

Fisheries Management Scotland Update on Activities

Tuesday 4th February 2020



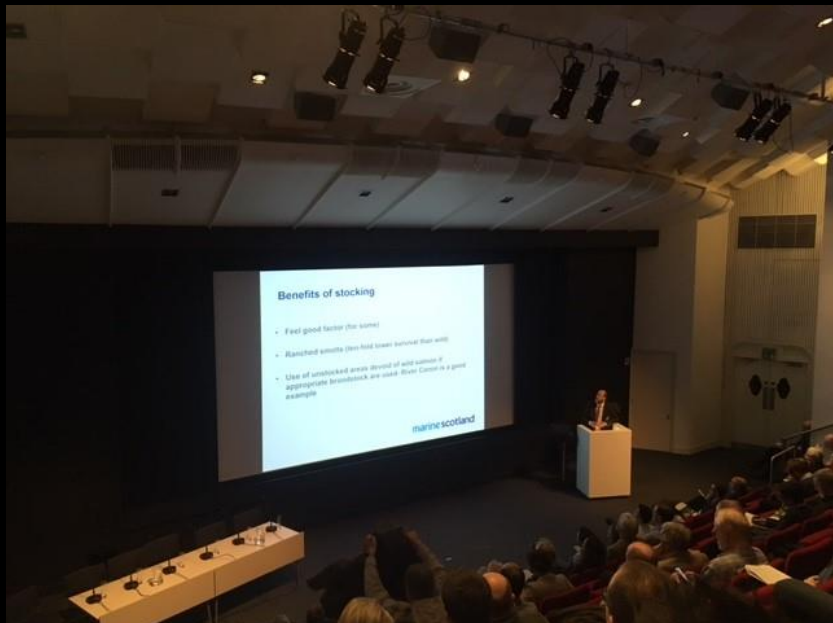
Wild Salmon Crisis

Engagement with politicians & officials

Scottish Parliament Exhibition

Salmon 'roundtable' meeting and reception





What do wild salmon mean to me?

Peter Hutchinson



Prior to his retirement in late 2017, Dr Peter Hutchinson was the Secretary of the inter-governmental North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation (NASCO). He was Chairman of NASCO's Standing Scientific Committee for more than 20 years. His work for NASCO over more than thirty years involved international collaboration with all the North Atlantic countries/jurisdictions with Atlantic salmon interests and the large network of Inter-Government and Non-Government Organisations accredited to NASCO, including Fisheries Management Scotland.

About fifty years ago during a family holiday, I joined a crowd of people which had gathered to witness one of nature's greatest spectacles, salmon migrating upstream. It was the late 1960s and salmon abundance was high, perhaps anomalously high, and the sea pool was teeming with fish. There was talk of an epic ocean odyssey and precise navigation back to the natal river. I was enthralled and captivated but certainly did not imagine that I would have the great privilege of spending virtually my entire career working on this magnificent animal. The Atlantic salmon is a truly international spe-

cially its conservation face many challenges.

The American astronaut, Neil Armstrong, once said 'I think we're going to the moon because it's in the nature of the human being to face challenges. It's by the nature of his deep inner soul... we're required to do these things just as salmon swim upstream'. Salmon, perhaps now more than ever, need our help in meeting the challenges it faces. We need to work to ensure the maximum number of healthy wild salmon smolts can go to sea and that means focusing and enhancing our efforts on the factors affecting salmon that are under our con-



INTERNATIONAL YEAR ^{OF} THE SALMON



Scottish Government

Wild Salmon Strategy - Programme for
Government

Atlantic salmon pressures tool

*"Scotland's Government and regulatory
authorities now have a historic opportunity
to do everything in their power to safeguard
the species in those areas where they can
make a difference. Salmon conservation must
become a national priority in what is the
International Year of the Salmon"*

Consultation draft Corporate Plan 2020-2023

January 2020



Atlantic Salmon Pressures Tool

Maritime and Fisheries Fund

Currently being completed across Scotland

Opportunity to highlight pressures at a local and national level

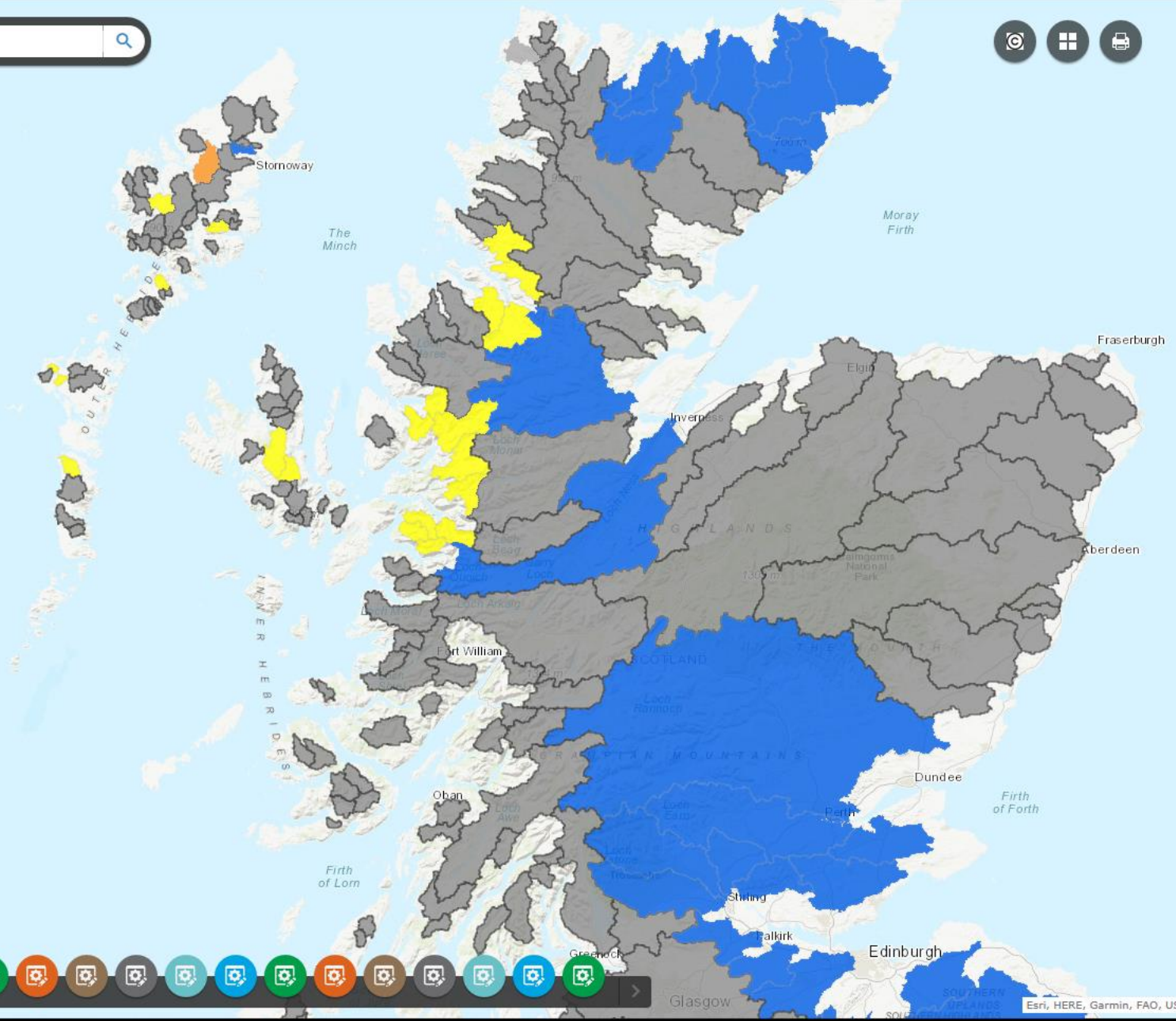




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Sea Lice

- A
- B
- C
- D
- Unknown
- Other



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30km

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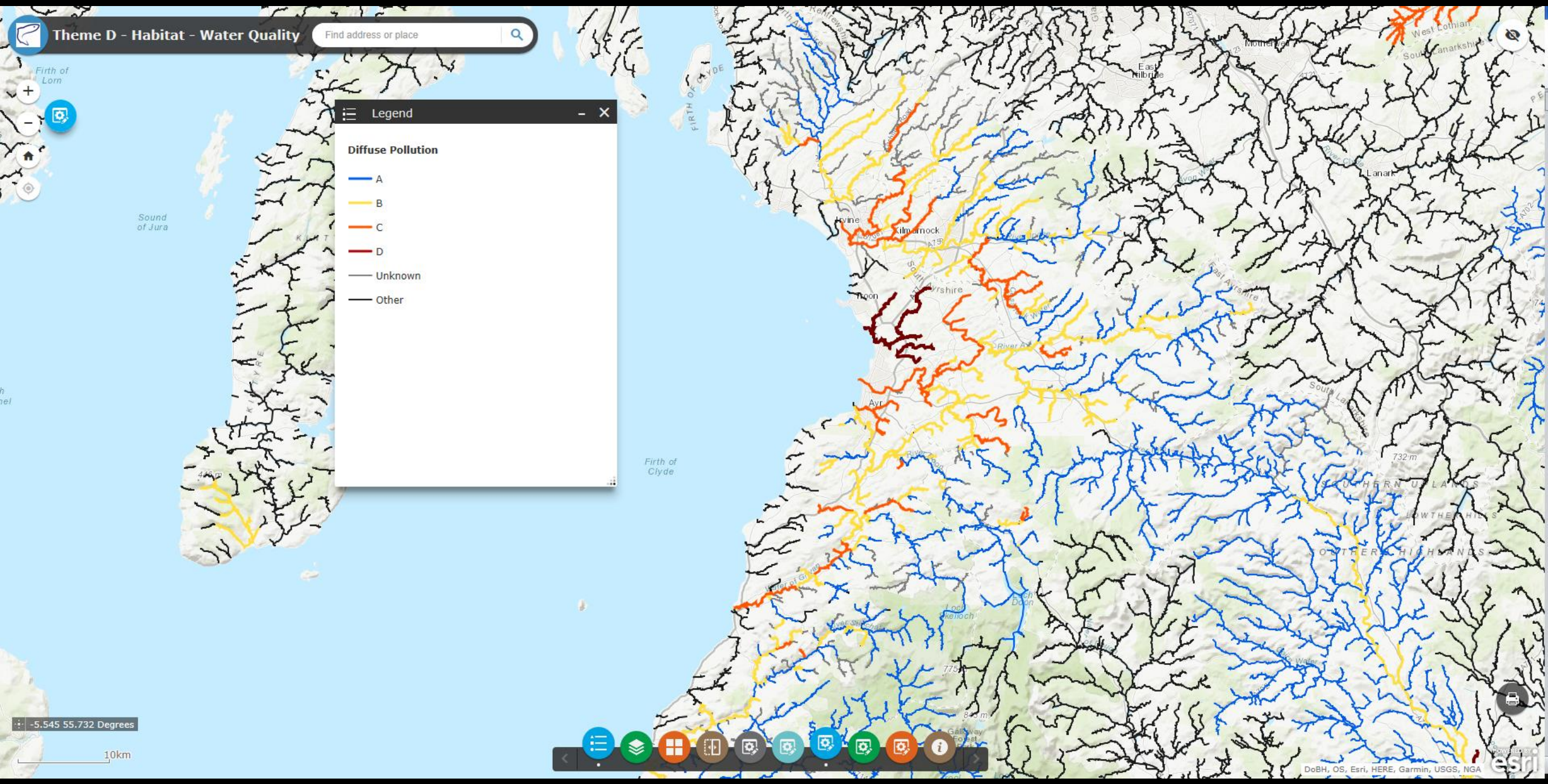
Home

Location

Legend

Diffuse Pollution

- A
- B
- C
- D
- Unknown
- Other



Map navigation and tool icons including layers, home, location, and zoom controls.



Acidification

Rivers where salmon production is known to be impacted by acidification. This could be from current sources or historic sources such as acid rain. Please also refer to Annex A.

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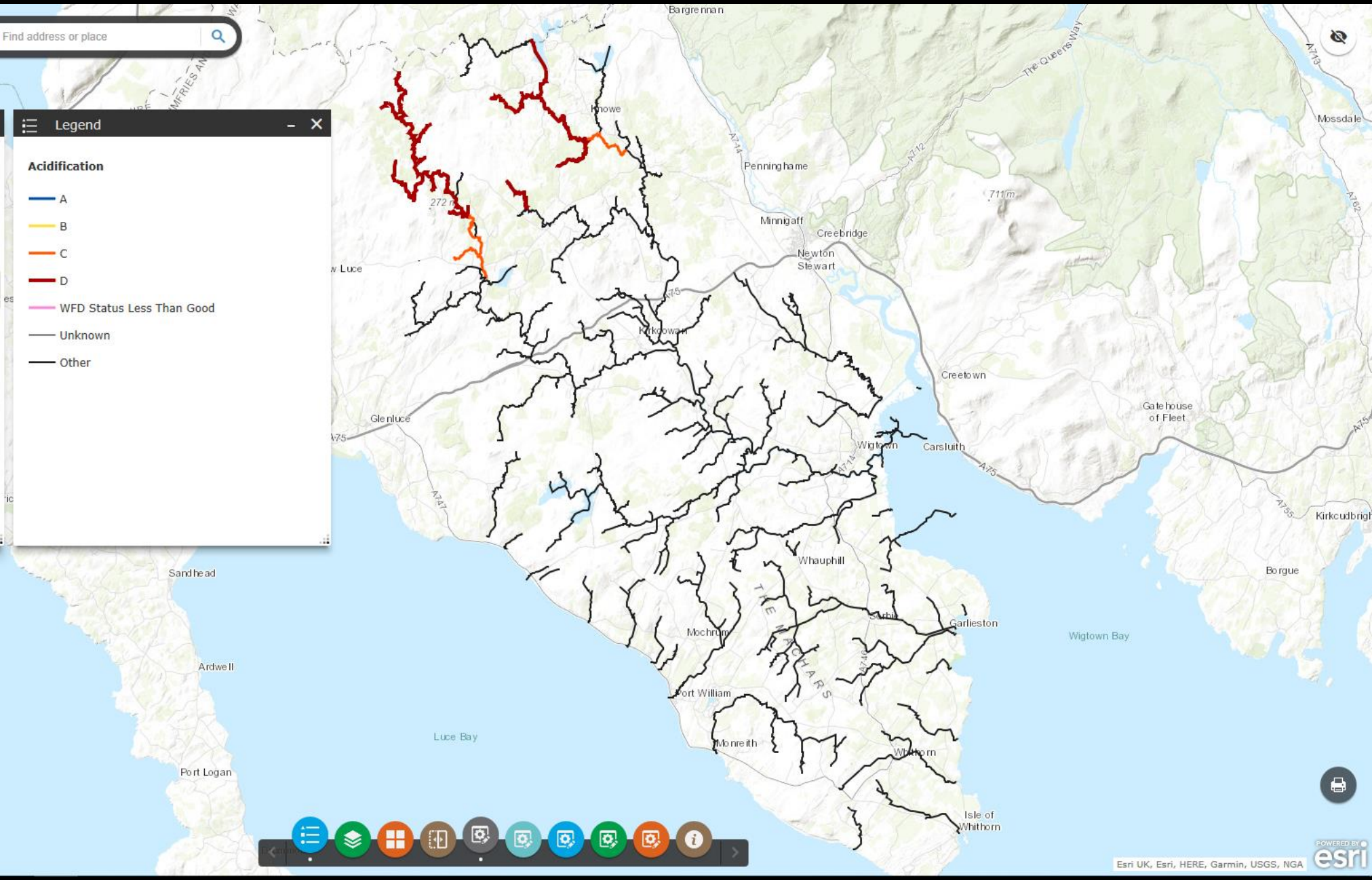
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Clear

Legend

Acidification

- A
- B
- C
- D
- WFD Status Less Than Good
- Unknown
- Other



-5.087 54.992 Degrees

4km

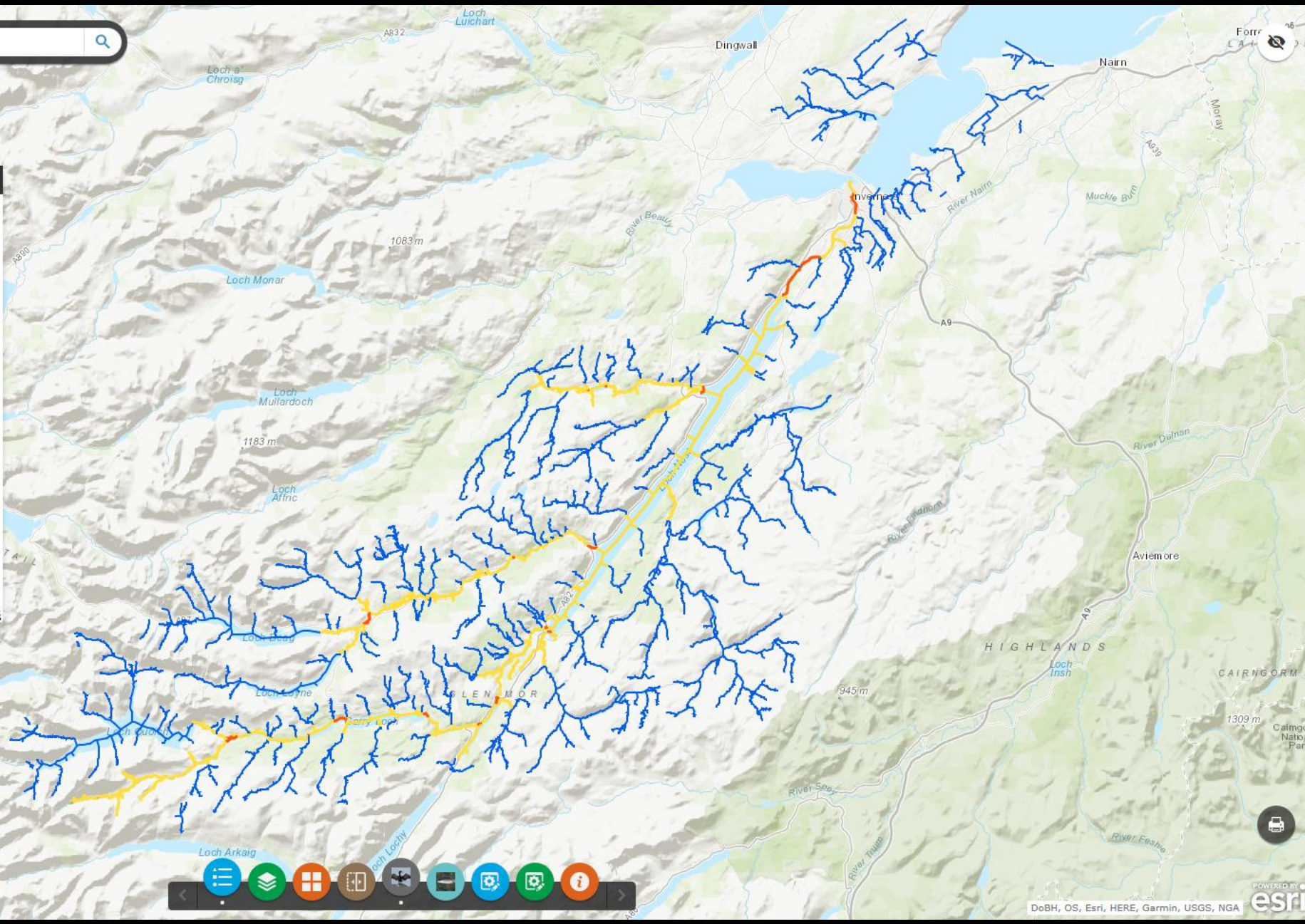




Legend

Piscivorous Bird

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- B
- C
- D
- Unknown
- Other



-5.915 57.543 Degrees

10km



Salmon Farming

Fisheries Management Scotland Committee

Parliamentary Inquiries – *status quo is not an option*

Interactions Working Group

Local Monitoring – SG and Crown Estate





Atlantic Salmon Trust
PUTTING WILD SALMON FIRST



West Coast Tracking

Migratory routes on the west coast is a key strategic knowledge gap

Application to Maritime and Fisheries Fund

Anticipated three-year programme





Enforcement

Fisheries Management Scotland Committee

Developing priorities for legislation

Bailiff Training and Seminar

PAW Scotland

Police Scotland, National Wildlife Crime

Unit, Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service

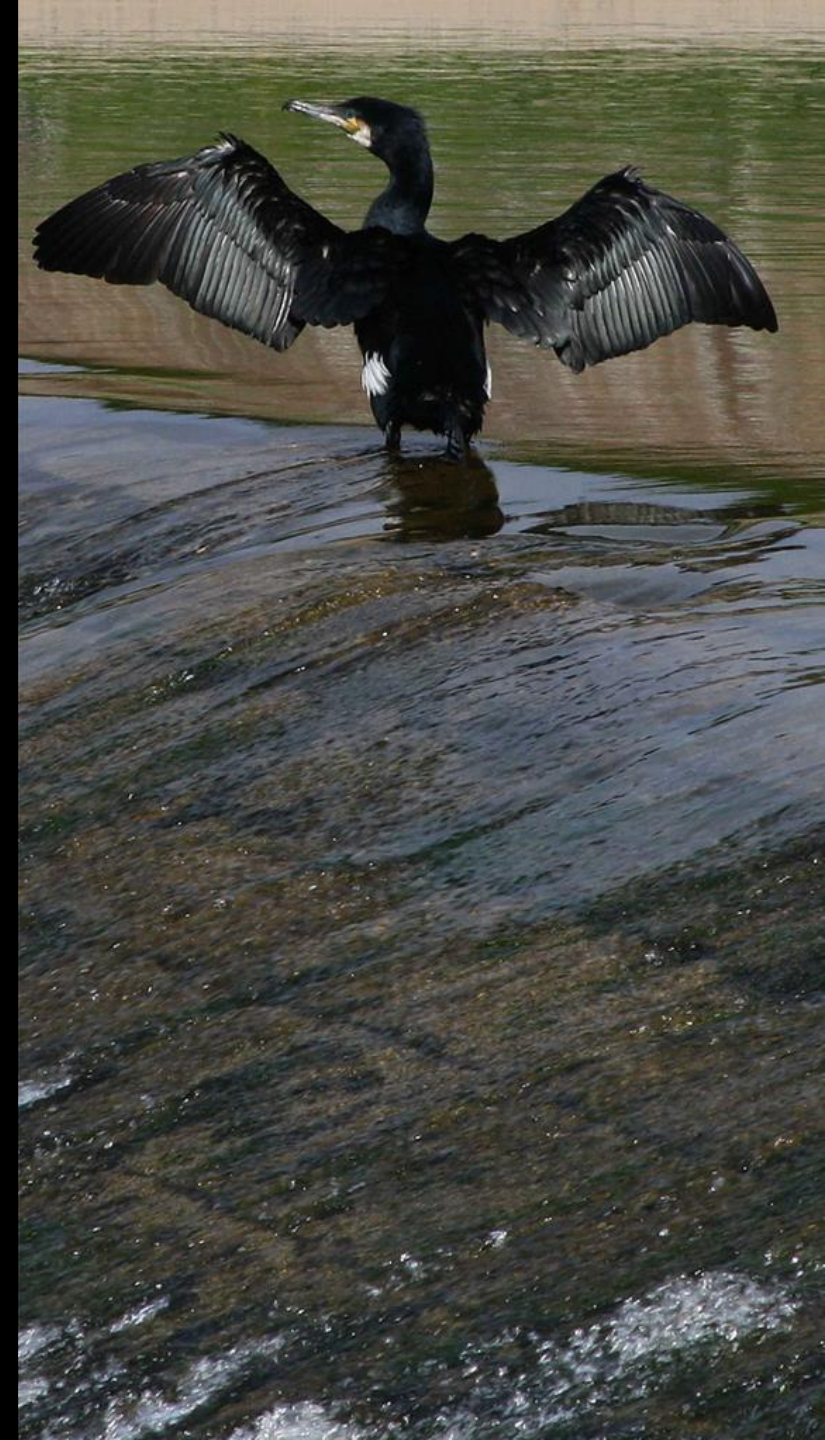
Predation

Fisheries Management Scotland Committee

Research on the Dee, Deveron and Tweed

Missing salmon project – Moray Firth

Changes to the bird licensing system





Offshore wind

Moray Firth Regional Advisory Group
& Forth and Tay Regional Advisory
Group

ScotMER Diadromous Fish Specialist
Receptor Group

River Basin Management Planning
Fish and Fisheries Advisory Group
Low flows in 2018 – consultation due soon
Fish passage - Hydro
Raising important local issues





Scottish Angling National Development Structure

'To create a national angling growth and development template to be delivered through the Fisheries Management Scotland, DSFB and Fishery Trust infrastructure.'

Funding secured from Marine Scotland

Six regional meetings held

Local steering groups established in four areas

Target of 6 volunteer training courses delivered before end of March 2020

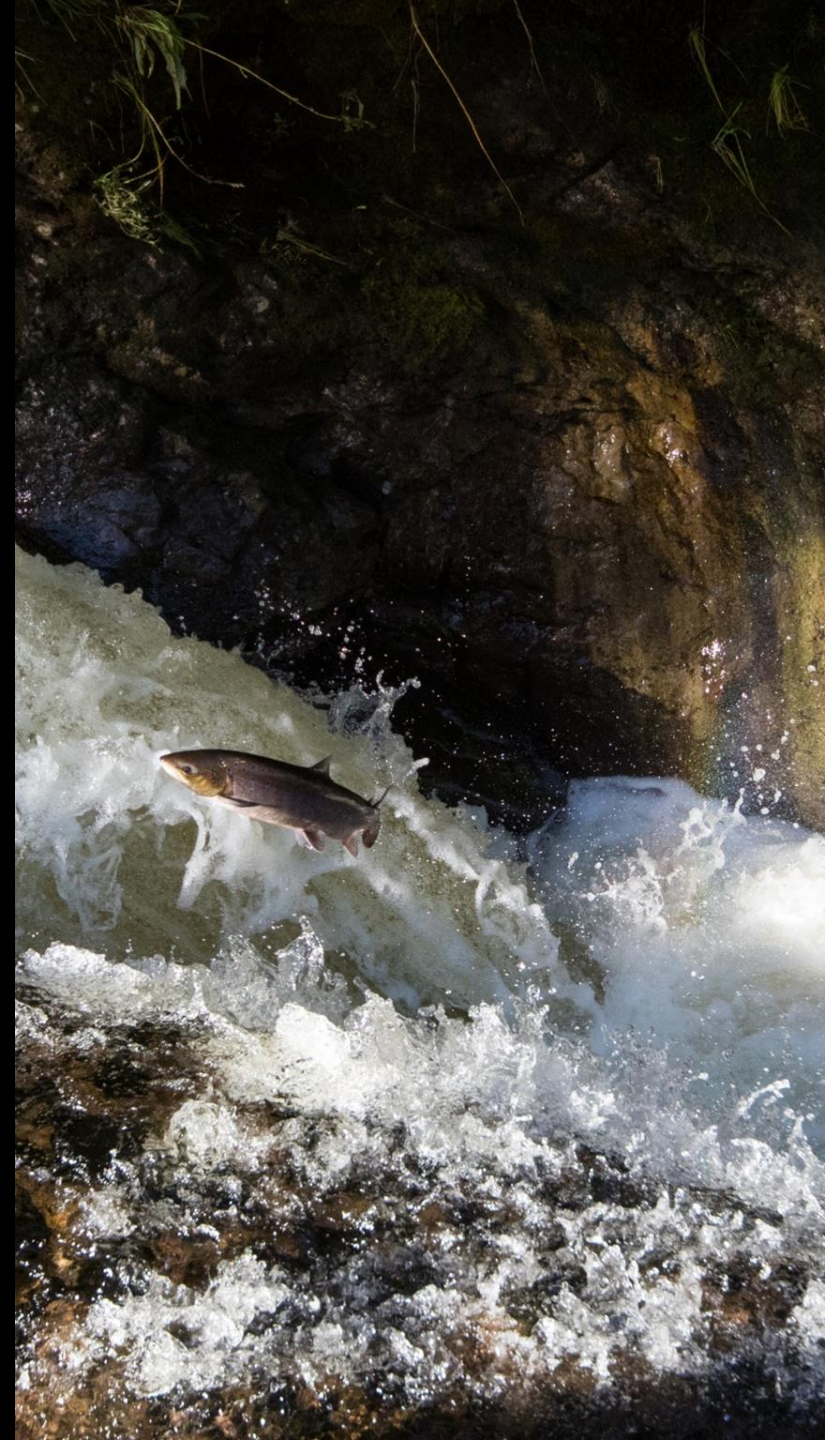
Finance

Recognise that funding is a key concern across our network

Wild salmon crisis – strong voice never more important

Working group established to consider:

- Member subscriptions
- Alternative funding mechanisms



Questions?

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