

# **TDSFB Priority Projects 2019**

## **Bird Predation**

To a) get a better handle on the extent of predation on juvenile salmon by sawbill ducks and cormorants by for example more extensive and regular counting and b) to be more effective at scaring these birds including through the use of the shoot to scare licences issued by SNH.

## **Water abstraction on the River Ericht**

We will continue to work with SEPA and others to ensure a satisfactory solution to the fish farm water abstraction issue on the River Ericht at Blairgowrie.

## **Water abstraction on the River Lochay**

We will continue to make representation to Scottish Government and SEPA to ensure that reductions in hydro water abstractions are made on the River Lochay, in line with the Scotland River Basin Management Plan.

## **Shochie Weirs**

We will work with landowners and SEPA to come to long term solutions to weirs, ideally removal, on the lower Shochie Burn, which though currently largely passable with ongoing maintenance, pose threats for the future.

## **Beavers**

In autumn prior to spawning and in spring prior to the smolt run, key spawning tributaries will be monitored for beaver dams which will be removed where risks to fish migration are identified.

## **Hatchery**

Ten new parr rearing tanks will be installed in the hatchery for 2020 allowing us to triple feed on parr production.

## **Lunan Water Riparian Project**

Densely shading alder trees will be removed from a section of the Lunan Water to let in light and encourage the growth of water weed etc to provide cover and food for salmon parr which grow slower here than in other low Isla tributaries.

## **Monitoring the River Garry Flow Restoration**

Work, mainly electrofishing, will be conducted to assess to recover of the river Garry salmon population following the restoration of flow in 2017.

## **Crayfish**

The present distribution of signal crayfish in the district needs to be assessed, particularly in the Blackwater/Ericht.

## **Invasive plants**

In the eastern/north eastern half of the district invasive plants are being dealt with under the SISI project in which the Board is a partner. But SISI does not cover the River Earn which has the worst problem with Japanese knotweed. Board staff will assist REIA to do work independent of SISI.