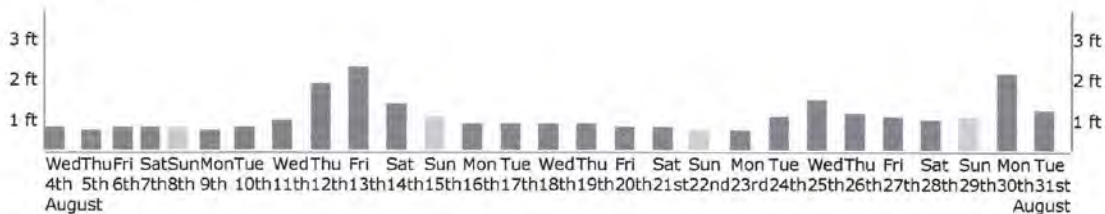


THE DON DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2010

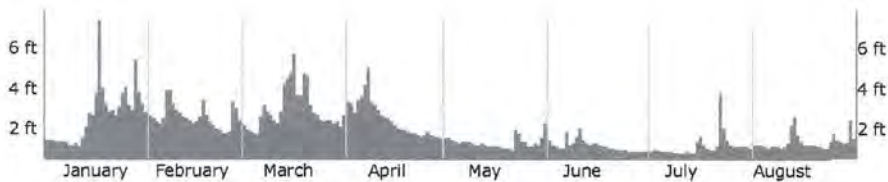
State of River

River flows for the month were unstable due to the unpredictable summer weather with out breaks of heavy rain. There were three small increases in river flows for August, on the 13th, 25th and 30th of the month. On the 13th and 30th of the month the river reached a height of 2½ft and on the 25th the river only slightly went up by 6inches. The river then quickly fell back. The graphs below show the river levels for the month and year so far.

Last 28 days



Year so far



Fish in River

Catches on the river for the first two weeks of August were steady with Grilse and the odd large summer salmon being landed. On the sea trout front, fish up to 3lb class were still being landed at Kintore and Inverurie up until the middle of the month. Fishing effort during the first two weeks of August was below par, which reflects on the catch returns. On the 13th of the month the river got an increase in river flows which brought in some good runs of grilse and summer salmon. On the Inverurie area of the river during the third week of the month one angler landed 6 grilse all sea liced which came to his fly and were all returned. On the Kintore beat grilse have been landed daily with sea lice still on their backs. In the Munymusk waters 11 salmon were landed and all were fresh run fish. The reports I have received from Anglers during the last two weeks of this month has been about the excellent fishing they have experienced this year to date, and the amount of Grilse they have either caught or lost to the fly, and the amount they have seen running through the pools which they had not been able to stop. The largest fish I have heard of

this month is a 20lb fish at Inverurie which was released, the same angler also landed a small 4lb grilse on the same day. On the lower Don anglers have been getting steady catches but it seems that the beats above Fintry are fairing better, as this seems to be the area where the fresh fish are slowing down to rest.

Don Trust

Electro fishing has now started on some of the tributaries to establish fish densities, myself and staff and Jamie and his assistant have been working in teams to get more of the system completed. Hopefully we will get more sites completed if the burns settle after this last rise in water levels.

Hatchery

There are now only 4 weeks until spawning time. I have two new doors to make for the impoundment and a pipe repair to do in the Burn; there is also some painting to be done.

Jim Kerr

River superintendent