Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Protection) (Scotland) Act 1951

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 9 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Protection) (Scotland) Act 1951, the Secretary of State for Scotland for the purpose of that section hereby gives permission to Dr Roger Owen, North East River Purification Board, Woodside House, Persley, Aberdeen, AB2 2UQ to use electrical fishing methods in any waters within the Board's area for the purpose of assessing effects of pollution on fish populations during the period 30 June 1986 to 30 June 1987 subject to the conditions stated below.

Principal 30 June 1986

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Section 9 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Protection) (Scotland) Act 1951, reads as follows:-

"9 A person shall not be guilty of any contravention of this Part of this Act or of section 31(1)(a) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 in respect of any act if he does the act for some scientific purpose, or for the purpose of protecting, improving or developing stocks of fish and has obtained the previous permission in writing of the Secretary of State, or in the case of an act which relates to salmon and which is not an act specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of section 4 of this Act, with the previous permission in writing of the district board, if the act is done in a district where there is a district board".

A permit issued under the provision of section 9 only grants exemption from Part I of the Act and section 31(1)(a) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974. The permit holder shall satisfy himself that his actions will not contravene other statutory provisions. In particular it is an offence to fish for take or be in possession of brown trout during the close time which runs from 7 October to 14 March.

Condition 1

You shall obtain the prior permission of all owners or occupiers of fishing rights including riparian owners in the areas where operations take place.

Condition 2

If any operation is required, or due, to take place within parts of a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or a National Nature Reserve (NNR) the Nature Conservancy Council should be notified in advance.