

**If YOU think predation has reached epidemic proportions...**

# Don't just moan - DO something!

## **DON'T just sit moaning about fish stock decimation by cormorants and other apex predators – start counting!**

That's the call from Northampton Specimen Group chairman Tony Gibson, who has begun ramping up the fight against over-predation.

*He's urging anglers across the Nene and Upper Ouse catchment areas to record, photograph if possible, and report every cormorant or otter attack they see to the national Predation Action Group.*

That group is focussed on getting cormorants removed from the protected species list, and exposing the down-side of increasing otter numbers to public gaze...the latter an area where, to many on the banks, the Angling Trust can appear afraid to be seen to go.

He said: "We need hard factual evidence, not rant, of the damage over-predation is causing."

Ready to help? Report incidents at [www.thepredationactiongroup.co.uk](http://www.thepredationactiongroup.co.uk) or email [tonygibson1@sky.com](mailto:tonygibson1@sky.com).

● Cormorants don't just eat smaller fish.

Town's Mike Green and buddy Ken Heath recently saw a 'team' of three harry a 30lb carp and drive it to the lake's edge where they tore it apart before being driven off. His picture shows it had no hope of survival.

He said: "They worked as a team. It was a sad and depressing thing to witness, especially as we'd seen this fish grow from about 3lb to 30-4 the last time it was caught.

"Why is our lily-livered government procrastinating over returning these ghastly killers to the vermin list where they rightly belong?"

● CASTLE Ashby boss Mick Hewlett proved he is a boss-rod, too, by setting a new Scotland pond non-carp record, midweek, with 60 slabs, tench and roach for 94-12. Phil Wintle had 64-8 and Pat McGragh 45-10.

● SOME 300 people attended Gilders Tackle co-director Julian Davies' send off at Milton crem last week, with perhaps a hundred outside following the service via the PA system. A popular man and a sad loss to many.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Mill: John Berry 32lb, Dale Gibson 30lb, Dave Walker 28lb.

● TOWCESTER vets, Stockton: Graham Martin 19-1 (roach to 1-8), Gerald Green 16-12, Grenville Read 9-12.

● CASTLE, Canons: Paul Lafflin 17-12, Dave Cantrel 13-12, Bob Moore 13-4.



■ **THE savaged remains of a 30lb carp hunted down – according to eyewitness Mike Green – and shredded by a 'team' of three cormorants.**

**Inset: TOWN specimen group's Tony Gibson wants YOUR help in campaigning to control 'over-predation'.**



● OLNEY Ouse open: Steve Bull 11-11 (bits), Bob Gale 11-10, Mick Stanley 6-15.

● TOWESTER, town Tove: John Broughton 10-12 (roach), Mick Goodridge 4-6, Mark Read 3-4.

● MOBBS Miller, Heyford canal: Darren Childs 10-10 (5 big perch) Mick Dudley 5-13, Stan Atter 4-2.

● NENE, Stony Stratford Ouse: John Balhatchett 8-11 (perch to 2-8), Bob Eales 3-5, Gerald Green 3-1.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Muscott Mill cut: Rob Rawlins 2-9 (no-mates after winning £60 golden peg), Jim Tanser 2-2, Steve Smith 1-3.

● FIXTURES, opens: Sunday, Nene Grafton canal 01604 587382. Nov 10, Olney Ouse 01234 240061.

**Matches, catches, even rough patches? If there's a tale to tell call Trevor Johnson on 01908 270000 (office) or 07801 183381 or [angling@intermediauk.com](mailto:angling@intermediauk.com) (click link to email)**