

REPORT FOR 2013
of
HELMSDALE DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD

CHAIRMAN	Sir John Nutting Bt.QC
PROPRIETORS	Mrs M E Clay A Heber-Percy N McCorquodale W Southall Lucy Reeves
CO-OPTees	D Sutherland R Mackay
CLERK	N J D Wright, Arthur & Carmichael
ANNUAL CATCH	The Catch for 2013 was 1521, which was below average.
COUNTER	The Counter Total was 5466.
CONSERVATION POLICIES IN PLACE INCLUDING CURRENT RATE OF CATCH AND RELEASE	Broodstock Capture and reintroduction of Hatchery Fish. Increasing Rate of Catch and Release. For Spring, the Rate was 86% and for the whole Season it was just over 87%.
REGULATORY MEASURES PROMOTED EITHER STATUTORY OR VOLUNTARY AND HOW THESE ARE BEING MONITORED	Prevention of Poaching, taking of Fish by illegal means by team of three full time Bailiffs plus one Seasonal Summer Bailiff.
SURVEYS OF JUVENILE FISH POPULATIONS	Almost the whole Catchment surveyed. 24 Sites checked and in the main very good results.
NUMBER OF BAILIFFS TRAINED AND EMPLOYED & SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	Three full time Bailiffs and one Seasonal Summer Bailiff. Illegal Nets - None Offences Reported - None Court Cases - None
SUMMARY OF THE MAIN PRESSURES ON THE CATCHMENT	Escaped Farmed Fish hybridising with Helmsdale Salmon.
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<p>DETAILS OF ANY CONSENTED STOCKING ACTIVITIES INCLUDING ASSESSMENTS TO DETERMINE SUCCESS OR OTHERWISE</p>	<p>Broodstock Capture in October/November 2013 of 60 Salmon producing 160,000 ova.</p> <p>Starting discussions with Professor M. Gage of East Anglia University to assess per DNA Analysis the success of the Hatchery.</p>
<p>COMPLAINTS</p>	<p>The Board has prepared a complaints procedure which will be considered at their Meeting on 11th May 2014.</p> <p>No Complaints in 2013.</p>
<p>MEETINGS</p>	<p>Prior to the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2013 coming into force, the Board held a Public Meeting at 2.30pm on Saturday 11th May 2013 at Kildonan Hall.</p> <p>The Annual Meeting of the proprietors was held at 9.30am on Sunday 12th May 2013 at Kildonan Lodge.</p>
<p>ANNUAL REPORT</p>	<p>This Annual report will be published on the Board's website and a copy will be sent to The Scottish Government by the end of May 2014.</p>
<p>ACCOUNTS</p>	<p>Accounts will be published on the Board's website and a copy will be sent to The Scottish Government by the end of May 2014.</p>
<p>MEMBERS INTERESTS</p>	<p>The Board is in the process of preparing a Register of Members Interests. This will be reviewed at the Proprietors Meeting each May.</p>
<p>SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS FOR 2014</p>	<p>The Annual Public Meeting is to be held at 2.30pm on Saturday 10th May 2014 at Kildonan Hall.</p> <p>The Annual Meeting of Proprietors will be held at 9.30 am on Sunday 11th May 2014 at Kildonan Lodge.</p> <p>Fish Surveys - Continue Electro Fishing Programme.</p> <p>Habitat Improvements - Bank Repairs as necessary.</p> <p>Priorities for bailiffs - Disease control of Gyrodactylus salaris.</p> <p>Stocking Strategy - Stocking as necessary in light of Electro Fishing Results and Counter Runs.</p>
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