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Tyne Anglers Alliance

Re: Drain covers at Killingworth Lake

As you are aware, there has been an ongoing problem whereby a small minority of anglers are lifting the drain covers at Killingworth Lake, and depositing bait therein.

There are a number of issues relating to this, not least of all the health & safety implications to both the perpetrators and the general public. In addition to the health & safety implications, this practice will encourage the fish into the drains increasing the potential for a repeat of the previous serious damage to fish stocks after a poisonous substance found its way in to the drainage system.

Northumbria police, Northumbria Water, and the Environment Agency have all been made aware of the above problem and will take the appropriate action if anyone is caught lifting the drains.

If the lifting of the drain covers continues to be an issue, I will be left with no choice but to enter into talks with the Valuation Section of the Council with a view to having the license revoked or serious restrictions placed upon it.

The terms of the license as it stands, is the result of a lot of hard work from the Tyne Anglers Alliance who have worked tirelessly to improve the rights of access for its members. It would be a real shame if the thoughtless acts of a small minority were to ruin it for the rest.

Tony Morrissey