

## Nith Fishery Management Plan Quarterly Progress

No.	Prescription	Actions	24th March to 12th June	12th June to 12th September	12th September to 12th December	Additional Prescription(s)
			Quarter 02	Quarter 03	Quarter 04	
1	Enforcement	Overt and covert operations	Seasonal members of staff have been employed, operations have been supported by volunteer Bailiff staff and an additional volunteer Bailiff has been taken on.	Michael Hunter warranted	Ongoing	2, 10, 11, 13
		One incident dealt with in Burgh Water	Cautioned			2, 11, 13
		Case taken involving two illegal fishers in 2013 on Blackwood Estate	One plead guilty - other going to court June 2014	Second plead guilty - case closed		2, 11, 13
		Case taken - Kirkconnel Estate		Active - reported to Procurator Fiscal	Active	2, 11, 13
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		Cautions issued			Two anglers at Sanquhar cautioned for fishing without a grayling fishing permit in December.	2, 11, 13
		Incident involving two persons in Burgh Water		Cautioned		2, 11, 13
		Equipment seizure on Blackwood Estate		Reported to police		2, 11, 13
2	Exploitation	Catch & Release rates in 2013 have increased.	Salmon & Grilse up by 19% to 59% and Sea Trout up by 7% to 62%			13, 15
		Conservation codes distributed	Distributed throughout catchment			1, 13, 15
		River Nith Angling Code	Adopted by DGAA on Cairn Water	Distributed at public events	Distributed at public events	1, 6, 9, 13, 14, 15
		Letters re. catch returns	Sent to all proprietors			11, 13
		Spring Conservation Consultation			New Legislation for 2015, from Scottish Government	1, 13, 15
		The importance of accurate reporting raised at Trust AGM	Completed			11, 13
		Continued overt/covert patrols	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	1, 8, 11, 13
		Conservation promoted through Fishing For The Future Project		Year 1 completed	Year 2 started and 400+ participants to date	6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15
		Burgh fishing permit regulations		Re-editing of rules		11
		Catch Return requests issued			Issued to net proprietors beginning of October & rod proprietors beginning December	1, 10, 11, 13
		Burgh Anglers Competition			Officiated	1, 15

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3	Engineering (Including Forestry)	Kier Mining - river diversion - Dalricket approx. 500m (Nith)	Consultation	Fish rescue	<b>Invoiced for work conducted, (payment received)</b>	2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15
		Kier Mining Greenburn Coal Mine		Annual E-survey complete	<b>Report compiled and invoiced, (payment received)</b>	5, 7, 9, 11, 13
		House Of Water Mining + proposed south extension		Annual E-survey complete, Meeting attended re. restoration plan	<b>Report compiled and invoiced, (payment received)</b>	5, 7, 9, 11, 13
		Glenmuckloch Mining + South extension		Annual E-survey completed, consultation Hargreaves x2	<b>Report compiled and invoiced, (payment received)</b>	5, 7, 9, 11, 13
		Scottish Water - Killylour filter station		Post works E-survey completed	<b>Data compiled and invoiced for work conducted, (payment received)</b>	5, 7, 9, 11, 13
		Barr Quarry (Barburgh Mill)		Annual E-survey completed	<b>Report compiled and invoiced, (payment received)</b>	5, 7, 9, 11, 13
		Dibbin Lane - Two landslides into burn during forestry extraction, culvert placed for track	Consultation	Fish rescue and barrier survey completed	<b>Data compiled and invoiced for work conducted, (payment received)</b>	5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
		Attended all Technical Working Group meetings for the coal industry	Ongoing	Ongoing	<b>Ongoing, Kier Mining &amp; Hargreaves</b>	5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
		Revised phasing and restoration planning application for House of Water Mining			<b>Response submitted, superseding 19 previous planning approvals</b>	5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
		Kinharvie and Southwick Forest design plan		Response submitted		5, 7, 8, 9, 11
		Clauchrie Forest Design		Response made		5, 7, 8, 9, 11
		Carnsalloch engineering works		Meeting with SEPA and D. Kempzell		5, 7, 8, 9, 11
		Drumbculton & Morton Wood		Response submitted and site attended		5, 7, 8, 9, 11
		Scottish Water - Afton Reservoir Draw Down	Consultation	Post draw down E-survey completed	<b>Data compiled and invoiced for work conducted, (payment received)</b>	5, 9, 11, 13
4	Renewables	Buccleuch Hydro's	Consultation	Baseline surveys conducted	<b>Data compiled and invoiced for work conducted, (payment received)</b>	5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
		Hare Hill Wind Farm proposal	Consulted on	Scoping response submitted		3, 5, 7, 9, 11
		Enoch Hill Wind Farm	Tender for surveys successful and consulted on mast route/track	E-surveying completed and report submitted	<b>Report compiled and invoiced, (payment received)</b>	3, 5, 7, 9, 11
		Barjarg Hill Wind Farm	Responded to enquiry			5, 11
		Gracefield Micro Hydro scheme	Eel passage consultation	Post commissioning E-survey completed	<b>Data compiled and invoiced for work conducted, (payment received)</b>	11, 13
		South Barbeth Micro Hydro scheme	Planning response submitted			3, 5, 10
		Lauriston House Micro Hydro scheme	Planning response submitted			3, 5, 10
		Sanquhar Community Wind Farm		Scoping response submitted		3, 5, 7, 9, 11
		Blackcraig Hill Wind Farm		Authorised e-fishing by third party		11
		Whiteside Hill Wind Farm		Authorised e-fishing by third party		11
		Garleffan Wind Farm		Planning response submitted		3, 5, 7, 9, 11
		Glenmuckloch Wind Farm		Scoping response submitted		3, 5, 7, 9, 11

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		Benthead Micro Hydro scheme	Walk over habitat survey completed	E-surveying completed and report submitted	<b>Data compiled and invoiced for work conducted, (payment received)</b>	5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
		Speddock Micro Hydro Scheme		Post commissioning E-survey completed	<b>Data compiled and invoiced for work conducted, (payment received)</b>	11, 13
		Craiglearnan Micro Hydro Scheme		Post commissioning E-survey completed	<b>Data compiled and invoiced for work conducted, (payment received)</b>	11, 13
		Bogrie Micro Hydro Scheme		Post commissioning E-survey completed	<b>Data compiled and invoiced for work conducted, (payment received)</b>	11, 13
		Boreland of Southwick Micro Hydro Scheme		Post commissioning E-survey completed	<b>Data compiled and invoiced for work conducted, (payment received)</b>	11, 13
		Margree Wind Farm			<b>Response submitted</b>	3, 5, 7, 9, 11
		Ingleston Micro Hydro Scheme		Post commissioning E-survey completed	<b>Data compiled and invoiced for work conducted, (payment received)</b>	11, 13
		South Kyle Wind Farm			<b>Response submitted</b>	5, 11
		Green Investment Bank hydro power policy review		Response submitted		5, 11, 13
5	Planning & Consultation	SEPA Flood Management project		CBEC consultation		7, 8, 9, 11
		Whitesands Flood Prevention Scheme			<b>Response submitted</b>	
		Scottish Water Drought Plan Killylour		Response submitted		3, 7, 9, 11, 13
6	Biosecurity	CIRB Project 2	Inclusion into Phase 2 discussed	CIRB 2 submission date Spring/Summer 2015		7, 9, 13
		Giant Hogweed control	Completed - 8531 plants treated		<b>Final INNS report for 2010 to 2014 submitted</b>	7, 15
		Japanese Knotweed control	Started	Ongoing - 14277m2 treated	<b>Final INNS report for 2010 to 2014 submitted</b>	7, 15
		Skunk Cabbage control	Started	Completed - 373m2 treated	<b>Final INNS report for 2010 to 2014 submitted</b>	7, 15
		Himalayan balsam control		Completed	<b>Final INNS report for 2010 to 2014 submitted. Responded to enquiries regarding HB control, 1 case forwarded to police Scotland wildlife crime unit</b>	7, 15
		American Signal Crayfish control		Ongoing - 59 trapped	<b>Continued monitoring</b>	7, 15
		D&G Invasive species meeting			<b>Attended</b>	7, 15
		Check Clean Dry leaflets/ posters/signs displayed in prominent places	3 signs put up and 550 leaflets distributed	5 signs put up and 150 leaflets distributed		7, 15
		Meeting with Islesteps community re Himalayan balsam		Attended - presentation scheduled for 2015		7, 15
		Disinfection of angler's fishing equipment		Completed		
		Meeting with Paul Wheelhouse re crayfish		Attended		7, 11, 15
7	Habitat	Repairs to habitat schemes	Completed		<b>Watergate at Capenoch removed for winter</b>	9
		Riparian zone planted	3km at Greenburn			9
		Trees planted		5550		9
		Habitat scheme monitored	Ongoing	Ongoing	<b>Ongoing</b>	

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		Natterjack toad habitat improvement	Reedbed clearance at Southernness	First toadlets present since 2011		15
8	Access	Glendyne barriers	Scottish Water contacted			3
		Barrier assessment	RAFTS provided with data to put forward to SEPA		<b>Culvert surveys within Forestry Commission property</b>	5, 13
		Reported agricultural Incident - Tributary Southwick Burn			<b>Attended and advice provided</b>	1, 3, 15
		Greenburn Burn obstacles		Barrier modified	<b>SNIFFER assessment carried out</b>	3, 5, 7, 13
9	Water Quality	Three pollution incidents attended at Moniaive Mr Neil Gourlay, proprietor	Attended and reported to SEPA			2, 7, 11
		One pollution incident at Auldgirth, Mr David Matthews, proprietor	Attended and reported to SEPA			7, 11
		One pollution incident reported Castle Hill Farm Moniaive			<b>Attended and report</b>	7,11
		One pollution incident at Sandyhills unknown cause	Attended and reported to SEPA			7, 11
		Gravel removal at Glenjan Farm, Dalwhat Water		Reported to SEPA		7, 11
10	Marine Survival	NPP Project proposal - Salmonid West	Proposal drafted	Claim submitted	<b>Work carried out on draft application, now looking at (Horizon 2020 funding stream) alternative funding</b>	2, 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15
		National Scottish Sea Trout project	Discussions with other Trusts re potential project			2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14
		Celtic Sea Trout Project		Final papers	<b>Final report being compiled</b>	2, 13
11	Governance	Wild Fisheries Review	Meetings attended and responses submitted	Meetings attended and responses submitted. Paper written re changes in legislation submitted via Directors group.	<b>WFR completed and submitted to Scottish Government. Nith Proprietors comments requested and submitted to ASFB/RAFTS.</b>	1 - 15
		SEPA River Basin Consultation	Response submitted			2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
		Trust and Board meetings	Attended	Attended	<b>Attended</b>	1-15
		Staff appraisals	Conducted			
		H+S annual review	Completed			
		Operating licences	Obtained			6, 12, 13, 14
		Stocking applications	New Cumnock AA trout and Upper Longbank carp fishery response submitted			6, 13
		Fisheries Local Action Group meeting	Attended		<b>Attended</b>	15
		D&G Council Common Good meetings	Attended		<b>Attended</b>	1, 2, 6, 7, 12, 14, 15
		D&G Council Seminar		Presentation given		1 -15
		Police Training		Attended	<b>Provided training to probationers x2</b>	1 -15
		ASFB management committee	Attended	Attended	<b>Re-elected Management Committee Member</b>	1 - 15
		River Directors meetings	Attended	Attended	<b>Attended</b>	1 - 15
		Solway Firth partnership meeting		Attended	<b>AGM Attended</b>	3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 15
		D&G Council Major Emergency Scheme		Subject Matter Expert response submitted		5
		Staff training		First Aid refreshers completed		

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		Staff training		Geo-morphology training		
		Hollywood Trust Sanquhar Area Youth Development			Attended	15
		Hollywood Trust Event			Attended	15
		Outdoor Education Meeting with D&G Council			Attended	15
		Friars Carse Fishing Meeting			Attended	2, 6, 7, 13, 15
		D&G Council Meeting			Attended	1 - 15
		Salmonids West Teleconference			Attended	10, 12, 13, 15
		D&G Council Common Good river site meeting			Attended	1, 2, 15
		Borderlines Meeting			Attended	15
		ASFB & RAFTS AGM			Attended	1 - 15
		Senior Bailiffs Group			Chaired meeting in Edinburgh	1, 2, 10, 12, 13
		Staff training			Risk Assessment x2	
		Staff training			River Habitat Survey Modelling Workshop	
		Staff training			Environmental Games & Activates	
		Staff training			Safe Guarding Children	
		Staff training			Integrating Outdoor Learning Opportunity within the Curriculum For Excellence	
12	Predation	Goosanders	15 Culled		Count completed and licence applied for	13
		Cormorants	4 Culled		Count completed and licence applied for	13
		Licence returns	Completed		Completed	11
		Mink trapped	8	1	1	13
		Seal Licence Application			Completed	13
13	Fish Stock/Monitoring	Catch data	2013 data analysed			2
		Fish Counter Workshop			Attended	8, 10, 11, 13, 15
		Electrofishing data	2013 data analysed		115 sites surveyed, 223 data sheets entered/published into SFCC Online Electrofishing Database	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15
		UDN/Fungus Stirling University Student			Samples taken and supplied	6, 9, 15
		Ten annual electrofishing sites		E-surveying completed		7, 9
14	Hatchery	Hatchery stock planted out:	189,000 salmon fry stocked (94,000 Euchar, 75,000 Wanlock Water 20,000 Nith Braehead diversion)	Post stocking E-surveys conducted		11, 13
			27,000 sea trout fry stocked	Post stocking E-surveys		11, 13
		D&GAA Hatchery Project (Brown Trout)			Stock captured, eggs stripped	7, 13, 15
		Hatchery stock:			Brood stock captured, eggs stripped	7, 13, 15
15	Outreach/ Public Relations	Fishing for the Future	Ongoing - over 300 participants to date	Year 1 completed - Total of 447 individuals participated in 83 sessions.	15 School signed up, 14 hatchery visits completed	2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14
		Assisting with development of FishPal website		Meeting with Peter Landale x 3, employment of seasonal staff		2

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		Environment Day, Dumfries	Attended			1 - 15
		Rural Opportunities Day	Attended			1 - 15
		Duck Race	Attended			
		Presentation to Devorgilla Rotary club	Presentation given			1 - 15
		World Peace Day		Attended		1 - 15
		ITV news broadcast for Fishing for the Future, River Diversion, Giant hogweed and Haaf netting	Completed	Completed		2, 3, 13
		Articles in the Standard and Courier		F4F project, Removal of tree on Caul, HB pulling		6
		Ongoing Website and Facebook updates		Website visits - 836, Facebook reaches - >4000 people	<b>Website visits - 2639, Facebook reaches - &gt;4000 people</b>	1 - 15
		Galloway Country Fair		Attended		1 - 15
		Trust Dinner Dance preparations	Ongoing	Ongoing	<b>Cancelled</b>	2 13
		Nith Sea Trout Fishing Experience			<b>Proposal developed, meetings attended</b>	2, 10, 13
		Family Fishing Day, Nunholm			<b>Conducted</b>	2, 10, 13
		Disabled access to hatchery classroom			<b>Ramp installed</b>	
		Family Fishing Day, Dock Park		Completed x2	<b>Conducted</b>	2, 10, 13