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Findhorn DSFB 25th May 2015

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River Findhorn

2015 Spring Catch

Total 95

BEAT	MONTH	SALMON RETAINED				SALMON RELEASED					METHOD CAUGHT	
		N° Retained	12LBS	12 to 18 LBS	OVER 18 LBS	N° RELEASED	12LBS	12to 18 LBS	OVER 18 LBS	% RELEASED	SPINNER	FLY
DALMAGARRY												
DALMIGAVIE	APRIL											
EAST CLUNE	APRIL											
TOMATIN HOUSE	APRIL											
CAWDOR ESTATE	APRIL											
	May					2	1	1		100%		2
LETHEN	APRIL					5	3	1	1	100%		5
GLENFERNESS	APRIL											
COULMONY	APRIL											
LOGIE ESTATE	APRIL					1	1			100%		1
MORAY EST	FEB											
	MARCH					18	10	7	1	100%	14	4
	APRIL					31	28	2	1	100%	13	18
	May					23	20	3		100%		23
ALTYRE	FEB											
	MARCH											
	APRIL					7	4	2	1	100%		7
FORRES A.A.	FEB											
	MARCH	1								0%		1
	APRIL	1				6				86%		7
TOTAL		2	0	0	0	93	67	16	4	98%	27	68

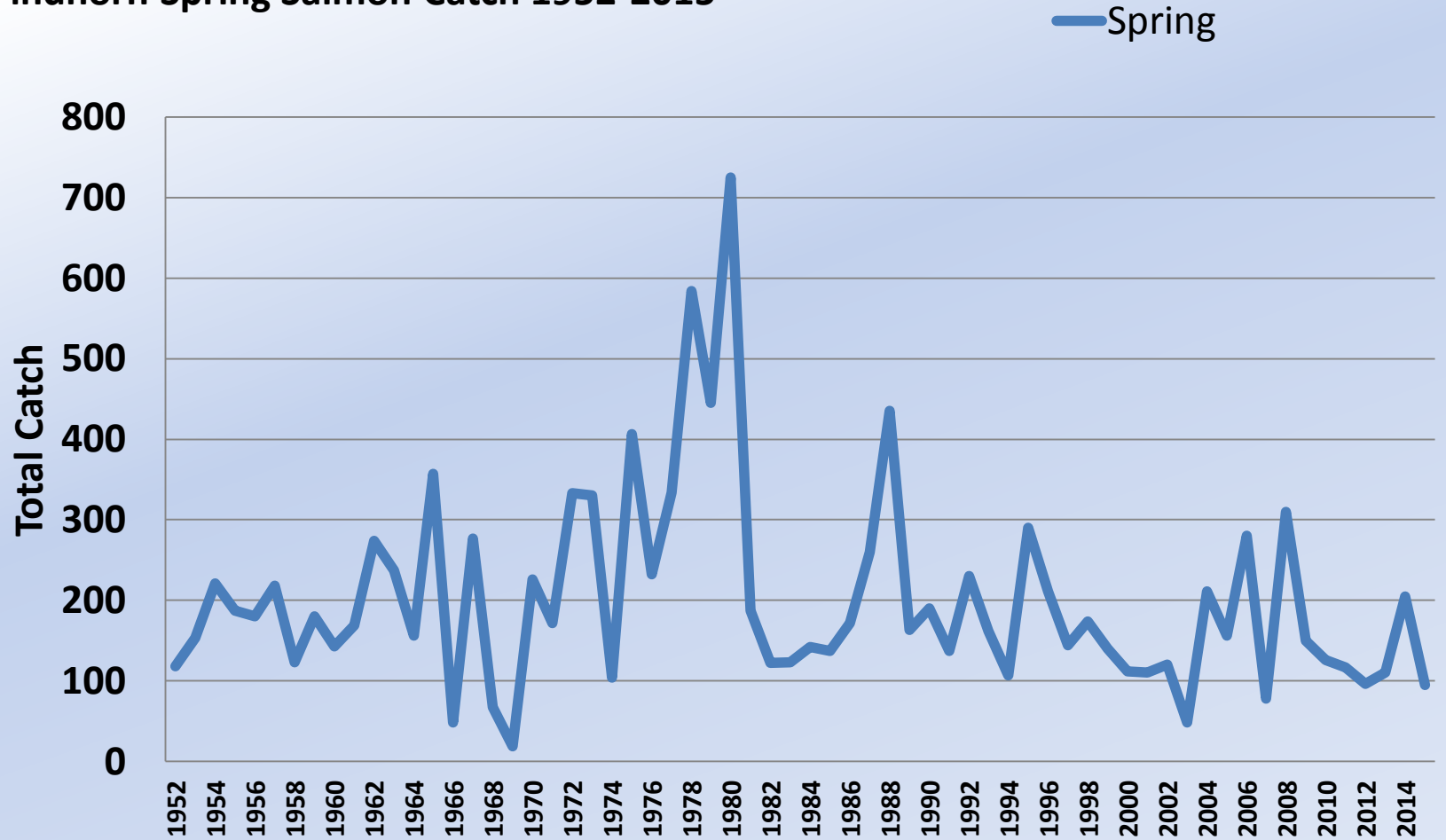


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Findhorn Spring Salmon Catch 1952-2015

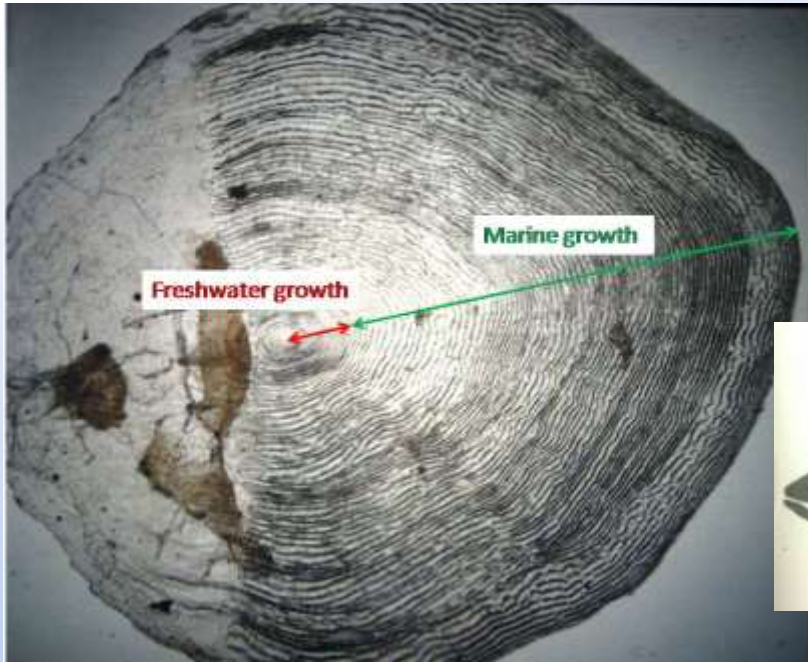




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Salmon Scales 2014



2014	Findhorn	Nairn	Lossie
Number of Scales Samples	43	3	0
No River or Sea Age Reading	8	0	0
Scales Providing River and Sea Age Reading	35	3	0



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Salmon Scales 2014

Findhorn Summary				
2014	River Age			
Sea age	1	2	3	4
1	0	7	7	0
2	0	11	7	0
3	0	3	0	0

Findhorn, 2014, which provided both sea and river age readings.



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Fish Disease – UDN?



Dalra Lethen 2015-05-16



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Eel Disease ?



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Predator Control - Mink Control

Scottish Mink Initiative

- Funding continues to Aug 2015
- RAFTS- HLF Funding Bid 2016 Onwards



Captures	Findhorn	Lossie	Nairn
2012	1	4	1
2013	7	2	0
2014	1	4	0
2015	1	2	0



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Predator Control - Seals

Moray Firth Seal Management Plan

- Control in River
- Management Meeting
- Findhorn-Nairn 2015: 5 Grey 1 Common



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Predator Control - Sawbills

Sawbill Control

- Moray Firth Licence 2015
- No Licence for FNL Rivers
- Scaring Underway
- Counts Completed Feb-May 2015





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INNs Control - 2015





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Sweep Netting





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Sweep Netting

- 4 Salmon smolts (165mm, 179mm, 183mm, 151mm)
- 4 Sea trout smolts (217mm, 178mm, 155mm, 150mm)
- 1 sea trout (finnock or 1sw?) 293mm
- 2 sprat ~50mm
- 10 Flounder – 28-191mm
- 5 Blennie spp
- 13 3 spined stickleback





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Brown Trout Loch Dallas



**My thanks to all who have
helped and volunteered during
2015**

Any Questions?