



## EA Enforcement Overview

### PROBLEMS

- Rod-licence evasion
- Fishing without permission
- Theft of fish
- Negative impact upon small businesses
- Theft of fishing tackle
- Confusion over law
- Confusion over system
- Under appreciation of the 'Bigger Picture'
- Organised crime
- Migrant issues

### ACTION

- Angler Education: Guides, Fisheries Enforcement Workshops
- Crime Prevention Advice to Fishery Owners
- Police Education: Training
- National Rural Crime Strategy
- Voluntary Bailiff Service
- **Increase Intelligence**
- Encourage multi-agency working
- Joint operations

- Only EA bailiff and police have powers to demand licences.
- Extensive powers of entry, search, seizure and arrest.
- Have to work to same standard of proof as police – 'beyond reasonable doubt'
- Sec 32 of Salmon Act (suspicious circumstances) now includes all species. – Person has to explain how they came into possession of fish etc.

#### The intelligence led approach:-

- EA is not a blue light service and cannot respond immediately to every incident reported
- In common with other law enforcement agencies we have adopted the National Intel Model and target their resources
- EA have a national and Area based intel gathering, analysis and dissemination capability Intel shared with partner agencies
- Reports of illegal fishing have increased:

