

Nith Fishery Management Plan Quarterly Progress 2015

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1	Enforcement	Overt and covert operations		Ongoing Seasonal Water Bailiff employed	Ongoing		2, 10, 11, 13
		Fishing Without a permit reported to police		4 persons on the Buccleuch beat			2
		National Bailiff's training course		Developed and co-ordinated	Training course delivered at Melrose		2, 11
		National Bailiff's exam	Invigilated exams	Marked exam papers			2
		Case taken - Kirkconnel Estate	Active	Case abandoned by Procurator Fiscal			2, 11
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		Gill net on Solway				Siezed	2, 11
		Fishing without permit Blackwood				2 youngsters put off water	2, 11
		Fishing without permit Upper Nithsdale AA				Cautioned	2, 11
		Unauthorised Electrofishing investigated					Spoke and corresponded with perpetrators
					Spoke to perpetrators		
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	Edited rules				1, 13, 15
		The Times newspaper		Interview with Mike Wade, J. Henderson and R. Cowan			15
		Conservation promoted through Fishing For The Future Project	Year 2 started with 400+ participants to date	Year 2 completed with over 800 participants			6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15
		Wild Fisheries Reform		Responded to consultation ban on killing of salmon			Attended JWG Meetings and strategic meetings (Scottish Government). Consultations responded to.
3	Engineering (Including Forestry)	Attended all Technical Working Group meetings for the coal industry (Kier Mining, & Hargreaves)	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing		5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
		House of Water channel repairs		Supervision of machine work on bank repairs			7, 9
		Iberdrola, overhead power line Afton to Echanhead	Commissioned desktop fisheries survey completed and invoiced	Attended pre-start up meetings	Walk over survey and report completed	Baseline Electrofishing and Report completed, invoiced and paid. Inductions completed.	5, 7, 9, 11, 13
		BGE gas pipeline between Cluden and Lochfoot	Negotiated quote for work to be carried out, submitted	Commissioned to conduct baseline surveys	Electrofishing and invertebrate survey work completed	Reports completed and invoiced.	5, 7, 9, 11, 13
		Greenburn Barrier Assessment Report - post 2015		Completed		Re-assessment conducted, amendments to barriers invoiced and paid.	7, 8
		Hargreaves Surface Mining			Annual electrofishing surveys conducted for House of Water, Glenmuckloch and Rottenyard OCCS's	All reports submitted, invoiced - most paid. Additional meeting planned.	5, 7, 9, 11, 13
		Kier Mining	Electrofishing Report Provided	Linn Burn re-instatement - Attended site meeting and provided consultancy - responded to draft plans	Annual electrofishing surveys conducted at Greenburn OCCS	Consultation on planning permission TWG attended - Electrofishing reports submitted. Invoiced and paid.	5, 7, 9, 11, 13
		Barburgh Mill Quarry		Annual survey conducted		Invoice paid.	9, 13
		House of Water Scottish Coal Financial Bond claim pursued	Active	Active	Invoice submitted - awaiting payment	Invoice paid.	5, 7, 9, 11, 13
		SEPA Flood Management Plan		Consultation request to project manage	Contracted to provide consultation	Work started on Upper Nith - tenders invited.	6, 7, 9
		Kirkland Farm, Closeburn		Consolation on site regarding bank re-instatement			7, 9
		Carron Water		Consulation on site Carron Water regarding bank repairs			7, 9
		Crawick Water Revetment work			Fish rescue	Work completed - invoiced and awaiting payment.	7, 9
		Carsalloch		Consulation on site regarding gravel works			7, 9

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		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	Survey works started	Electrofishing survey work completed	Reported, invoiced and paid.	5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
		Airdrie Farm hydro		Consultation and survey commissioned	Electrofishing survey work completed, planning response made	Additional surveys requested - consultation with regulators.	3, 7, 8, 9, 13
		High Cumnock Windfarm		Correspondence provided			3, 7, 8, 9, 13
		Boreland of Southwick Hydro Scheme		Consultation and survey commissioned	Electrofishing survey work completed and planning response submitted	Invoiced and paid.	11, 13
		Twentyshilling Hill Windfarm		Consultation and quote provided	Electrofishing survey work completed	Reports completed, invoiced and paid.	3, 7, 8, 9, 13
		Whiteside Hill Wind Farm	Consultation response		Consultation supplied regarding culvert works	Invoiced and paid.	5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
		Belstane Hydro, Marr Burn		Consultation and quote provided	Electrofishing survey work completed	Invoiced and paid.	3, 7, 8, 9, 13
		Captainton Hydro			Planning response provided	Post commissioning e-fish commissioned.	3, 7, 8, 9, 13
		South Kyle Wind Farm Extension			Planning response submitted		3, 7, 8, 9, 13
		Glenmuckloch Energy Project		Consultation regarding Glenmuckloch Energy Project	Electrofishing and invertebrate survey work conducted	Report submitted, invoiced and paid.	3, 7, 8, 9, 13
		Ulzieside Wind Farm			Quotation provided for survey work	Third party authorisation to electrofish.	
		Pencloe Wind Farm			Electrofishing and invertebrate survey work conducted	Report submitted and invoiced.	3, 7, 8, 9, 13
		Porterstown Hydro		Electrofishing survey/monitoring conducted			3, 7, 8, 9, 13
5	Planning & Consultation - please see Engineering and Renewables for individual responses	SP Energy re: New Hospital Site	Response requested site visit	On site meeting regarding power supply for new hospital and fish rescue conducted			5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
6	Biosecurity	American Signal Crayfish control	New refuge traps were constructed by MK Welding New ASC signage	Annual return completed. Licence obtained until 2020.	Report on work to date provided to SEPA. Crayfish have been found to have moved approximately 100m downstream since last year.		7, 15
		Meeting with Islesteps Community Regarding Invasive Species	Attended		Assisted community pulling Himalayan balsam		7, 15
		Giant hogweed control		Completed - 5500m2 treated			7, 15
		Skunk cabbage control		On going	739m2 treated		7, 15
		Japanese knotweed control			162 stands treated - started on the New Abbey Burn		7, 16
		Japanese knotweed PHD project		Provision of site for PHD project	Study ongoing		7
		Rainbow trout survey on Cairn Water		Survey conducted and meeting with proprietor of fish farm.	No more reports of rainbow trout		7, 12, 13, 15
		INNS funding		WEF, D&G Council, Shambellie Estate, Living Homes and Friars Care			7, 15
		Dumfries & Galloway INNS Working Group Meeting	Attended			Attended	7, 15
7	Habitat	All Habitat schemes monitored	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing		9
		Shinnel Water Habitat scheme		Water gate washed away - repair carried out	Repairs made to watergate at Shinnel scheme		9, 15
		Natterjacks/Reptile Meeting	Meeting attended				9, 15
		Willow whipping and habitat restoration day on Nith		Forth Fisheries Trust attended			15
		Yellow Craig pond weed survey		Conducted			15
		Cample Water Habitat scheme thinned	Completed				9

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		Kier Mining Dalrieket Mill Diversion	Consultation on tree planting density, species and placement.				9
		Upper Crawick Water Habitat Scheme				Recovery of flood damaged fencing materials.	
8	Access	Burnfoot Bridge material to be removed	Consulted				7
		Enterkin Burn Log jam removed	Completed				7
		Pennyland Burn barrier			Permission sought and granted by SEPA. Materials sourced.	Works conducted (temporary) to ease fish passage.	8
		Greenburn Burn				Rock obstructions eased.	
9	Water Quality	Report to SEPA silage incident at Castlehill	NDSFB/SEPA Attended				
		Report to SEPA unauthorised dredging of watercourse	NDSFB/SEPA Attended				
		Crawick incident at Multiverse Site			NDSFB Attended		
		SEPA reported pollution incident at New Hospital Site			NDSFB Attended		
		Reported Slurry incident River Cairn				SEPA attended, Moniaive, (Mr Neil Gourlay)	
10	Marine Survival	CSTP	Final Report Being Compiled			Sea Trout Symosium attended	15
		Horizon 2020	Application for European funding complete	Project application rejected at Stage 1			7, 8, 13
		World Oceans Day		Attended with display and fishing instruction			15
11	Governance	Wild Fisheries Review/Reform	Meetings attended and responses submitted	Meetings attended and responses submitted	Meetings attended - Joint Working Group, Strategic Direction for Scottish Freshwater Fisheries meeting, Strategic meeting attended by Chairman and Clerk to discuss regional FMO, Scottish Government Roadshow attended, met with Mark Cummings. Consultations responded to - Proposed ban on the killing of salmon except under licence, Wild Fisheries Reform.	Meetings attended - Joint Working Group, Strategic Direction for Scottish Freshwater Fisheries meeting, Consultations responded to - regarding categorization of River Nith re conservation limits.	1 - 15
		Scottish Government visit to Nith catchment		Carol Barker Munro and Allan Wells met with Jim Henderson			1 - 15
		SFCC Electrofishing Team Leader Refresher Course Training		Completed			7, 13
		Trust and Board meetings	Attended	Attended	Attended	AGM organised and attended	1-15
		Health and Safety Annual Review	Completed				1-15
		Operating licences	Obtained	Obtained			1-15
		Fisheries Local Action Group meeting	Attended	Attended	Attended meeting and launch of Fisherman's Friend restaurant, New Galloway	Attended	15
		D&G Council Common Good meetings	Attended	Attended			15
		ASFB Management Committee	Attended	Attended		Attended	1 - 15
		River Directors meetings	Attended	Attended		Attended	1 - 15
		ASFB & RAFTS conference	Attended and presentation given				1 - 15
		Bailiffs Conference	Attended				1, 15
		RAFTS Regional Meeting	Attended				1 - 15
		Review of Environmental Policy	Completed				1 - 15
		Cumnock Rotary Club	Presentation given				1 - 15
		Biologists Meeting	Attended and presentation given				1 - 15
		Burgh Angling Association AGM	Attended				15
		Funding Roadshow	Attended				15
		Staff Meeting	Conducted		Attended		1 - 15
		Friars Carse Fishing Meeting	Attended				2, 6, 7, 13, 15
		ASFB/RAFTS Joint Working Group	Attended	Attended	Attended		1 - 15
		ASFB/RAFTS AGM				Attended	
		Bailiffs Development Group	Chaired	Chaired	Chaired	Co-ordinated Regional Bailiffs Training conducted x 2	1, 15

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		Outdoor First Aid course attended		Completed			1 - 15
		IBIS conference - 2 day event		Attended			1 - 15
		IFM Scottish Branch AGM	Attended				1 - 15
		Urr DSFB consultation on nets				Attended	
		Environment Co-operative Action Fund				Workshop attended	
		Presentation to Police HQ at Inverness			Jim Henderson delivered presentation		1 - 15
		Introduction of new guilly from Buccleuch			Induction on Board/Trust activates completed	Meeting with E Hunter	1 - 15
		Bailiffs Seminar & Exam	All bailiff staff attended				1, 15
		Outdoor and Woodland Learning Group				Attended	
		Outdoor Education Forum				Attended	
		Invertebrate Recognition Training Course				Attended	
		Ministerial visits				2 visits by Dr Aileen MacLeod MSP	
12	Predation	Goosanders	Hand Held Green Laser Bird Deterrent purchased and used. Bird cull ongoing	Bird cull completed. Annual return submitted		Bird count conducted	13
		Cormorants	Hand Held Green Laser Bird Deterrent purchased and used. Cull ongoing	Bird cull completed. Annual return submitted		Bird count conducted	13
		Seals			Quarterly return submitted	Licence applied for and quarterly returns submitted	
		Mink trapped	19				13
13	Fish Stock/Monitoring	Catch data	2014 data analysed	Reported catches publicised on website			2
		Annual health check sites		Surveys started for 2015	Electrofishing surveys completed		7, 8, 9, 10
		MSS Electrofishing Analysis Project	Provision of data	Report received from MSS			
		Electrofishing data	244 archived data sheets entered/published into SFCC Online Electrofishing Database	Electrofishing data is currently being gathered for 2015	Ongoing		7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15
		Friars Carse Grayling Fishing Event	Attended				1, 2, 7, 9, 12
		River Nith Grayling Event				Event planned and publicised	
14	Hatchery	Hatchery Stock:	All fry now feeding	All fry stocked out		Sea Trout ova obtained and incubating still collecting Salmon ova	7, 13, 15
		DGAA Hatchery Project (Brown Trout)	Brown trout feeding	All fry stocked out with DGAA committee members		Brown Trout ova obtained and incubating	7, 13, 15
15	Outreach/ Public Relations	Fishing for the Future 2012-15	450 participants	57 sessions delivered this quarter - All session for year 2 completed over 800 participants in total.	Final report written and awaiting final payment. Audit carried out by Marine Scotland.		1 - 15
		Fintastic Tail public day		Members of the public attended			1 - 15
		Dock Park public Fishing Day		Day run at Dock Park with Borderlines	Day run by Trust and Borderlines	Day run by the Trust and Board alliance	1 - 15
		QI Biology field survey for Wallace Hall		Field station set up for day			1 - 15
		QI Food and the Environment Day		Two day event attended			1 - 15
		Environment Fair, Dumfries	Attended				1 - 15
		Ongoing Website and Facebook updates	Ongoing	Ongoing			1 - 15
		Nith Sea Trout Fishing Experience	Organisation of event and bookings taken	Hog roast and opening meeting organised. First 4 weeks of the experience have been successful and excellent feedback has been received. Fiona McIlwraith, Border Life - televised coverage of the event.	Eight week sea trout event completed		1, 2, 7, 9, 12, 13
		Burgh Angling Association River Opening	Attended				
		NASC Poster Development	Assisted				6
		Dumfries Green Gym	Corresponding				6, 7
		UK River Prize & RRC Annual Network Conference	Candidate for award				11

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		Solway Salmon In Crisis Gretna Fishing Evening	Attended				10, 11, 13
		Border News Giant hogweed			Piece for Border News on Giant hogweed		
		Summerhill Community Centre			Pond dipping session for their open day		
		Galloway Country Fair			Attended		
		Hatchery visits				Sea Cadets, Thornhill Scouts, Wallace Hall Academy - ongoing	
		Get Kids Hooked On Fishing (Blackwood Estate)			Provided equipment for the sessions		
		BBC Autumn Watch			Supporting forthcoming programme	2 televised interviews provided	
		Ladies Day Blackwood Estate				Supported Fishpal and provided facilities	
		School Talk				Presentation delivered at Georgetown Primary School	