

7. Electro Fishing Surveys 2019

As detailed at 5. Above, around sixteen surveys were to take place in the river during the period from the end of August to mid-October. This would include some sites that had been surveyed before and others for the first time.

8. Any Other Competent Business

Alec Paterson outlined the work that had been undertaken, or was about to be undertaken, by the River Ythan Trust. The Ythan Biodiversity Volunteers contractors had completed giant hogweed control on the River Ythan to Fyvie and the Tarty burn.

SISI volunteers had done or were doing the work from Tifty to Gight, the Rapla and Fordoun burns and Auchnacant Woodland (Tarty burn).

Japanese knotweed had been largely eliminated but SISI was monitoring and were to spray any outcrops in September.

Trust members (notably Jim Adie and Michael Stewart) had constructed the fish ladder into the Keithfield burn which was in full working order.

SEPA were looking at other obstructions to the passage of salmonids between 2021 and 2027 and had authorised a final document to go out to tender to contractors for the obstruction in the Bronie burn at Scottisley Wood.

Scottish Water have advised that they will be removing their pipework and re-grading the burn but the date for the work has not been confirmed.

The Chairman thanked all those attending the meeting and closed the formal meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The suggested date is 28th January 2020