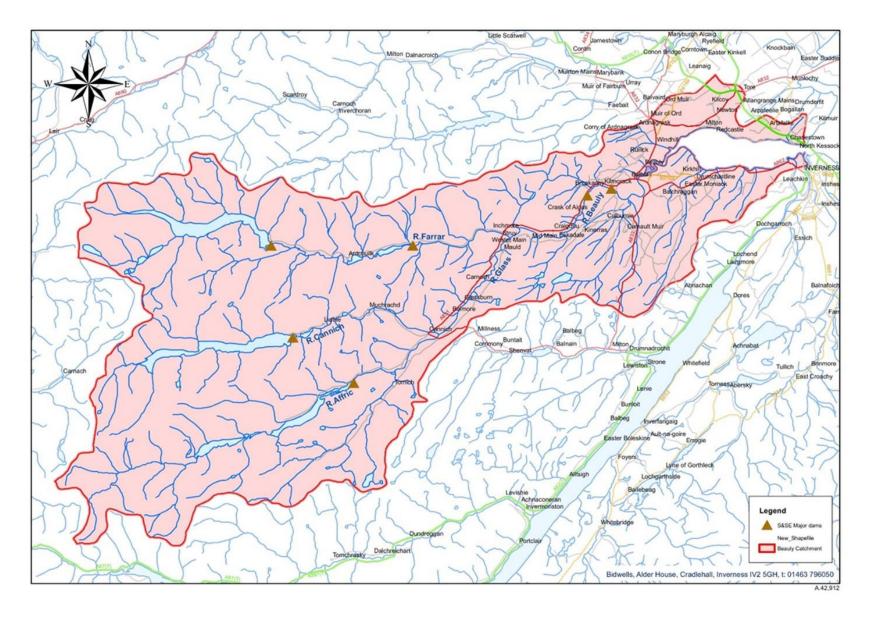
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The Catchment



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The Team





Clerk to the board



Chair of the Board

Alastair Campbell



Senior Biologist Ruth Watts



Fisheries OfficerAli Skinner

Seasonal



Seasonal Bailiff- Bob Smart



Electro-fishing contractor- Lynn McKelvey

Summer Intern-Karla Ilic



Bailiffing

2021

- Most days bailiffing was carried out morning and evenings (14 hrs a day covered)
- Operation Wingspan
- Wildlife cameras set up

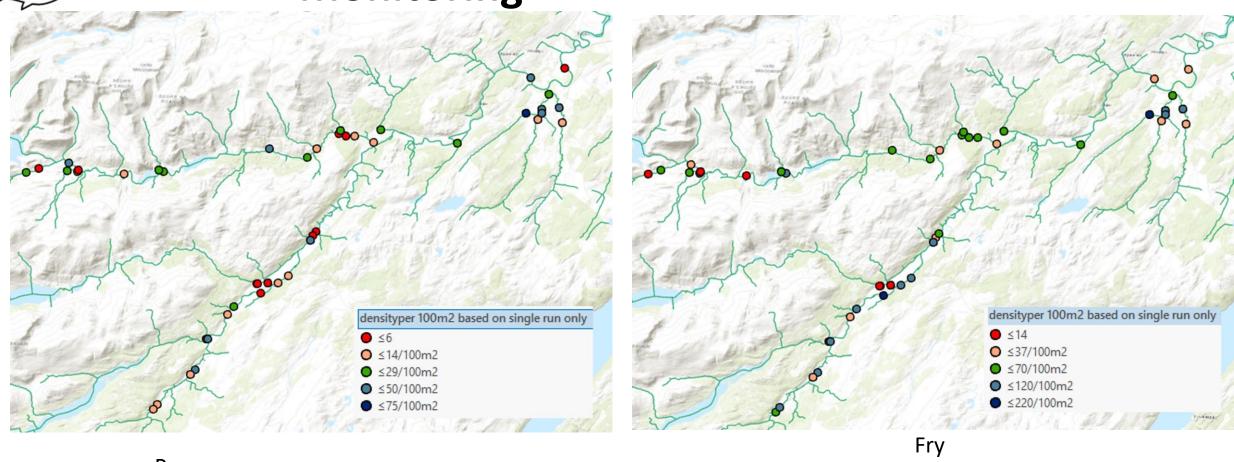
2022 (work on bailiff review findings)

- Better permitting
- Work with MS compliance to tackle netting in the Firth.



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Monitoring



Parr

NEPs and historic sites (naturally poor NEPS sites left off map)



Working with SSE

-For better fish passage (and hopefully more)

<u>Adults</u>: Introduction of 3 lifts from 2 at Aigas and Kilmorack dams

Smolts: downstream smolt migration

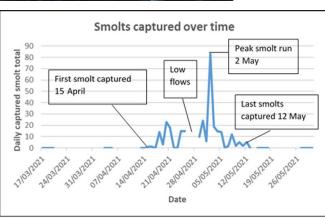


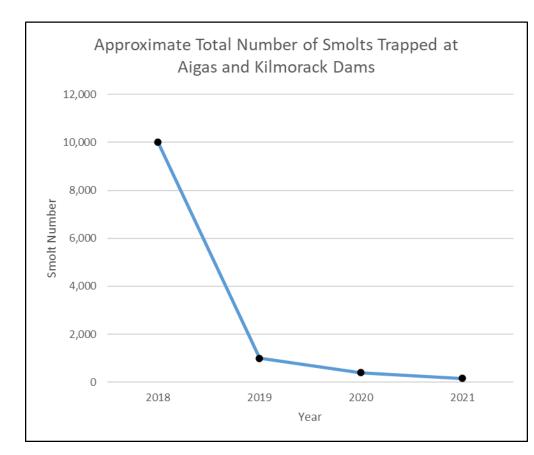




Smolt run timing work for improved smolt survival







-Improved 2 stage flow protocol agreed between us, SSE and SEPA.

A peak total of 152 smolts were seen on 27 May 2021. This compares to a peak of approximately 310 smolts seen by operatives on 15 May 2020, c1,000 trapped in 2019, and c10,000 in 2018.



Smolt Run Timing work for improved smolt survival





Invasive species

- -All Invasives work funded by Scottish Invasive Species Initiative (Mink and Plants)
- -We control invasives in line with our Biosecurity Plan.

Mink

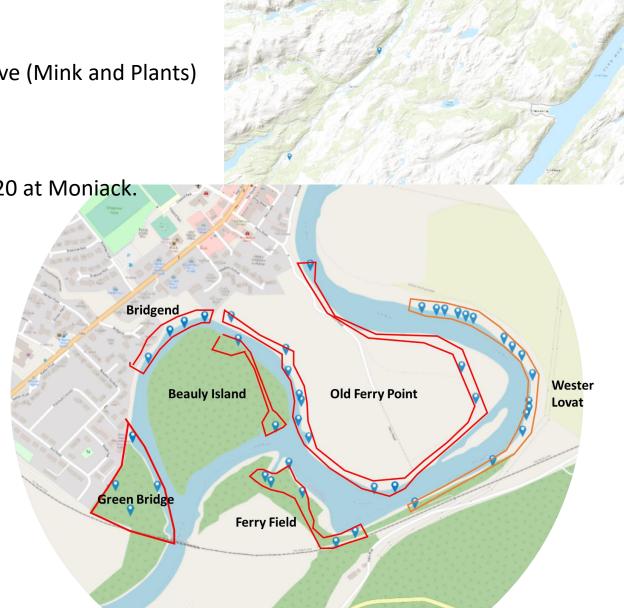
-4 mink caught in 2021 (Teanassie, Tomich, Moniack). 1 in 2020 at Moniack.

Himalayan Balsam

- -Beauly Balsam Bashers set up (6+ volunteers)
- -100 volunteer hours
- -All priority sites pulled this year

Japanese Knotweed

- -Invasive survey conducted, JK mapped
- 5 sites treated in October



Beauly Invasive species





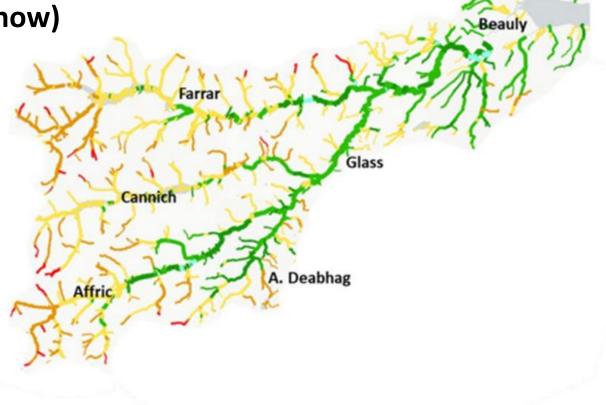


Priorities for 2022

-Update the Fishery Management Plan (now)

Same as 2021 plus:

- -Include the Farrar for smolt run-timing work (Naturescot trainee)
- -Riparian Tree planting (Landowner talk 10 Feb)
- -Flows and Sediment management
- -Trial drone work



Map 1: Scottish River Temperature Monitoring Network (SRTMN) Management Priority, Beauly catchment



Thanks for listening

Any questions?

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