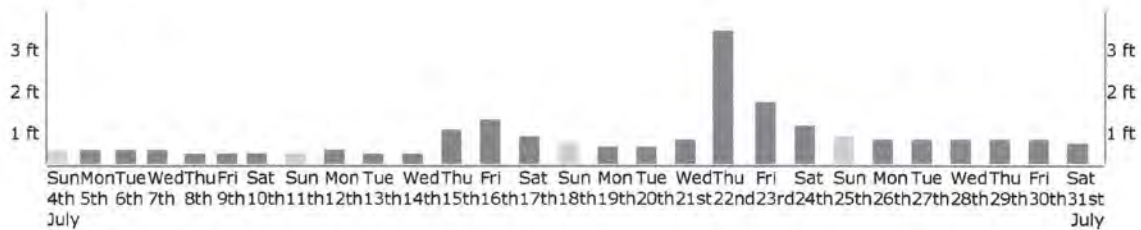


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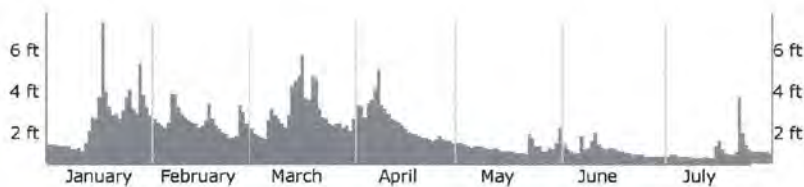
River Conditions

River levels on the river for the first two weeks were at low summer level. There was a slight increase of flows on the 15/16 of the month which then subsided slightly until the 22nd of the month, when continuous heavy rain increased the river level by 2½ft, putting the river at an overall height of 3ft. From the 22nd onwards, the river level dropped in height at a steady pace and by the end of July the river was just above low summer flows once more. The graphs below show the river flows for the month and year so far.

Last 28 days



Year so far



Fish in River

Steady catches of salmon and sea trout were reported throughout the month. I have been receiving reports from anglers that some of the Grilse caught are showing signs of red vent syndrome. During early July good numbers of sea trout were being caught from lower reaches of the system up to the Alford area. The largest sea trout caught that I have heard of was on the Kildrummy fishing's; a nice fish of 6lb the beat also had some nice class salmon for the month. The ADAA waters on the lower Don also have done very well as has the Inverurie waters for catches of Sea trout this year. By the end of July the sea trout catches were starting to slow down. Grilse however were starting to pick up on the lower to middle river as the month rolled on, and the catches were getting more frequent.

Jim Kerr

River Superintendent