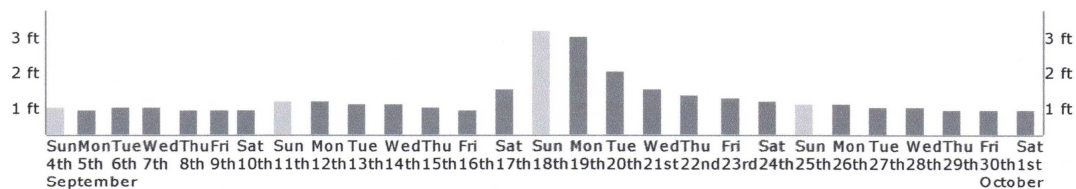


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SUPERINTENDENTS MONTHLY REPORT  
FOR SEPTEMBER 2011**

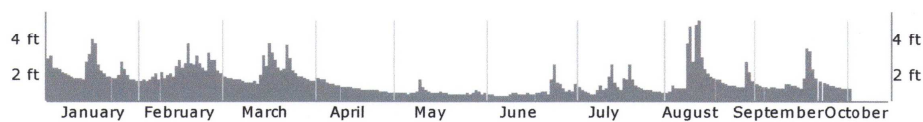
**River Conditions**

River levels during the first two weeks of the month were holding at a steady height, approximately 1ft above low base level. The river had a good increase in river flows on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month, when continuous unsettled weather prevailed causing the river height to increase to the level of 3ft. This level of water stayed with us for a short time, giving salmon a chance to move through the river system. On the last week of the month, the river was again back to the same level as it was at the beginning of September. The graphs below show the river levels for the month of September and the year so far.

Last 28 days



Year so far



**Fish in River**

Anglers on the lower river from Fintry down to the tidal reaches of the system, continued to have excellent sport, as small runs of Salmon/Grilse continued to fill certain pools on the lower river. The low flows for the first half of the month meant these fish were not travelling any great distance through the river system. The ADAA exceeded last months catch returns with 170 fish recorded. Grandhome estate fishing's also did well with 52 fish recorded for the month. The two paper mills, Muggiemoss mill and Stoneywood mill fishing's were down on the previous month with 16 fish recorded on both beats. Further up stream on the council waters of Kintore and Inverurie, these two beats recorded 40 Salmon/Grilse for the month. Manar and Kemnay A C have also had reasonable sport for the second half of the month, once the fish had moved up from the lower river after the river levels increased on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month. Monymusk fishing's had a party of guests on the last week of the month, and 31 salmon were recorded. On the Castle Forbes fishing's 16 salmon were recorded by Guests on the last week of the month. Littlewood fishing's above Alford have also had a good month, with all anglers in the party landing

salmon and all delighted. On the Kildrummy fishing's one small party fishing for the day finished with 4 salmon, one of the party landing 3 to his own fly rod and many lost. I had a lot of reports earlier in the month from anglers, that there were plenty of salmon in the pools, but they were just off the take, these fish were salmon in their spawning colours waiting for sufficient rain.

### **Coastal Fishing**

Closed Season

### **Breda Fishing's**

Senior Bailiff, Mr Martin Webster has now completed the task of getting Breda Fishing's, onto the fish pal website. They have already got a booking on the beat for Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, so well done Martin on achieving this task..

Martin is also doing a monthly river report on fish pal and once you read it, you will be heading for the river fishing rod in hand.

### **Hatchery**

The egg troughs on the ground floor of the hatchery have now been modified, the plumbing work has also been completed. We will now be working on the ground floor of the hatchery; the fire extinguishers have also had their annual check and passed. In October I will get the electrician to cut the electricity supply to the first floor and second floor of the hatchery as this is a source of ignition. Jamie has informed me of my egg quota for the 2011 season, which I agree with. Now all I want is some rain.

# **Jim Kerr**

River Superintendent