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**Subject:** Angling Reopening a message from UAF Directors.

All,

We would like to greatly thank the DAERA Minister Edwin Poots for re-opening Angling in Northern Ireland from Monday. This was possible following lobbying from Ulster Angling Federation, the other Governing Bodies of Angling, clubs and affiliated organisations.

It highlights the strength of Angling as a sport in Northern Ireland where we are usually overshadowed by other sports.

We would like to thank all member clubs for patience and for acting in a way that has kept our community safe at this difficult time.

We wish you tight lines as you return to the lakes, rivers and beaches to enjoy our sport. Angling is now a permitted activity and you are permitted to drive to and park at your place of exercise having a reasonable excuse (Angling!).

DAERA and Loughs Agency licensing and permit systems will be reopened by Monday also. We have attached some guidance for your clubs to use when reopening on Monday. We do stress that this is only guidance and if you feel it is not safe to re-open at this time, please do remain closed.

There are further grants coming out next week which should be applicable to Angling.

Also check out castbooker as a means of online membership and ticket sales, our club Lagan Rivers Trust has just started using this system, eliminating manual payments and booking.

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Keep Safe and Tight Lines,

Gary Houston.  
Chairman.  
Ulster Angling Federation.