

ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL GAME-ANGLING INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION (APGAI)

TEST SYLLABUS

1. TROUT & SEA-TROUT

PRACTICAL

Tests will be carried out in accordance with the schedule of casts and techniques listed below.

You are being examined on your ability as an *"Advanced Professional Game-angling Instructor"* and should therefore bring to the examinations any equipment or teaching aids that you would normally use to demonstrate and or instruct others, but as a minimum:-

- A suitable river rod of your choice, line, leader and fly (with point removed), tag or wool
- A distance rod of your choice with a matching line, leader and fly, tag or wool.

Depending on conditions, parts of your examination may take place on grass or water, therefore please come prepared for both and bring suitable outdoor clothing, boots and waders (thigh or chest).

During your examination you should be prepared to answer questions about your choice of tackle and its suitability for practical fishing and or teaching purposes.

You will be required to demonstrate and teach the following:-

- basic safety measures
- assembling the tackle
- description of rod, reel and line and the AFTM rating system
- stance and grip
- methods for initially working out line.

and then the various casts listed below describing their uses:-

- **Overhead cast** - basic, head wind, side winds, following wind, shooting line and changing direction
- **Roll cast** - basic, head wind, side winds, following wind, and getting more distance using either haul and or minimum drag techniques
- **Single Spey** - right bank, left bank
- **Double Spey** - right bank, left bank
- **Snake Roll** - right bank, left bank
- **Slack Line Casts** - wiggle method and parachute cast
- **Curved casts** - upstream mend, downstream mend
- **Side casts** - backhand cast and underhand cast
- **Double Haul** - closed stance and open stance

Casts must be demonstrated with either left or right hand and /or over the appropriate shoulder, altering techniques to suit given wind conditions and alternate banks of a river.

You will be examined in detail on your knowledge of the mechanics of each cast and your ability to teach, in a clear and concise manner. - stance and grip, wrist arm and body movements, the arc of the rod, and correct power application. You will also be tested on your ability to diagnose faults, clearly demonstrating both the fault itself and its correction.

NOTE: variations in casting style are acceptable provided that the candidate can demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the alternatives and discuss the merits of each.

THEORETICAL

You will also be tested or asked questions on other aspects of:

- Dry **fly** fishing on rivers and stillwaters
- Wet **fly** fishing on rivers and stillwaters
- Nymph fishing on rivers
- Boat fishing on stillwaters
- Bank fishing on stillwaters

with specific reference to:-

- choosing a suitable rod, reel and line for each, discussing the actions and merits of different rod lengths, reels, line tapers and leaders.
- essential knots, including Water knot, Grinner, Nail (needle) knot, Blood, Turle etc and their uses
- methods of line retrieve, striking, playing of fish including use of side strain and walking up, landing of fish and the safe and proper handling of fish
- the life cycle and habitats of brown, rainbow and sea-trout and the stocking merits of the different species
- the chief entomological groups of interest to anglers to be found in rivers and stillwaters
- basic water safety and recognition of common angling dangers including tetanus and Weil's disease
- fishing law and etiquette
- the role of the main organisations within game angling
- suitable books or reading matter that you would recommend
- how you would structure a teaching course

