

**National Assembly for Wales**  
**Environment and Sustainability Committee**  
**NRW 2015 – 76**  
**Natural Resources Wales – Annual Scrutiny 2015**  
**Response from J.Thomas**

I am pleased to be given the chance to air my views on the NRW.

As a fisherman who has fished the river Tywi and her tributaries for thirty years or so i am at a loss to how the Sewin and Salmon stocks have been allowed to dwindle down to the present numbers which is evident in the fishermans returns at the end of every season.

A few questions that need to be answered by the NRW.

Why are commercial fishermen,being the seine nets and the coracle fishermen still allowed to net five days a week when the stocks are at an all time low,when we the rod fishermen are returning growing numbers of fish back into the river to try to help the fish stocks?

I haven t seen a bailiff on the river bank for over twelve years and many anglers say the same, the ones that are left where are they?

Where is our salmon licence fee going?

Why has funding been taken away from supporting the hatchery?

What is being done about the growing number of FEBs {witnessed 9 of these on a one mile stretch of the Tywi last season}?

I understand that there are a number of issues that are contributing to the decline in the fish stocks but unless some of the problems are met head on the and not brushed aside then there will be no fishery left for future generations to enjoy!

Regards J.Thomas