

Nith Fishery Management Plan Quarterly Progress 2017

No.	Prescription	Quarter 01 - 20th December 2016 to 23 rd March 2017
1	Enforcement	Fishery Director presented at National Bailiff Conference
		Fishery Directory meet with Chief Constable Police Scotland to discuss future training of bailiffs/police
		All NDSFB bailiffs attended National Bailiff Conference
		Chaired Regulatory Enforcement Group/Bailiff Development Group meeting with Scottish Government
		Assisted in setting up National Bailiffs' Conference
		Marked legal exam papers
		Investigated gill nets in estuary
2	Exploitation	Attended Burgh AGM – presented on catch and release
		Met with Nith net fishermen and Scottish Government reps to discuss conservation measures for 2017 season
		Assisted D&G Council Common Good Fishing with 2017 regulations
		Attended Annual Biologist's meeting
		Adult fish scale reading conducted and submitted
3	Engineering (Including Forestry)	Met with engineers regarding gas pipeline construction
		Discussed Afton Windfarm Project and conducted surveys in relation to the same
		Continued to project manage the Upper Nith and Laggan Projects on behalf of SEPA
		Responded to Garleffan and Grievehill opencast coal sites working group
		Authorised Crawick Viaduct engineering works
4	Renewables	
5	Planning & Consultation	Met with D&G Council Planning Department regarding fish counter proposals
		Considered the revised ENOCH HILL WIND FARM application
		Considered the weekly planning lists for the Nith catchment

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		Actioned the public enquiry invitation to Pencloe Wind Farm
		Considered Shawsholm Farm Application
		Considered the Whitesands Flood Protection Scheme on behalf of NDSFB and NCFT
		Responded to New Cumnock Flood Mitigation Scheme
6	Biosecurity	Final reports and funding claims completed for 2016 season
7	Habitat	All schemes checked and repaired where necessary
		Replant on Crawick Water and Pennyland Burn (Schools Projects)
8	Access	Further discussions with SEPA regarding fish passage at Tynron
9	Water Quality	Pollution incident reported (tributary of New Abbey Burn)
		Considered application for herbicide treatment for Carruchan Farm
		Kello Water discolouration reported to SEPA
10	Marine Survival	
11	Governance	Financial year end governance compliance met
		Board and Trust annual reports published
		Fisheries Local Action Group meeting attended
		Assisted Scottish Government drafting new legislation
		Meet with new D&G Council administrator for fishings
		Met with D&G Council Assessors Department
		Attended Scottish Brand Institute of Fisheries Management meeting

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		Electrofishing licences applied for
		Annual survey return to Fisheries Management Scotland for Board and Trust
		Attended Tweed AST Conference
		Met with Peter Landale reg. Fishery Management Plan
12	Predation	Culling and scaring of piscivorous birds throughout catchment
		Mink trapping ongoing
		Seal Licence return completed
13	Fish Stock/Monitoring	Electrofishing data entry ongoing for 2016
		Scale readings ongoing
		Discussed fish counter proposal with head of Marine Scotland Science
		Attended Head Water to Headland Conference
14	Hatchery	Maintained Board and Trust equipment
		Fish stock within hatchery maintained
		Fry planted into Nith at Greenburn coal mine
15	Outreach/ Public Relations	All staff attended Burgh AGM
		Presentation delivered to Burgh Anglers AGM
		Staff attended river opening ceremony at Dalswinton and Dumfries
		Attended SNH meeting to discuss NDSFB input to Caerlaverock Reserve 60 th year anniversary event (2017)
		Attended Environment Fair at Crichton
		Fishing for the Future Schools Programme 18 sessions delivered to 6 schools
		Wallace Hall Secondary School Science Careers Day
		Youth Angling Club Grayling day