



## **Director's Report October 2012.**

At the Institute of Fisheries Management conference in Edinburgh a new Code of Good Practice for Fisheries Management was launched. This document is designed to be read by as many anglers as possible and particularly those involved in managing fisheries. It is available for download from the Board's website.

Preparations are underway for broodstock collection on the Blackwater. The Contin Hatchery decks have been repainted. Pumps at Loch na Croic have been tested. Broodstock collection for the Alness was completed.

The bothy at Pitglassie is being refurbished for the arrival of the new TCV Apprentice in November.

Very heavy rain led to flash flooding around the region and blocked screens at Loch na Croic.

### ***Projects / research***

TCV began rhododendron clearance on the Orrin in October.

A new database and field handheld recording system is being developed by RAFTS to record invasive species

Log jams which were blocking access for spawning fish on the Upper Conon, Peffery and Alness were removed.

A report on the delivery of the Cromarty Firth Fishery Management Plan is being prepared. Delivery of this report to Scottish Government will release the final phase of Fishery management Plan grant aid.

The Forestry Commission and SNH lowered water levels at a pond near Strathpeffer to eradicate a population of perch which have been illegally introduced.

***Meetings attended / consultations***

IFM Conference Edinburgh  
Alness Angling Association  
SEPA Peffery visit  
BBC wildlife unit filming  
Woodland Trust Visit  
LBAP AGM