



Director's Report July 2012.

July brought continuing runs of multi-sea salmon as well as some grilse. The fish counter at Tor Achilty was struck by lightning but was replaced by SSE within a week. The count through the Dam by the end of July was 441 compared with 294 in 2010.

Bailiffs dealt with a number of incidents during July and made a further two arrests.

A bid is in preparation with RAFTS for an EU funded invasives project which if successful will bring significant funding to the Trust for 5 years from 2013.

Projects / research

Marine Scotland Science continued electro-fishing work on the Orrin and Blackwater as part of their research into the effects of flow regimes on juvenile salmon.

The electro-fishing sampling for the Glasgow University research into the effects of early growth and smolt age on reproductive success was completed in July.

Electro-fishing monitoring of juvenile salmon and sea trout populations is ongoing.

Himalayan balsam clearance is continuing, with work parties from The Conservation Volunteers and also Dingwall Environment Group. Significant reductions in the extent of balsam have taken place in areas cleared last year.

Meetings attended / consultations

IFM Scottish Branch Committee Meeting
Conservation Volunteers Green Gym Electro-fishing
Dingwall Environment Group work party
RAFTS meeting for EU Invasives project funding bid
IFM Code of Good Practice meeting
Scottish Govt meeting
Western Isles powerline consultation
Orrin windfarm extension consultation