

Nith Fishery Management Plan Quarterly Progress 2019

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1	Enforcement	Night patrols on spawning beds	Investigation of retention of spring salmon	Assisted Buccleuch Estates River Manager with enforcement issue	Night patrols on spawning areas
		Assisted with the development of new regulations for D&G Council	Assisted Buccleuch with non-permit holders on Boatford Beat	Beat patrols permit checking	Reported incident of obstruction on Crawick Water
		Liaising with Environment Agency regarding joint training	Attendance at Kirkcudbrightshire Dee	Policing haaf net fishery tagging regulations	Reported incidents of Sunday fishing on Cairn investigated
		Gold panners moved from lower Mennock	On-going Burgh Water incident Fishery enforcement training in Penrith	Coastal jurisdiction checks for gill nets	Beat patrols permit checking Coastal patrols
2	Exploitation	Collated Catch return data for 2018	Administered and distributed carcass tags to net fishery proprietors		Distributed catch return documentation to proprietors
		Published Nith Conservation Code for 2019 season (Cat 2)	Working with Scottish Government on streamlining administration of the tagging scheme		Collected carcass tag information and unused tags on behalf of Scottish Government
		Extolled C&R benefits at River Opening Event			
3	Engineering (Including Forestry)	Kier Mining - Technical Working Group meeting	Kier Mining Technical Working Group meeting	Kier Mining Technical Working Group meeting	Completed report for Kier Mining Greenburn Mine
		House of Water - Technical Working Group meeting	Monitoring the construction of the reinstated Craigman Burn at House of Water	House of Water - Technical Working Group meeting	Completed report for House of Water mine
		Scottish Power Energy Networks consultation - Carron Water and Scaur Water	Responded to CAR licence in relation to rail maintenance at Sanquhar	Consulted on repair to River Nith at House of Water Open Cast Coal Mine and conducted annual electrofishing surveys	Completed report for Scottish Water Corserig Sewer project
			Provided consultation on Scottish Waters maintenance a works at Terregles	Consulted on repairs to river bank to Scottish Water in relation to outflow at Terregles and performed fish rescue	Completed report for Balfour Beattie A76 Road realignment project
		SEPA Flood Project Upper Nith onsite meeting	Raised concerns over the sustainability of the Greenburn Burn to Kier Mining	Consulted on Sewage pipe repairs at Kirkconnel by Scottish Water and completed baseline electrofishing surveys	Completed report for East Ayrshire Roads Alliance New Flood Protection Scheme
		Scottish Water meeting at SEPA's offices	Commenced surveys for A76 road works	Conducted annual surveys at Greenburn Open Cast Coal Mine	Completed report for ScottishPower Energy Networks Overhead Pylon line
		Quoted for fish stocking at Greenburn		Conducted electrofishing surveys in relation SWS Overhead Pylon Line	Completed survey for Breodon Quarries
				Conducted surveys in behalf of East Ayrshire Road Alliance	Conducted fish rescue for Scottish Water at Kirkconnel
				Consulted on A76 roadworks on behalf of balfour Beatty and performed annual survey	
				Conducted annual electrofishing surveys in relation to Barburgh Mill Quarry Performed two fish rescues in relation to bridge repairs on Crawick Viaduct for Network Rail	
4	Renewables	Quoted for aquatic surveys for Overhill Wind Farm	Attended a meeting about Penpont Hydro and provided consultation re fish passage	Conducted post construction electrofishing survey in relation to Afton Wind Farm	Conducted walkover fisheries habitat survey for Eucharhead Windfarm
		Quoted for aquatic surveys for Sandy Knowe Wind Farm	Commenced surveys for Twentysilling Hill windfarm and grid connection	Conducted post construction electrofishing survey in relation to Sanquhar 1 Wind Farm	Completed report for Sanquhar 1 Windfarm
		Quoted for aquatic surveys for Twentysilling Hill Wind Farm and grid connection		Conducted baseline electrofishing survey in relation to Overhill Wind Farm	Completed report for Overhill Windfarm
		Attended public meeting for Sanquhar 2 Wind Farm		Completed Twentysilling Hill Wind Farm Baseline surveys and reported	Completed report for Afton Windfarm
				Completed Sandy Knowe Wind Farm Baseline electrofishing surveys and invertebrate surveys and report compiled	Completed report for Sandyknowe Windfarm
			Completed report for Twentysilling Hill Windfarm		
5	Planning & Consultation	East Ayrshire Council - weekly planning lists considered	East Ayrshire weekly planning lists considered	East Ayrshire Council - weekly planning lists considered	East Ayrshire Council - weekly planning lists considered
		D&G Council - Planning issues considered	Responded to D&G Council regarding grid connection to Twentysilling Hill windfarm	D&G Council - Planning issues considered	D&G Council - Planning issues considered
		Responded to planning in respect of Trostan Wind Farm		Provided planning response to North Lowther Wind Farm Provided planning response to Sanquhar 2 Wind Farm	

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				Provided planning response for Pencloe Wind Farm	
6	Biosecurity	Continue to highlight biosecurity issues on all planning responses	All Giant Hog Weed treated across the catchment	New interpretation material provided by Non-native Species Secretariat Spread of American Signal Crayfish monitored Reacted to reports of Giant hogweed and treated	Licence application to trap for crayfish submitted Attended D&G INNS meeting at SEPA Added biosecurity measures to construction method statements
7	Habitat	Planted trees on Shiel Burn and waterbody on Greenburn OCCS Habitat scheme repairs conducted on Wanlock Water scheme Discussed future habitat plans on Crawick Water	Completed habitat fencing works on Crawick and procured materials for the watergate installation Habitat fencing repaired on Wanlock Water Removal of fallen tree at Denholm's wood	Completed habitat works on Crawick Water Discussed river engineering proposals at Isle Tower Removed tree from Closeburn Castle Water	Planted Crawick habitat scheme with willows Planted Craigman Burn with willows
8	Access	Attended SEPA presentation regarding barrier prioritisation in Scotland	Confirmed attendance at fish barrier training course New impassable man-made obstruction recorded	Attended barrier assessment training course	Surveyed Forestry culverts in the Shinnel, Scaur and Euchan catchments and highlighted issues
9	Water Quality	Informed SEPA regarding issues of pollution on Gallaberry Burn Reported incident at Lettrick Forest	Reported slurry incident at Polshill farm A76	Attended Freshwater Pearl Mussel training course	30 water samples for taken throughout catchment for Scottish Government (NEPS)
10	Marine Survival	Applied for and obtained a seal control licence	Quarterly return to seal management licence	Quarterly report to seal management licence	Attended two AST meetings to discuss West Coast Smolt Tracking project Seal licence application for 2020 completed Quarterly seal licence return completed
11	Governance	Financial year end governance compliance met Board and Trust annual reports published Fisheries Local Action Group meeting attended H&S Policies reviewed and updated Attended D&G Council Common Good meeting Electrofishing licences applied for Annual survey return to Fisheries Management Scotland for Board and Trust Attended SFCC conference PAT testing of all electrical equipment	Board AQPM and Board meeting Trust AGM and Directors meeting Solway Local Action Group meeting Health and Safety review Electrofishing equipment serviced	Board Annual Public meeting and Board members meeting Trust Directors meeting Attended FMS regional meeting Produced Risk assessments and Method statements for surveying conducted on construction sites Attended site inductions on construction sites Considered and prepared financial review	Licence application to survey for Freshwater Pearl Mussels submitted Trust Directors meeting Attended FMS AGM Attended River Directors meeting
12	Predation	Applied for licence to control piscivorous birds Agreed to participate in Scottish Piscivorous birds research project Participated in conference with Scottish Government on research project Mink trapping ongoing Seal Licence return completed	Scottish Government Research Licence quota fulfilled Carcasses delivered to Centre for Ecology and Hydrology for analysis	Conducted Autumn Piscivorous bird counts	Continuing to fulfil requirements of Scottish Government research licence for avian predation Piscivorous bird licence applied for 2020 season Mink trapping underway
13	Fish Stock/Monitoring	Electrofishing data entry ongoing for 2018 Board discussion (8th Feb 2019) to postpone fish counter project Attended presentation regarding Fish counters by Scottish Government Completed SFCC survey on fish counters/network	Attended smolt trapping workshop on the Tweed National Electrofishing Programme workshop at Marine Scotland, Pitlochry Obtained quotes for smolt trap National Electrofishing Programme agreed for 2019 - initial site locations received	Completed all Annual Electrofishing sites Completed all NEPS electrofishing sites Purchased second-hand smolt trap	Completed all data entry and sample returns as part of the NEPS surveying for 2019 Completed all commercial electrofishing contracts Licence application to survey for and catch fish including eels in 2020 submitted
14	Hatchery	Maintained stock within the hatchery	Stocking on Greenburn site - salmon and sea trout Stocking of brown trout on Upper Cairn Stocking of salmon on Crawick Water	Hatchery building and equipment maintained	Captured brood stock for hatchery operations Successfully obtained ova from broodstock Licence application to catch brood stock in 2020 submitted

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15	Outreach/ Public Relations	Organised and ran 2019 Nith Opening Event at DGAA Carnsalloch	Three Nith Young Angler sessions	Sea trout Experience event delivered	Responded to public enquires regarding fishing availability and directed them as appropriate
		Gave presentation at AAPGAI meeting at Friars Carse	STEM day at St. Michael's Primary	Salmon Experience event delivered	Assisted media and film makers wishing to use the River Nith catchment
		Fishing for the Future Schools Programme sessions 2 & 3 delivered to 8 schools - underway	Twelve Fishing for the Future school sessions	Attended Galloway Country Fair	Attended Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Day at St. Joseph's College
		Facilitated Advance Higher projects with two schools		Run three Angling Taster Days	Six schools visited hatchery as part of Fishing for the Future project
		Organised sessions for 2019 Young Anglers Club and angling taster days		Delivered Nith Young Anglers sessions	Ran last of the 2019 Nith Young Anglers Day's - fishing for Pike at Loch Urr
		Meeting attend with Ian Robertson re National Youth Angling programme		Delivered Fishing for the Future sessions to 8 schools	Attended Hollywood Trust Christmas Gathering