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## **Director's Report February 2014**

### ***General***

The mild winter conditions continued throughout February, this has accelerated the development of eggs in the hatchery at Contin. High flows have restricted opportunities to stock eggs out until a dry spell in the last week of the month. Bailiffs have been working hard to get eggs out for our stocking programme and for two Glasgow University research projects before they get too close to hatching.

Carcass tags have been ordered for this year's carcass tagging and will be distributed to anglers when angling clubs supply their membership lists.

Scottish Government has commissioned a wide reaching review of fishery management in Scotland. With the agreement of the Management Committee I am to sit on the Technical Working Group for this review. The first meeting will take place in March and details of the review process can be found at;

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/wildfisheriesreview>.

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

With funding from the Forestry Commission, The Conservation Volunteers working alongside Board staff are clearing Rhododendron from a spawning tributary of the Alness at Ardross Castle.

Natalie is working with the Moray Firth Trout Initiative to scope the creation of an Angling Development project for the region.

A website for viewing and reporting the presence of invasive species in the Cromarty Firth region is now available

<http://www.invasivespecies.no-ip.org/isweb/MyPublic.aspx?OrgID=RAFTS>.

The Trust's monitoring and treatment works will be entered onto the website as it takes place this summer.

***Meetings attended / consultations***

Invasives website meetings

Rivers and Lochs Institute meeting

TCV project planning meeting

SSE Liaison Meeting

IFM Fishery Review Meeting

Allt Graad radio tracking planning meeting

TCV Apprenticeship progress meeting

Meeting with neighbouring boards to plan Police liaison

Angling Development Project meeting

Luichart Long Term Forest Plan

Strathconon Long Term Forest Plan

SMI report

ICES tag return report

RAFTS SRDP consultation.