



Kyle Lines



The Newsletter for Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries

March 2016

2016 Season Off and Running

At the time of writing (2nd March) the capture of four fresh salmon have been reported to the Kyle Fisheries office. The first confirmed capture reported to us was from the River Shin with Oykel ghillie Peter O'Neill (see photograph to the right) the lucky angler. The fish was estimated at 7lb in weight and was safely returned to the water. Kyle Fisheries would like to remind anglers that, by law, all salmon have to be returned to the river until the end of March. For more details of the conservation policies and laws that apply in this district see the Kyle Fisheries website:

<http://www.kylefisheries.org/uploads/Conservation%20Policy%202015.pdf>



Tagged Salmon

Anglers and ghillies are asked to be alert to the presence of tagged salmon during the 2016 season. Salmon will be tagged close to the dorsal fin as shown in the picture on the left. The tag



contains a four digit code plus contact details for the Trust. If you catch a tagged fish please forward the details of the colour of the tag, the four digit code and the location of the capture to the Kyle Fisheries office. The purpose of the tagging is to obtain a better understanding of fish movements and, for example, the degree to which fish are captured on more than one occasion. At the end of the season a report will be produced on the findings of the tagging programme.

Latest Government Consultation Launched

On the 9th February the Scottish Government announced a consultation on draft provisions for Wild Fisheries (Scotland) Bill and a draft Wild Fisheries Strategy. This consultation is very important as the new legislation being proposed will shape the management of fisheries in



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Scotland for many years to come. The final date for responses is May 2nd. For more information see the Scottish Government website.

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/wild-fisheries-reform-team/draft-wild-fisheries-strategy>

Oykel Tree Planting

February saw Kyle water bailiffs planting native trees to create seed sources and riparian buffer zones on two key Oykel tributaries close to Benmore. The planting was part of the



actions for the Kyle area as part of the Pearls in Peril project. Particular thanks go to Neil McInnes, Environment Manager for the North Highland District of Forest Enterprise Scotland for sourcing the trees and for assistance in ensuring they were planted correctly.



In Brief

Braelangwell Estate has recently revamped their website which can be viewed at [http://www.braelangwelllodge.com/...](http://www.braelangwelllodge.com/)

Congratulations to the Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust for their successful application to the Big Lottery Fund for the creation of a new centre at the Falls of Shin. See <http://www.kyleofsutherland.co.uk/local/article.php?!D=89> for more information...

Over the winter months work has continued on the basement of the Kyle Trust offices...

2016 Diary Dates

- 7th April Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries Trust Ordinary Meeting
- 8th April Kyle of Sutherland District Salmon Fishery Board Annual Public Meeting
- 13th June Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries Trust & Kyle DSFB Ordinary Meetings
- 3rd Nov Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries Trust Annual General Meeting
- 4th Nov Kyle DSFB Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors

For more information on any of the above meetings, please contact the office.

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