



Forth District Salmon Fishery Board

Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors 2018



Agenda

Welcome

Apologies

Minutes from AMQP 2016 – November 2016

Actions from the AMQP 2016

Accounts 2016-17

Annual Report 2017

Any other competent business

Matters arising from the Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors 2016

Have a stall at the opening day at Stirling Council Fisheries opening ceremony at Callander (subject to agreement from Stirling Council) to show information on the Genetics Project, Biosecurity and Bird Count
ID with sign up sheet.

Action: Actioned by RFFT and Forth DSFB for opening 2017.

Assess the viability of a piscatorial bird count on the Teith/Forth system.

Action: A bird count was undertaken in Spring 2017. 44 volunteers assisted staff of Trust and Board. A follow up count was organised for Autumn 2017 which had to be cancelled due to lack of volunteers. A further count has been arranged for 25th March (subject to sufficient number of volunteers)

Accounts



Income & Expenditure to Year end 31 March 2017:

	Period to 31/03/2017			Period to 31/03/2016	
Income					
Fishery assessment	144,936			136,404	
Donation	-			600	
Sundry receipts	584				
Interest received	12			14	
		145,522			137,018
Expenditure					
Rent	-			2,854	
Insurance	2,545			2,728	
Wages	-			11,211	
Other operating leases	4,677			5,067	
Subcontractors	40,647			15,600	
Office expenses & telephone	998			873	
Subscriptions	2,830			3,606	
Vehicle/boat upkeep & travel	6,299			6,191	
Sundry expenses	5,622			3,337	
Training & subsistence	678			450	
Clerk's contract costs	17,892			17,579	

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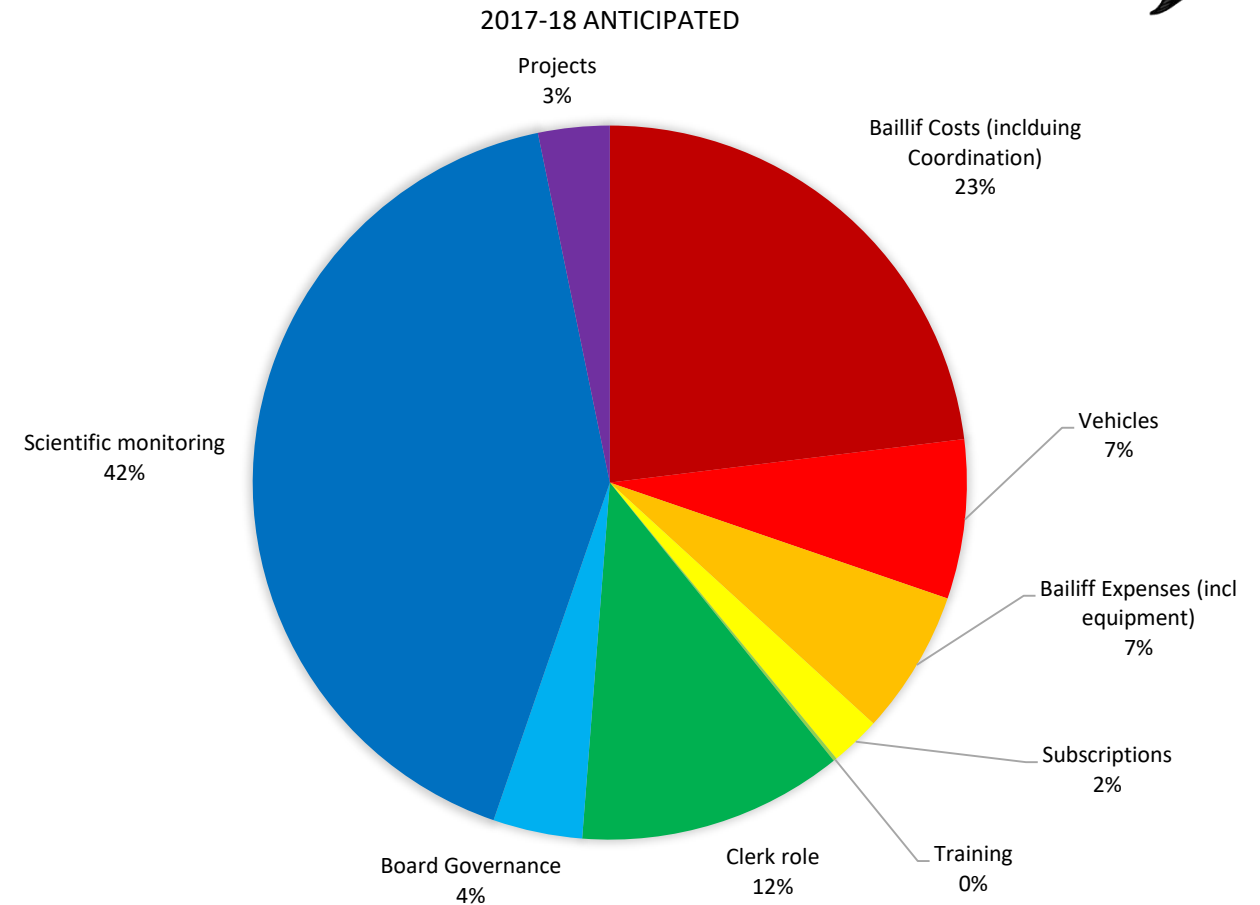
Balance sheet to Year end 31 March 2017:

	Period to 31/03/2017			Period to 31/03/2016	
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets		820			1.394
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5,232			3,596	
Cash at bank & in hand	97,529			97,315	
	102,761			100,911	
Creditors	3,653			3,138	
		99,108			97,773
NET CURRENT ASSETS		99,928			99,167
RESERVES					
Development reserves		32,000			32,000
Retained earnings		67,928			67,167
		99,928			99,167

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Projected figures for 2017-18

	2017-18 Anticipated
Baillif Costs (including Coordination)	33,342.00
Vehicles	10,421.89
Boat	
Bailiff Expenses (incl equipment)	9,436.38
Subscriptions	3,286.00
Training	224.00
Clerk role	17,390.00
Board Governance	5,847.15
Scientific monitoring	60,000.00
Projects	4,675.40
	144,622.82

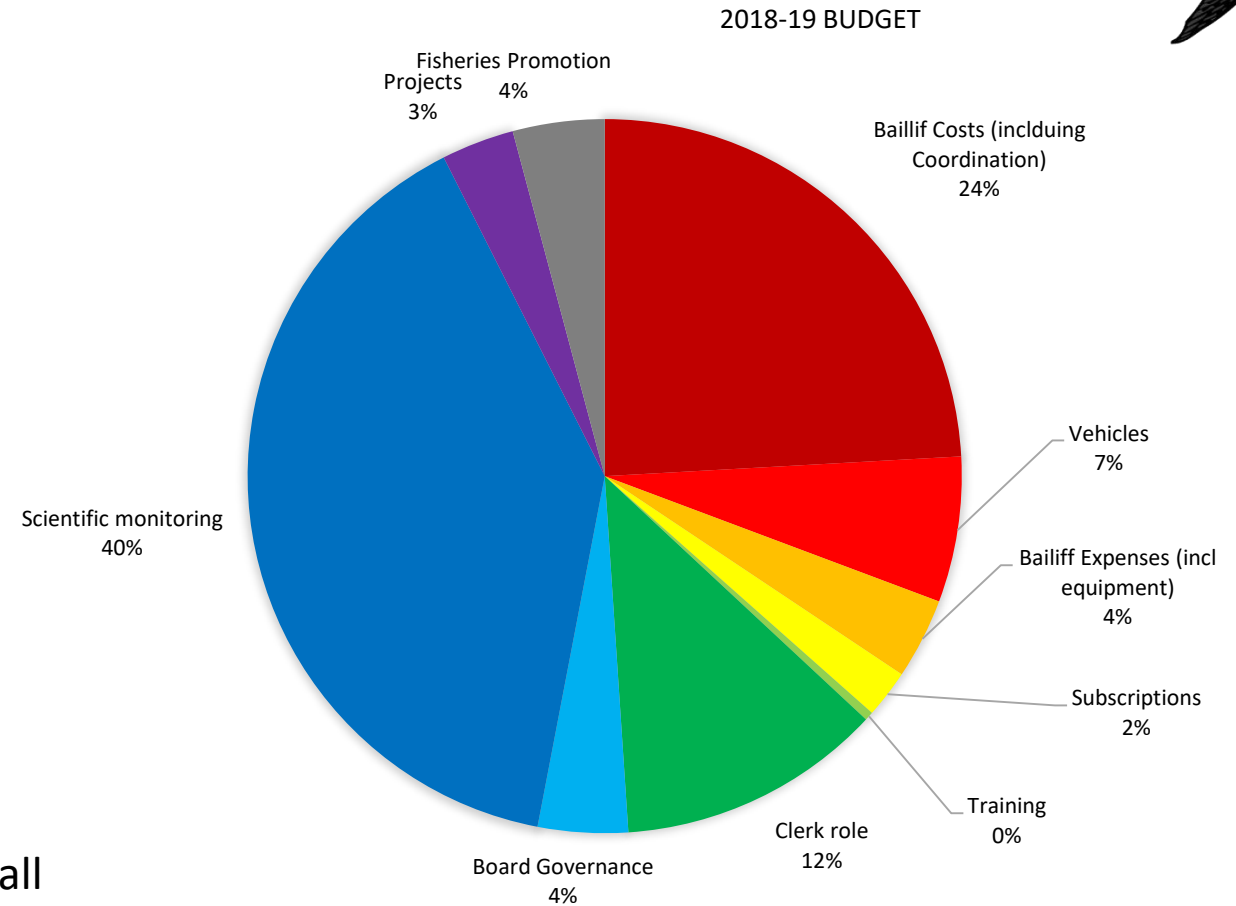


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Budget figures for 2018-19

	2018-19 Budget
Baillif Costs (including Coordination)	36,602.00
Vehicles	10,000.00
Boat	
Baillif Expenses (incl equipment)	5,550.00
Subscriptions	3,300.00
Training	600.00
Clerk role	18,224.00
Board Governance	6,182.00
Scientific monitoring	60,000.00
Projects	5,000.00
Fisheries Promotion	6,300.00
	151,758.00

Require a poundage of £1.15/£1 based on overall valuation of the District at £134,260 (2010 - £92,215).





Annual Report 2017:

It is a requirement of the Forth DSFB to produce one annually and submit to Scottish Government. Published on the website -

Jo Girvan will give a short talk on the status of the Forth Fishery's populations and monitoring work which has been undertaken,

Lee Fisher will provide an update on enforcement and new thoughts on how this can be developed

Jonathan Louis on Fisheries promotion and ideas for promoting the Forth Fishery.

Before that some less interesting stuff from me:



Annual Report 2017:

Governance:

The Board has met four times since the last AMQP. The AMQP was moved from November to February to allow collection of catch returns by consensus of the Board.

The Board held one public meeting in May 2017 – with a talk from David Summers on the ‘Re-watering of the Garry’. The next public meeting will be on May 15th.

The Board has followed the Code of Practice issued by the Scottish Government in relation to the running of the DSFB.



Annual Report 2017:

Achievements:

In conjunction with our partners and significantly the River Forth Fisheries Trust, the Board has

Undertaken 100+ Electrofishing surveys

Surveyed 68 Km of habitat

Collected information on redds in Upper Teith and Forth catchments

Responded to 46 Consultations

Cleared (or assisted with clearing) 5 Fish passes

Made 12 reports to SEPA for pollution or other damage to river environments

Installed two new fish passes

Installed (or assisted with installing) 55m of green bank protection

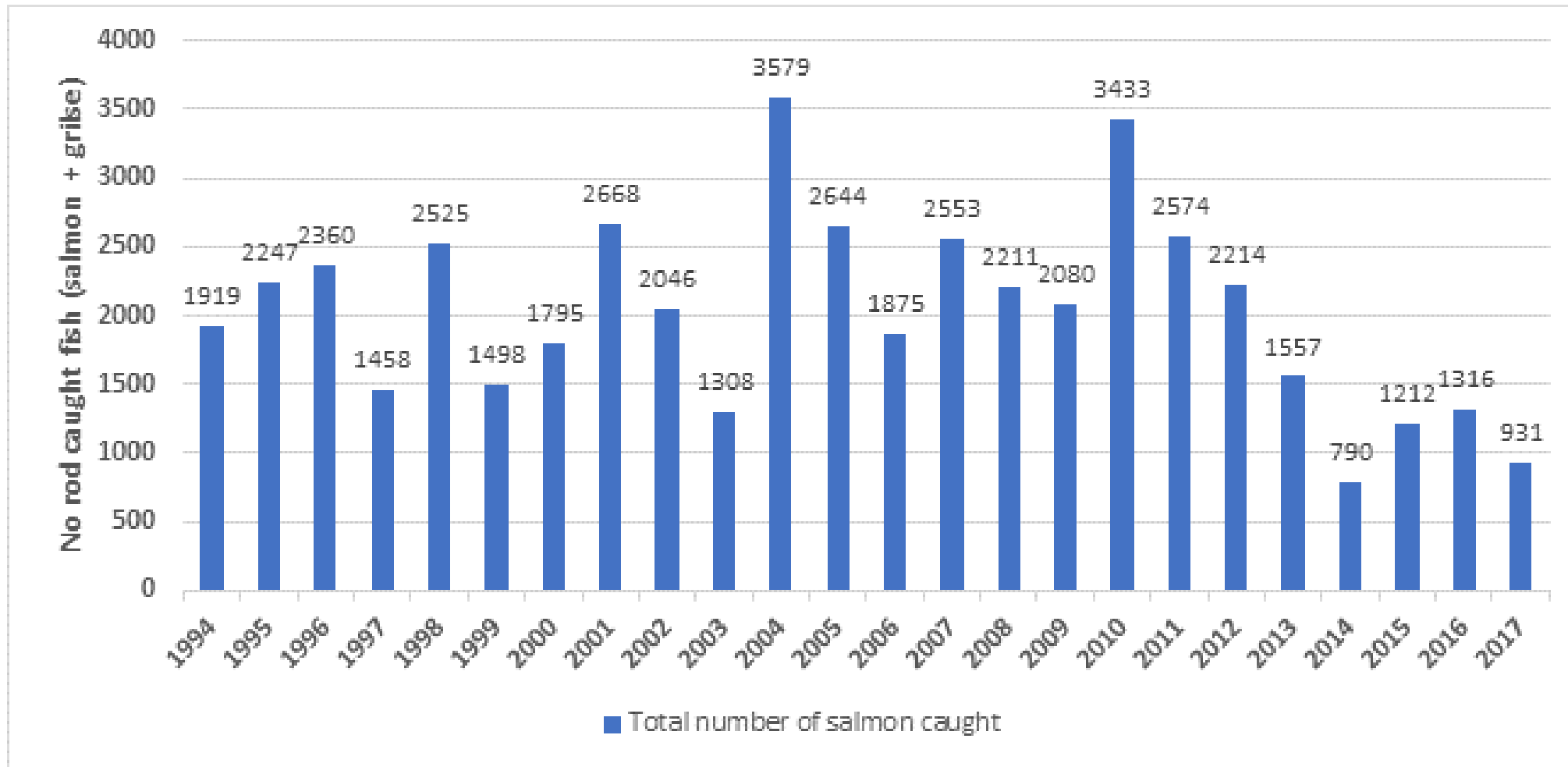
Planted or facilitated the planting of 1950 Trees

Treated 100km of Invasive Non Native Plants

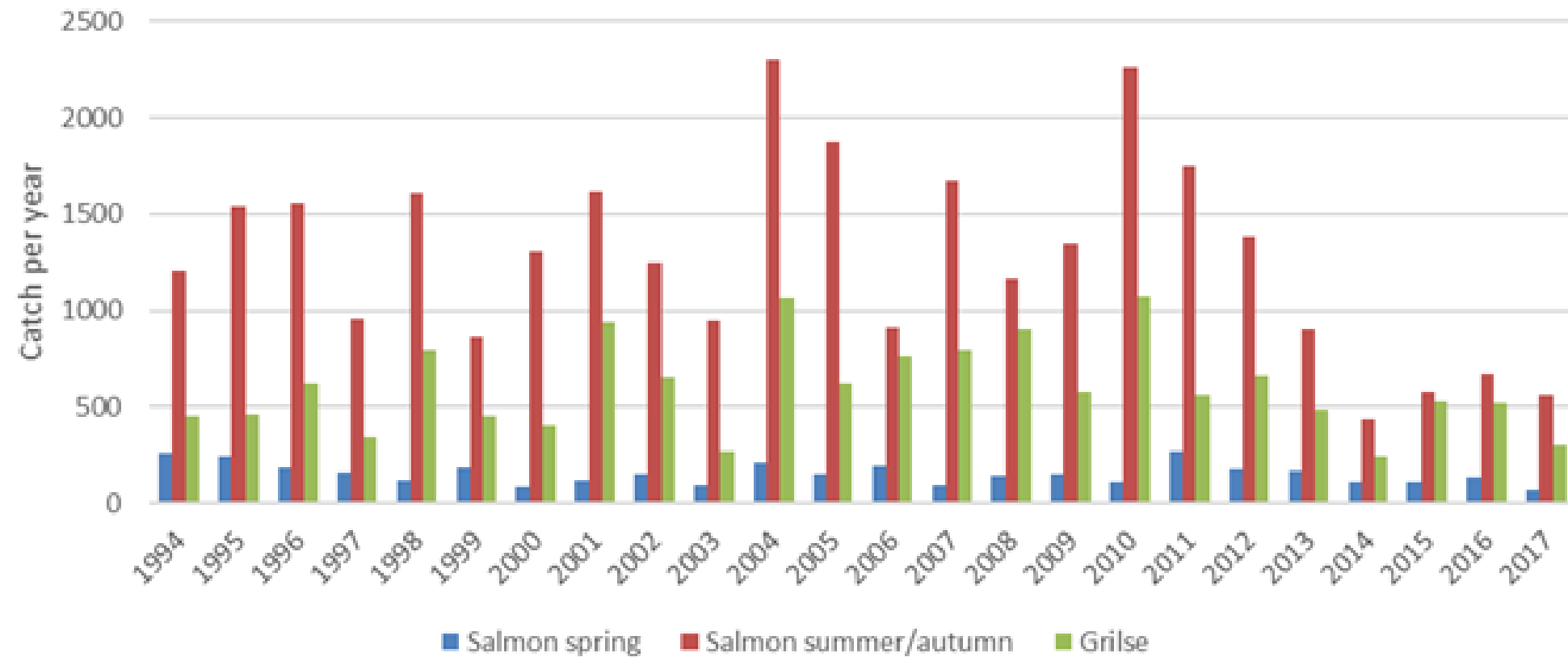
Engaged with c2000 Children and families

Lifted 4 illegal instruments

Issued c500 letters and invoices



1994-2017



River	Category	Salmon	Sea Trout	River	Category	Salmon	Sea Trout
Forth*	2	76.2%	89.5%	Leven	3	100%	100%
Teith	1	90.7%	95.1%	Avon	3	100%	73.5%
Allan	2	94.8%	93.7%	Almond	3	100%	100%
Carron	3	93.5%	93.1%	Eski	3	/	/
Devon	3	100%	100%	Tyne	3	/	/

* represents only Stirling Council Fisheries rates as no fish were reported upstream of the Forth-Teith confluence.



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Date of next meeting

15th May followed by a public meeting