

Nith Fishery Management Plan Quarterly Progress 2017

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1	Enforcement	Fishery Director presented at National Bailiff Conference	Night patrols ongoing	Night/day patrols ongoing	Night/day patrols ongoing
		Fishery Directory meet with Chief Constable Police Scotland to discuss future training of bailiffs/police	Coastal patrols conducted	Coastal patrols conducted – Board defence of actions taken	Contact with MSPs, the Lord Advocate, Cabinet Secretary and face to face meetings with MSPs re ongoing issues, with application of the law, relating to use of gill nets in the River estuary.
		All NDSFB bailiffs attended National Bailiff Conference	Chaired Regulatory Enforcement and Bailiff Development Working Group meeting	Chaired Regulatory Enforcement and Bailiff Development Working Group meeting	Gill net incident at Southernness attended
		Chaired Regulatory Enforcement Group/Bailiff Development Group meeting with Scottish Government	Carcass tags issued to haaf netters	Policed carcass tagging system within haaf net fishery	Incident on Crawick Water attended
		Assisted in setting up National Bailiffs' Conference	Regular checks on haaf netters		Gold panners asked to leave Mennock in closed season
		Marked legal exam papers Investigated gill nets in estuary	Investigating incidences of gill nets on Solway		
2	Exploitation	Attended Burgh AGM – presented on catch and release	Angler log books issued	Angler log books data sheets replenished	Angler log books collated
		Met with Nith net fishermen and Scottish Government reps to discuss conservation measures for 2017 season	Nith Sea Trout Experience event commenced	Nith Sea Trout Experience event completed & data analysed	Annual catch return forms sent to proprietors
		Assisted D&G Council Common Good Fishing with 2017 regulations	Coastal netting issues on Western boundary working with Marine Scotland compliance		
		Attended Annual Biologist's meeting	Request from Urr Fishery Board		
		Adult fish scale reading conducted and submitted	Advice given to Luce Fishery Board Advice given to Cree Fishery Board		
3	Engineering  (Including Forestry)	Met with engineers regarding gas pipeline construction	Gas pipeline construction consultation ongoing	Consulted on previous Irish Gas Pipeline works	Consultation re D & G Council plans to complete footbridge repairs at Wanlockhead
		Discussed Afton Wind Farm Project and conducted surveys in relation to the same	Attended technical support group meetings for the Greenburn Surface Coal Mine Project and House of Water Coal mine	Consulted on bridge repairs for Buccleuch Estates	SEPA Laggan Burn river restoration consultation ongoing
		Continued to project manage the Upper Nith and Laggan Projects on behalf of SEPA	Euchan mitigation works survey	Attended Fisheries Meeting with AMEC re SWS Grid Connection	GNI/Roadbridge Gas Pipeline project; reported pollution incident, continued monitoring, interim surveys & Winterisation monitoring.
		Responded to Garleffan and Grievehill opencast coal sites working group	New Cumnock flood project survey	Conducted 5 Fish Rescues for Gas Pipeline	Comments given on Directional Drilling Project at Kirkconnel to Scottish Gas
		Authorised Crawick Viaduct engineering works	Barburgh Mill project annual survey Lochfoot Burn fish rescue conducted	Conducted Fish Rescue for SWS Grid Connector	Conducted Fish Rescue x 2 for SWS Grid Connector Fish rescue at Deanston & Barnbaule Burn in relation to Gas pipeline works Fish rescue Network Rail Garlaugh Culvert (AMCO)
					Consultation to East Ayrshire Council re Scottish Water Water Main Replacement under Connel Burn
					Consultation re scour protection at New Cumnock
					Planning granted for construction of a fish counter weir and erection of counter station building at Crawick
					House of Water Technical Working Group attended Kier Mining Technical Working Group attended
4	Renewables		Hare Hill Wind Farm extension project electrofishing survey		Electrofishing - Fish survey in relation to Hydro proposal Craigy Linn
			Afton Wind Farm project survey and fish rescue		Consultation re proposed Ashmark Windfarm re fish monitoring Monitoring conducted in relation to various renewables projects
5	Planning & Consultation	Met with D&G Council Planning Department regarding fish counter proposals	Two planning responses made in relation to coal mining	Consulted on proposed Ashmark Wind Farm & objected	SEPA Laggan Burn river restoration consultation ongoing
		Considered the revised ENOCH HILL WIND FARM application	SEPA Laggan Burn river restoration consultation	Consulted on proposed Micro Hydro Scheme west of catchment on behalf of Harry Gourlay	Submitted planning objection to Lorg Windfarm
		Considered the weekly planning lists for the Nith catchment	Overhill Wind Farm planning consultation - objection	SEPA Upper Nith Hydraulic Modelling Project consultation	Consideration of weekly planning lists from East Ayrshire Council
		Actioned the public enquiry invitation to Pencloe Wind Farm	River Nith wall maintenance work consultation	SEPA Laggan Burn river restoration consultation	Planning & consultation Forestry Commission Scotland regarding engineering in Moniaive district
		Considered Shawsholm Farm Application	SEPA Upper Nith Hydraulic Modelling Project consultation	Meeting with Forestry Commission Scotland re Upper Nithsdale Land Management Plan Consulted on Renewables Projects by Hargreaves	
		Considered the Whitesands Flood Protection Scheme on behalf of NDSFB and NCFT	Carnsalloch Bank repair consultation		
		Responded to New Cumnock Flood Mitigation Scheme	AMCO Culvert Installation Works consultation Cluden crossing project consultation	House of Water revised Restoration Scheme response	

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			North Lowther Wind Farm planning permission response - requested consultation on Ashmark Wind Farm Ashmark Wind Farm planning consultation ARCUS survey data consultation		
6	Biosecurity	Final reports and funding claims completed for 2016 season	INNS treatment conducted in catchment for giant hogweed	Japanese Knotweed survey and treatment commenced Monitoring for Giant Hogweed and treatment where required Consulted re spoil from Irish Pipeline and treatment over winter	Japanese Knotweed treatment Drum Loch fish disease investigation Consultation re spoil from Irish Pipeline and treatment over winter continued
7	Habitat	All schemes checked and repaired where necessary Replant on Crawick Water and Pennyland Burn (Schools Projects)	Replant on Crawick Water scheme Replant on Pennyland Burn scheme	Quoted for habitat restoration tree planting on the Dalgig Burn at Kier Mining	Chainsaw work - Tree felling burgh area & timber removed from Caul Planted willow whips Dalgig Burn - Greenburn
8	Access	Further discussions with SEPA regarding fish passage at Tynron	Negotiating with land owners at Laggan Burn	Follow up on illegal culvert placement at Tynron. SEPA requested removal.	Consultation re Marburn Belstane Loch proposals Laggan Burn obstruction consultation for SEPA Barriers project
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	Removal of fly tipping waste in River Cairn Reported discolouration on Euchan Water to SEPA	Pollution incident in connection with Roadbridge Gas Pipeline crossing. Fish & Invertebrate Survey conducted Investigation of pollution incident on River Cairn relating to Gas Pipeline Consulted on Flocculant use on 2 sites: Overhead Pilon Line and Irish Gas Pipeline	Reported pollution incident Lochfoot Burn (Gas pipeline) Investigated Flocculent use on Deanston Burn
10	Marine Survival			Monitoring station installed and checked	Collected monitoring station from Lower Nith to be returned to MS Science Samples taken from brood stock
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 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	Attended FMS Conference INNS licences applied for NDSFB & NCFT policies reviewed and updated, including H&S policy Board & Trust meetings held Disclosure Scotland Organisation Registration Submitted Fisheries Management plan consultation Staff attended first aid at work course Attended River Director's Meeting Attended media training course	Fisheries Local Action Group meeting attended Board & Trust meetings held Staff Training records brought up to date PAT Testing completed at Fisheries Office & Hatchery Fire safety equipment checked at Fisheries Office & Hatchery All First Aid kits checked in vehicles and Fisheries buildings	Member of staff completed PAT Testing Course Consultation re CAR Licence application for Fish Counter at Sanquhar Policed annual returns for haaf net fisheries carcass tagging system River categorisation administration Consulted on changes to Solway outflow boundaries affecting Haaf Net Fisheries Dialogue ongoing re issues with third parties conducting electrofishing with no obligation to provide the local DSFB or Trust with the information gained whilst electrofishing FD attended the Fisheries Directors meeting Scale reading course attended Electrofishing equipment annual maintenance completed FMS AGM attended Reports completed in relation to funding for Holywood Trust and D & G Council re Trust Projects
12	Predation	Culling and scaring of piscivorous birds throughout catchment Mink trapping ongoing Seal Licence return completed	Culling and scaring of piscivorous birds throughout catchment Piscivorous birds licence return completed and filed with SASA Seal Licence data returned Removal of crayfish from Lochfoot Burn	Seal Licence data returned Preparation for submitting earlier Piscivorous Bird Licence	Seal Licence data returned and Annual Licence applied for Goosander/Cormorant Licence received
13	Fish Stock/Monitoring	Electrofishing data entry ongoing for 2016	Fish Counter Planning Proposal in progress	Crawick Fish Counter Planning Application submitted	Fish Data surveys relating to gravel works at Dalswinton/Portrack

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		Scale readings ongoing	Preliminary work conducted on Armadate tracking project	Funding Application started for Fisheries Local Action Group EU Funding	Hare Hill Invertebrate Survey Report completed
		Discussed fish counter proposal with head of Marine Scotland Science	House of Water Annual Survey work conducted	Annual Electrofishing Surveys completed	Afton Windfarm Access Road monitoring invertebrates and fish
		Attended Head Water to Headland Conference	Glenmuckloch monitoring started	Conducted Electrofishing Survey for House of Water Open Cast Coal Mine	Annual Report for Greenburn OCCS
			Annual monitoring sites started	Conducted Electrofishing Survey for Kier Mining Open Cast Coal Mine	Annual Report for House of Water OCCS
				Conducted Electrofishing Survey for New Cumnock Flood Defence	Annual Report for Barburgh Mill
				Conducted Electrofishing Survey for SWS Grid Connector	Annual Report for Glenmuckloch
				Conducted Electrofishing Survey for DG Hospital Fibre Optic	Electrofishing survey in relation to fibre optic cable for new hospital
				Conducted Electrofishing Survey for Glenmuckloch Site	
14	Hatchery	Maintained Board and Trust equipment Fish stock within hatchery maintained Fry planted into Nith at Greenburn coal mine	All fry planted out		Brood stock captured and stripped Care and maintenance of incubating Ova
15	Outreach/ Public Relations	All staff attended Burgh AGM	Youth Angling Club Rainbow Trout day, Carp & Roach day, Tench day	Young Anglers Club fishing sessions at for Sea Trout at Drumlanrig, Flounder at Southernness & Trout at Drum Loch	NCFT - Nith Young Anglers Salmon fishing at Friars Carse
		Presentation delivered to Burgh Anglers AGM	Teachers Open Day	Contacting schools to set up Fishing for the Future Project for 2018	NCFT - Nith Young Anglers Grayling fishing at Dalswinton
		Staff attended river opening ceremony at Dalswinton and Dumfries	Fishing for the Future Project: Wallace Hall, Georgetown, St Michaels, Sanquhar, St Josephs, Dunscore, Duncow	Attended Galloway Country Fair	NCFT - Hatchery Visits x 8 (schools & young anglers)
		Attended SNH meeting to discuss NDSFB input to Caerlaverock Reserve 60th year anniversary event (2017)	French Exchange Group Tour of Hatchery and Electrofishing Experience	Developing Blackwood Pond as an Educational Facility	Aviva Community Fund Application submitted
		Attended Environment Fair at Crichton	Nith Sea Trout Experience	Sea Trout event barbeque and round up	Fishing press photographer visit to Catchment
		Fishing for the Future Schools Programme 18 sessions delivered to 6 schools	Attended DG Environment Fair	Fishing day for St Joseph's College at Drum Loch	
		Wallace Hall Secondary School Science Careers Day	Conducted River walk with Estonia group		
		Youth Angling Club Grayling day			