

# Rule change set to favour England team

Top-flight anglers Tommy Pickering and Steve Ringer could soon be setting up Method feeders in the World Feeder Championships...if England and several other countries get their way.

A high-level meeting last week saw the 50cm hooklength limit for the event scrapped in the light of cheating allegations made against the winning Russian side in this year's event, while Method feeders and

hair rigs, both controversially also banned in the 2011 event, could be included in the 2013 championships.

England's international events director Dick Clegg attended a high-level meeting in Rome last week, where the changes were discussed.

"After feedback from our team I proposed that anglers could fish the Method, and hair-rig their hookbaits.

The reaction was favourable, but we couldn't vote on it for 2012 because a few nations had already selected their teams based on the current rules," said Dick.

England feeder team manager Tommy Pickering welcomed news of the possible changes, especially the squad being able to use short hooklengths.

"This will make a huge difference to the catch rate on some venues," he said.



**Manager Tommy Pickering.**