

Nith Fishery Management Plan Quarterly Progress 2018

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1	Enforcement	Continued Professional Development Training undertaken	Investigated poaching incident reported to Police Scotland	Assisted Buccleuch Estates with incident at Dabton Loch Advised D&G Council on signage in Burgh	Working with Police Scotland on suspected poaching in headwaters. Assisted Buccleuch Estate staff with holiday cover
		Night patrols on spawning beds	Coastal/Estuary patrols ongoing	Coastal/Estuary patrols ongoing	Night patrols on all headwaters
		Enforced fisheries legislation for Grayling Angling	River patrols ongoing	River patrols ongoing	River patrols ongoing
		Assisted with the development of new regulations for D&G Council	Assisting River Dee DSFB	Assisting River Dee DSFB	Incident dealt with on DGAA water (education delivered)
		Estuary patrols	Supplied poaching exhibits to Police Scotland	Investigation on breach of methods statement of works at Guildhall Bridge, Kirkconnel	Gold panners reminded of licence conditions
			Obtained Dee (Kirkcudbrightshire) warrant cards	Investigation of Sunday fishing, Dumfries Burgh	Attended meeting with Environment Agency senior enforcement staff
		Attended spawning disturbance offense Mennock Water	Provided information to all anglers in Nith estuary Policed commercial net fishery re tagging		
2	Exploitation	Collated Catch return data for 2017	Issued carcass tags to netting proprietors	Extolled the Nith Conservation Policies at Lowther Country Fair	Catch return requests distributed to proprietors
		Collated data from Angler Diary log books	Nith 2018 Sea trout experience organised and run on 7 beats	Extolled the Nith Conservation Policies at Galloway Country Fair	2019 categorisation announced - information distributed to proprietors
		Published Nith Conservation Code for 2018 season (Cat 1)		Provided information to Nith Young Anglers on Catch and Release	Continue to promote C&R to anglers on River bank
		Extolled C&R benefits at River Opening Event		Held BBQ for Sea Trout Experience participants	
3	Engineering (Including Forestry)	Gas Pipeline meetings attended - consultation	Fish rescue Upper Scaur in support of Forestry Road construction	Continued to provide consultancy service to Irish Gas and their contractors	Provided consultation to Buccleuch Estates on log jam in Druidhill Burn
		Kier Mining - Dalgig Burn consultation	Barhale Fish rescue on the Connel Burn	Provision of consultancy to East Ayrshire Roads Alliance	Attended post-construction gas pipeline meeting
		SWS Overhead Powerline - attended meeting	Barhale consultation on Flood prevention works	Provision of consultancy to TransServ Scotland	Attended House of Water Coal Mine Technical Working Group meeting
		Forestry Road infrastructure assistance	Nethertown Fish rescue	Provision of consultancy to Balfour Beattie A76 road scheme	Provided report for Gas pipeline post-construction (invertebrates and fish)
		Fish rescue on Connel Burn (Scottish Water)	Gas pipeline meetings attended	Provision of consultancy to Forestry Commission Scotland Civil Engineering department road construction	Provided annual electrofishing report for House of Water Coal Mine
		Scottish Water consultation - Carron Water	Fish rescue WX2 for Gas pipeline culvert removal	Provision of consultancy to SPEN	Provided annual electrofishing report for SWS Overhead Pylon line - Post construction
		Scottish Power Energy Networks consultation - Crawick Water	HOW annual electrofishing survey completed	Provision of consultancy to PA Forestry (Sanquhar)	Provided annual electrofishing report for New Cumnock Flood Defence - interim
		D&G Council - Wanlock Water fish rescue	Kier Greenburn annual electrofishing survey completed	Meeting with SEPA re upper Nith Flood Prevention Scheme	Flume pipe removals for Roadbridge Gas Pipeline
		Nethertown Fish Rescue	Breedon Quarries annual survey completed	Negotiated SWS annual monitoring surveys	Provided report on fish and invertebrates for Scotland TransServ on environmental monitoring Guildhall Bridge repairs
		Kier Mining - report completed	Consultation with A76 road improvement scheme		Provided electrofishing report to Scotland TransServ for landslip repairs to A76 Enterkinfoot
		Roadbridge Interim invertebrate and fisheries report completed	Consultation with SP Energy Networks re upgrade of grid		Consulted on restoration measure on gas pipeline
		SEPA Flood Project Upper Nith and Laggan management	Consultation Scottish Water compensation flow at Afton Dam Consultation with SP Energy Networks re high voltage grid connection		Continuing to fulfil our exit strategy from Upper Nith project
		4	Renewables	Afton Wind Farm report completed	Consultation Sanquhar II Windfarm
Provided quotes to South Kyle Wind Farm	Consultation South Kyle Windfarm			Surveying for South Kyle Windfarm	Provided annual electrofishing report for Afton Windfarm - post construction
	Consultation North Kyle Windfarm			Surveying for North Kyle Windfarm	Provided annual electrofishing report for Sandy Knowe Windfarm - baseline
	Consultation Overhill Windfarm			Surveying for Sandy Knowe Windfarm	Provided electrofishing report for Stroanshalloch
	Consultation Ashmark Windfarm			Surveying for Stroanshalloch Windfarm	Provided electrofishing report for Sanquhar II Windfarm - baseline
	Completed post-construction survey for Afton Windfarm			Reporting for Afton Windfarm completed	Provided electrofishing report for South Kyle Windfarm - baseline
					Provided annual electrofishing report for North Kyle Windfarm - baseline
5	Planning & Consultation	East Ayrshire Council - monthly planning lists considered	Kier Mining Technical Working Group attended HOW Mining Technical Working Group attended	All East Ayrshire Council Planning Lists considered and responded to where appropriate All D&G Council Planning Lists considered and responded to where appropriate	All East Ayrshire Council Planning Lists considered and responded to where appropriate All D&G Council Planning Lists considered and responded to where appropriate
		D&G Council - Planning issues considered	All weekly planning list considered for East Ayrshire Council	All Scottish Government Planning issues via Econsents responded to Kier Mining Technical Working Group attended	All Scottish Government Planning issues via Econsents responded to
6	Biosecurity		Treated all Giant hogweed along River Nith Treated Japanese knotweed where privately funded	Spread of American Signal Crayfish monitored Attended at Lochfoot assisted in the removal of ASC at residents pond	Japanese knotweed treated
7	Habitat	Re-planting trees on Crawick and Pennyland habitat schemes	Obstruction tree cut on DGAA water	Recorded habitat data on all electrofishing sites	In discussion with landowner on Crawick Water on extending current habitat scheme
		Replaced fence on Pennyland Habitat scheme	Tree control Rosehill		
8	Access		Details of impassable road culvert near Kier reported to Elevated importance of Laggan obstruction through SEPA	Investigated report of fallen tree at Rouken Falls	Advised Buccleuch on wood debris removal on Scaur tributary Observed fish ascending at Euchan Falls Observed fish ascending at the Mill on Pennyland Burn
9	Water Quality	Pollution incident - milk spill at Penpont	Investigated reports of dirty water from Upper Nith - reported to SEPA	Investigate and reported fuel spill at Mennock Pass	
		Surry on the Cairn Water			
10	Marine Survival	Continued to highlight importance of further research into Marine survival	Provided logos to AST in support of tracking project		Moratorium on coastal netting continues
11	Governance	Financial year end governance compliance met	Attended Fishery Management Plan template meeting with Scottish Government	Hosted visit by Alan Wells, FMS	Attended FMS AGM
		Board and Trust annual reports published	Fisheries Local Action Group meeting attended	Fisheries Local Action Group meeting attended	Attended Scottish Fishery Director's meeting
		Fisheries Local Action Group meeting attended	SEPA Flood Planning meeting	SEPA Flood Management Plan consultation submitted	Continued liaison with Scottish Government
		H&S Policies reviewed and updated	Consultation with Oliver Mundell re Dumfries Flood Prevention Scheme	Authorised electrofishing by third-party on Euchan	Fulfilled all requirement for grant funding for Fishing for the Future project 2019
		Meet with new D&G Council administrator for fishings	Meeting with SNH regarding Caerlaverock Nature reserve	Refused electrofishing by third-party on Afton	Received £2000 Tesco Grant funding
		Attended D&G Council Common Good meeting Attended Directors meeting Electrofishing licences applied for Annual survey return to Fisheries Management	Stocking licence applied for Blackwood Pond Outdoor First Aid training completed		Applied for The Holywood Trust Award Updating website
12	Predation	Culling and scaring of piscivorous birds throughout catchment	Piscivorous bird licence fulfilled and return submitted	Seal Licence return completed	Conducted Autumn piscivorous bird count
			Conducted spring piscivorous bird count		Seal Licence return completed
		Mink trapping ongoing Seal Licence return completed	Seal Licence return completed Mink trapping through out catchment	Seal Licence return completed	Applied for 2019 seal licence Applied for piscivorous bird licence

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13	Fish Stock/Monitoring	Electrofishing data entry ongoing for 2017	Electrofishing data entry for 2017 completed	Electrofishing data entry for 2018 started	Continue to enter electrofishing data in SFCC database
		Scale readings ongoing	Agreed to conduct 30 national electrofishing sites for Scottish Government - starting July 2018	National electrofishing completed	Completed entry of National electrofishing data
		Further discussions regarding fish counter project	Scale taking practical course delivered to ghillies/anglers	Work progressing on Crawick Counter (negotiations)	Preparatory work on fish counter progressing
		Met with representative of Sonar fish counter	Gathered quotes for Crawick Counter	Annual monitoring sites completed	
			Annual monitoring sites commenced	Engaged data input assistant	
14	Hatchery	Maintained Board and Trust equipment	All fry stocked out	Annual maintenance of buildings	Brood stock captured
		Fish stock within hatchery maintained	Pond maintenance fulfilled and stocking conducted		Sea trout eggs stripped and incubating
			Hatchery/office buildings maintained		Brown trout eggs stripped and incubating
					Salmon eggs stripped and incubating
15	Outreach/ Public Relations	Organised and ran Nith Opening Event	Ran 3 Nith Young Anglers sessions	Attended Lowther Country Fair	Hosted visit from River Tweed Commissioners
		Attended Environment Fair at Crichton	Completed delivery of Fishing for the Future session to 8 schools (180+ children)	Attended Galloway Country Fair	Delivered two Nith Young Anglers sessions
		Fishing for the Future Schools Programme sessions 2 & 3 delivered to 6 schools	Funding application successful - Hollywood Trust and Dunscore Community Council	Nith Young Anglers sessions delivered	Delivered an Angling taster day
		Wallace Hall Primary School Science Careers Day	Maintained website/social media	Two Angling Taster Days delivered at Blackwood Pond	Met with Borderlines to discuss NYA project 2019
		Organised sessions for 2018 Young Anglers Club		Angling Day at Dock Park with D&G Council	Seven hatchery visits hosted
		Meeting attend with FMS re National Youth Angling programme		Hosted Scottish Government's Fishery Development meeting attended by Tweed, Galloway, Ayrshire and FMS	Took part in educational STEM (science) day at St. Joseph's College
		Organised and facilitated Rural Skill sessions for St. Josephs and Sanquhar Academy		Funding granted by Misses Robinson Trust and Tesco	Met with eight schools for 2019 Fishing for the Future sessions and set dates for sessions