

# Fish Legal Trustee

## Voluntary role - Travel expenses payable

### Role Description and Person Specification



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The Fish Legal committee members have fiduciary responsibility on behalf of Fish Legal's members. All committee members are automatically appointed as directors of the ACA Trustee Company Limited, which is responsible for overseeing and managing the investment portfolio which comprises Fish Legal's "fighting fund".

Fish Legal is an unincorporated membership association using the law to protect fish stocks and the rights of its members throughout the UK and has been in existence since 1948 (previously known as the Anglers' Co-operative Association and the Anglers' Conservation Association). It is a unique organisation that has a strong track record in taking legal action on behalf of members to protect the water environment. This has included judicial reviews of the government, forcing all the water companies of England and Wales to be subject to the Environmental Information Regulations and countless civil legal claims for pollutions and other damage to fisheries.

It is united in a collaborative relationship with the Angling Trust, the national representative body for angling in England and Wales and the governing body in England. Joint membership packages with the Angling Trust are available for individuals, clubs, fisheries and other categories.

#### General responsibilities

- To act in a way that is most likely to promote the success of Fish Legal for the benefit of its members as a whole;
- To exercise independent judgment;
- To be diligent, careful and well informed about Fish Legal's affairs;
- To avoid conflicts (or possible conflicts) between the interests of the Committee member and those of Fish Legal;
- To oversee Fish Legal's financial management and administration;
- To ensure the proper governance of the organisation;
- To serve as a Director on the Angling Trust Ltd. Board and to maintain a close collaborative relationship with that organisation;
- Reviewing performance against annual plans, targets and performance;
- Ensuring that the Executive have taken appropriate steps to protect Fish Legal from undue risk;
- Ensuring fulfilment by the executive of Fish Legal's constitutional, regulatory and legal obligations;
- Ensuring the management systems and structures of the association so that it can carry out its work effectively, accountably and safely;
- Ensuring protection and enhancement of the reputation of Fish Legal;
- Seeking opportunities to expand and promote awareness of Fish Legal's work, achievements and potential.

## **Person specification**

### **Essential experience**

- Experience of working in a Board Room;
- Experience of working in partnership with other organisations, both within and across sectors.

### **Desirable experience (ideally at least two of the following)**

- Experience in strategic management of a small or medium sized organisation;
- Technical knowledge of environmental issues affecting marine and freshwater fisheries;
- Knowledge of, and enthusiasm for angling, including the way it is organised and run;
- Knowledge of voluntary and community sector governance practice;
- Working knowledge of UK law, ideally litigation and environmental law;
- Experience and basic understanding of finance and investment management.

### **Essential Skills**

- A person who can exercise influence in the field of environmental water management;
- Excellent communication skills, including the ability to communicate the Committee's policies to others, but also to listen to the concerns of its staff and membership and reflect them back accurately to the Committee;
- Ability to get on well with a wide range of people, to build networks and make connections.

### **Personal qualities**

- Energy and determination;
- Passion for protecting fish and the marine and freshwater environment generally;
- Personal integrity and credibility.

### **Time Commitment**

There are usually 4 Fish Legal Committee meetings each year (which are held on the same day as ACA Trustee Company Ltd. Board meetings), all normally held in London between 11am and 3.30pm. Papers are distributed one week in advance to allow time to read and prepare for meetings. There are three sub-committees which hold between 1 and 4 meetings per year. Participation in sub-committees is optional and dependent on availability and skills.

Applicants should complete an application form and send it, along with a current CV or a description of the skills, knowledge and attributes you would bring to the Boardroom, marked "Personal" to Georgina Miller, Company Secretary, Angling Trust, Eastwood House, 6 Rainbow Street, Leominster, HR6 8DQ. Closing date for applications 16 June 2017.