

A scenic view of a reservoir with a dam in the background and a small boat in the foreground. The dam is a concrete structure with a white railing, and a small, domed structure is situated on the water near the dam. The water is calm, and the sky is overcast. The background shows rolling hills and a forested area.

# Trout from the Tapwaters

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## PREFACE

Scotland's water supply reservoirs form a valuable, but not very well-known, resource for trout fishing. Although designed and constructed to keep the population healthy and the wheels of industry turning, many of them provide superb, if unique, habitats for wild brown trout. Most of these reservoirs are close to the populations they serve around the populous Central Belt of Scotland, within easy travelling distance of the big cities of Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee.

Over the years quite a lot of scientific information and management data has been collected by various individuals and agencies and this publication seeks to present it to a wider audience of progressive anglers, fisheries managers and those interested in Scotland's aquatic biodiversity. It provides a companion volume to *The Tartan Trout*, (2009), providing more detailed fisheries management information for those who require it.

The title and theme are based on an article first published by *Fly Fishing and Fly Tying* magazine in April 2009. But the data on which the story is based goes back much further than that. **Enjoy!**

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