



Director's Report June 2014.

June has been dry throughout most of the month giving difficult angling conditions. The spring run appears to have been weak over most of Scotland although counts through Tor Achilty Dam have been very similar to last year.

There have been regular bailiffing patrols of the coast and rivers during June. An illegal monofilament net was seized by bailiffs and an angler was arrested in possession of a salmon kelt.

The Wild Fishery Review process is ongoing. Progress reports can be found at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/wildfisheriesreview>

Projects / research

The Board has been awarded a contract to carry out a radio-tracking project on the Allt Graad. This will investigate the behavior of adult salmon in relation to hydro and natural flows.

Data has been supplied to RAFTS for a Heritage Lottery Fund bid to set up a multi-species invasives project. Giant hogweed spraying was completed on the Balnagown by Board staff, whilst TCV volunteer groups have started clearing Himalayan balsam from rivers throughout the region.

A mink was reported late in the month and traps and tracking rafts have been deployed.

Meetings attended / consultations

Highland Invasive Species Form
Wild Fishery Review Meeting
Cromarty Firth Management Committee
Cromarty Firth Board & Trust meetings
RAFTS members meeting
SFCC Management Committee
Wild Fishery Review regional meetings
Forestry Commission strategy meeting
IFM
Offshore windfarm meeting
Scottish Mink Initiative Steering Group
Highland Council Peffery road crossing meeting
Dalmore Distillery lade site visit
SEPA consultation
Clark Thompson Board Insurance review