

Case No: 2020-0220 Date of visit: 02/06/2020

Time spent on site: 0 Main Inspector:

Site No: FS1240 Site Name: Highland
Business No: FB0544 Business Name: Scotland

Case Types: 1 OTH 2 3 4 5 6

Water Temp (°C): N/A Thermometer No: FHI 045 completed

Observations: Region: HI Water type: B CoGP MA:

Dead/weak/abnormally behaving fish present? If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.
Clinical signs of disease observed? If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.
Gross pathology observed? If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.
Diagnostic samples taken?

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**Additional Case Information:**

Reports received from the Nairn DSFB on the 2nd June 2020 of a number of diseased fish observed on the River Nairn. The River was reported to be low, and the temperature as being 58f.

Holly Tree pool (81403 48602)- one small dead fish. A few others have been seen between here and the Castle Pool but only one was visible on a recent visit.

Castle Pool, Kilravock (81571 49407) - one diseased fish of about 8 lbs alive, at the side.

Cawdor Pot Pool (84345 51043) - one dead fish of about 10 lbs, beached, and others alive.

Hut Pool, Little Rosefield (84911 51995) One big fish of about 20 lbs and badly affected, swimming.

Jock's Pool, Little Kildrummie (86690 53226) two diseased specimens seen

Due to COVID-19 lockdown an Inspector can not attend the river to collect samples, this was discussed with the DSFB and sampling equipment and diagnostic sampling procedure was sent to the DSFB.

14th July 2020, an angler reported a sighting of a moribund fish with a heavy fungal infection 3 miles upstream from Nairn, the fish was 5-10 lbs and the water temperature was 17 degrees.



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Report received on the 2nd June 2020 from the Kyle of Sutherland DSFB of a wild Atlantic salmon with petechial haemorrhaging on the ventral surface being observed. It was reported to be on the Carron (NH 51665 92561), female and two sea winters.

23 June 2020, it was reported that a diseased female grilse was observed on the Carron (NH 51565 92571).

29/6/2020, it was reported that 7 lbs female grilse was observed on the Oykel (NC 38885 00614)

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown a visit to sample fish could not be undertaken, a sampling guidance document along with sampling kit was sent to the DSFB for their own use.



Case No: 2020-0231 Date of visit: 15/06/2020

Time spent on site: N/A Main Inspector: [Redacted]

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Business No: FB0544 Business Name: Scotland

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Water Temp (°C): [ ] Thermometer No: [ ] FHI 045 completed [ ]

Observations: Region: HI Water type: B CoGP MA: [ ]

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**Additional Case Information:**

Report from the Cromarty Fisheries Trust on the 15th June 2020 a of wild Atlantic salmon returning from sea into the River Alness within the Cromarty catchment area with red skin lesions along ventral surface and infection with Saprolegnia.

A visit to the river could not be carried out due to current COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, so the fisheries trust was contacted via telephone to obtain more information.

Length: 71cm

Weight: 3.38kg

Location caught: Stick Pool, River Alness

Water temperature: 11.8 degrees

Clinical signs: Ulcerations and red lesions on ventral surface. Suspected infection with Saprolegnia.

The diagnostic team has been contacted and 2x sampling kits have been dispatched to the fisheries trust. No samples were collected from this specimen.

27th July 2020, Fisheries Trust reported a number of sightings of moribund or dead fish with red lesions. Using electrofishing gear a moribund was caught and transported live to the lab for diagnostic sampling. (case 2020 0306)





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River Forss diseased wildfish notifications June 2020.

Notification of diseased wildfish in the River Forss received by phone on the 9th June 2020, it was discussed with the river Superintendent that due to COVID-19 travel restrictions a visit to the river to sample fish could not be completed. It was advised to email reports to the FHI of observations/reports of diseased fish.

17th June 2020 it was reported that there had been a spate and water temperatures had dropped to around 10 degrees. As the water levels dropped a number of diseased fish were observed above the falls and some fish were observed running the falls. As water levels decreased and temperatures increased to 15 degrees 4 or 5 fish ranging between 4 - 10 lbs were observed with fungus on the head, back and tail in the falls pool. It was also reported that there a number of other diseased fish between the falls and the sea but less than before the spate. It was reported that the previous week 7 fish had been caught one had some lesions and one had red marks on the ventral surface, the other fish had no clinical signs of disease.

On the 18th June 2020 it was reported that one dead fish (10 lbs) with obvious signs of red skin diseased was observed, three other dead fish with otter predation damage were also observed, water temperature was at 16 degrees. A number of diseased fish were observed in the river.

On the morning of the 19th June 2020 two dead fish (10 lbs) were observed in the upper Kerwins and corner pool. One dead trout was reported with fungus on the head and tail, it was estimated to be 2 days old. The river temperature was 17 degrees with an air temperature of 18. In the afternoon an additional five dead fish (8 to 12 lbs) were observed between the hotel and the sea.

On the 22nd June 2020 between the bridge at the rear of the hotel and the falls 8 dead were observed, seven were 8-12 lbs and one 3-4 lbs. The river had been rising and water temperatures have dropped to 13 degrees.

