

Nith Fishery Management Plan Quarterly Progress 2015

			12th December to 23rd March	
No.	Prescription	Actions	Quarter 01	Additional Prescription(s)
1	Enforcement	Overt and covert operations		2, 10, 11, 13
		Case taken - Kirkconnel Estate	Active	2, 11, 13
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2	Exploitation	Catch & Release rates in 2014 have increased.	Salmon & Grilse up by 5% to 64% and Sea Trout up by 25 to 87%	13, 15
		Conservation codes Reviewed	Amended and published on website	1, 13, 15
		Burgh Angling Association permit regulations	re-editing of rules	
		Continued overt/covert patrols	Ongoing	1, 8, 11, 13
		Conservation promoted through Fishing For The Future Project	Year 2 started with 400+ participants to date	6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15
3	Engineering (Including Forestry)	Attended all Technical Working Group meetings for the coal industry (Kier Mining, & Hargreaves)	Ongoing	5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
		Iberdrola, overhead powerlines	Commissioned desktop fisheries survey completed and invoiced	5, 7, 9, 11, 13
		BGE gas pipeline between Cluden and Lochfoot	Negotiated quote for work to be carried out, submitted	5, 7, 9, 11, 13
		Greenburn	Electrofishing Report Provided	5, 7, 9, 11, 13
		House of Water Scottish Coal Financial Bond claim pursued	Active	5, 7, 9, 11, 13
		Burnfoot Farm site visit regarding gravel extraction, Crawick Water	Attended with SEPA	5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
4	Renewables	Hare Hill Wind Farm Extension	Commissioned to conduct electrofishing/invertebrate survey	5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
		Pencole Wind Farm	Consultation	5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
		Whiteside Hill Wind Farm	Consultation response	5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
5	Planning & Consultation	New Hospital Site	Response requested site visit	5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
6	Biosecurity	American Signal Crayfish control	New refuge traps were constructed by MK Welding New ASC signage	7, 15
		Meeting with Islesteps Community Regarding Invasive Species	Attended	7, 15
		Dumfries & Galloway INNS Working Group Meeting	Attended	7, 15
7	Habitat	All Habitat schemes monitored	Ongoing	9
		Natterjacks/Reptile Meeting	Meeting attended	9, 15
		Cample Water Habitat scheme thinned	Completed	9
		Dalricket Mine Western Diversion Tree Planting	Consultation on density, species and placement.	9
8	Access	Burnfoot Bridge material to be removed	Consulted	7
		Enterkin Burn Log jam removed	Completed	7
9	Water Quality	Report to SEPA silage incident at Castlehill	NDSFB/SEPA Attended	
		Report to SEPA unauthorised dredging of watercourse	NDSFB/SEPA Attended	
10	Marine Survival	CSTP	Final Report Being Compiled	
		Horizon 2020	Application for European funding complete	
		Video Conference Horizon 20/20 sea trout	Attended	
11	Governance	Wild Fisheries Review	Meetings attended and responses submitted	1 - 15
		Trust and Board meetings	Attended	1-15

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		Health and Safety Annual Review	Completed	1-15
		Operating licences	Obtained	1-15
		Fisheries Local Action Group meeting	Attended	15
		D&G Council Common Good meetings	Attended	15
		ASFB Management Committee	Attended	1 - 15
		River Directors meetings	Attended	1 - 15
		ASFB & RAFTS AGM	Attended	1 - 15
		Bailiffs Conference	Attended	1, 15
		RAFTS Regional Meeting	Attended	1 - 15
		Review of Environmental Policy	Completed	1 - 15
		Cumnock Rotary Club	Attended	1 - 15
		Biologists Meeting	Attended	1 - 15
		Burgh Angling Association AGM	Attended	15
		FLAG Meeting	Attended	15
		Funding Roadshow	Attended	15
		Staff Meeting	Conducted	1 - 15
		Friars Carse Fishing Meeting	Attended	2, 6, 7, 13, 15
		D&G Council Meeting	Attended	1 - 15
		ASFB/RAFTS Joint Working Group	Attended	1 - 15
		Bailiffs Development Group	Attended	1, 15
		IFM Scottish Branch AGM	Attended	1 - 15
		Bailiffs Seminar & Exam	Attended	1, 15
12	Predation	Goosanders	Hand Held Green Laser Bird Deterrent purchased and used. Bird cull ongoing	13
		Cormorants	Hand Held Green Laser Bird Deterrent purchased and used. Cull ongoing	13
		Mink trapped	19	13
13	Fish Stock/Monitoring	Catch data	2014 data analysed	2
		Electrofishing data	244 data sheets entered/published into SFCC Online Electrofishing Database	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15
		Friars Carse Grayling Fishing Event	Attended	1, 2, 7, 9, 12
14	Hatchery	Hatchery Stock:	All fry now feeding	7, 13, 15
		D&GAA Hatchery Project (Brown Trout)	Brown trout feeding	7, 13, 15
15	Outreach/ Public Relations	Fishing for the Future	450 participants	1 - 15
		Environment Fair, Dumfries	Attended	1 - 15
		Ongoing Website and Facebook updates	Ongoing	1 - 15
		Nith Sea Trout Fishing Experience	Organisation of event and bookings taken	1, 2, 7, 9, 12, 13
		Burgh Angling Association River Opening	Attended	
		NASC Poster Development	Assisted	6
		Dumfries Green Gym	Corresponding	
		UK River Prize & RRC Annual Network Conference	Candidate for award	11
		Solway Salmon In Crisis Gretna Fishing Evening	Attended	10, 11, 13