salmon stocks in over 20 rivers in Norway, it is also present in Russia, Finland, Sweden, Germany, France, Spain, and Portugal. It is vital that the **Gyrodactylus declaration** has been completed and signed by anglers and ensures the appropriate precautions are taken so that Gyrodactylus does not enter our islands.
- 4 If a guest has a medical condition which may be a factor or is relevant to the activities undertaken when fly fishing, it must be disclosed. (see terms & conditions)
- 5 The ghillie/angler has final responsibility for boat safety in high wind conditions when too rough for boat use; however Stòras Uibhist has the authority to cease all fishing from boats in high winds.
- 6 Maximum of **3** persons per boat with a maximum load of **330kg**.
- 7 Boat should be in good working order with no leaks, equipped with oars and bailer, anglers are to report any breakages / damage to the Stòras Uibhist office or fishing manager immediately after occurring. Boats are checked on a regular basis by the Fisheries Manager
- 8 Outboard use - Keep speed down to avoid damage to boats & to avoid collision with other boats i.e give way to drifting boats. Hired outboards from Stòras Uibhist are checked on a regular basis by the Fisheries Manager.
- 9 Floatation devices and personal boats are **NOT** permitted for use on Stòras Uibhist Waters.
- 10 Anglers must act in a safe manner at all times whilst in the boat and **MUST NOT** stand up while fishing.
- 11 Anglers should make themselves aware of any overhead electricity cables at all times i.e. while walking to boat stations, bank fishing, wading and in any cases where cables cross over the lochs during fishing from a boat. While wading anglers should ensure the ground underfoot is stable.
- 12 Eye Protection & a peaked cap must be worn for safety from glare and fishing flies. Anglers must make the appropriate provisions against sun/heat stroke & also from hypothermia which may arise from long periods outdoors.
- 13 Anglers should take suitable precautions against tick bites and be aware that medical advice should be sought where necessary to prevent contraction of Lyme's disease.
- 14 Stòras Uibhist asks that general use of common sense and common courtesy is applied sensibly to all activities undertaken by anglers while fishing the Estates waters i.e boats & huts must be left clean and tidy & crofter's land/property is treated with respect.