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Secretary and Chairman's Report.

The 2016 salmon season got off to a slow cold start in January and February. Unsettled weather in March and April meant river levels fluctuated and this meant any fish entering the system passed straight through CAA waters. Fish were taken on the usual beats above CAA, as far up as Lazonby and Armathwaite, which showed the intent of the fish to run. Small lifts of water at the end of April and early May moved fish again through CAA waters. Indeed it was early May before the first fish off CAA was reported. As more members start to venture out we can only hope catches on CAA waters will improve.

Similar to last season the Sea Trout fishing appears to have also got off to a slow start. Cold evenings and unfavourable water conditions in April and early May meant anglers did not venture out night fishing despite reports of fish being both seen and caught early in the season by members salmon fishing. Hopefully as June and July arrives water conditions will mean sport will improve for night fishing.

Hatches of Large Dark Olives and March Browns did not appear until the beginning of April. Fluctuating temperatures and water levels have meant the trout showed a reluctance to respond to the surface fly on many days but sub-surface offerings – in the form of North Country Spiders and nymphs – fared well and some decent fish were encountered. Our yearly Grannom hatch was late and started in May and full three weeks or more behind, and once in full swing, this early season sedge came off the water in their thousands. Those lucky enough to be out during a hatch had good sport to dry and pupa imitations. The Grannom were joined by sparse hatches of Iron Blue duns and good hatches of Olive Uprights; fish turned onto the latter, with some good rises and sport to dry imitations. The unsettled weather has meant that sport has been a bit up and down, with some hatches yet to materialise, but hopefully things will settle down and the trout angler will have a good summer to look forward to.

Tagging

The tagging system will continue for the 2016 season.

The EA have held off any further restrictions on both the rod and net fishery until the full Net Limitation Order review in 2017. There was a move to ask the rod fishery to drop to two tags for the 2016 season, however, both Mr. N. Austin and Mr. P. Davidson fought to keep the 6 fish limit on the basis of the 90% Catch and Release target already being achieved, but mainly on the point that the nets were remaining on 10 tags, as they were last season.

Members are reminded to collect tags from either John Norris Fishing Tackle or the Tourist Information Centre and they must produce a current EA rod licence for tags to be issued, the paper receipt version will be accepted this season in response to some members not being able to collect tags as their rod licences had not arrived from the Post Office.

Tags will not be posted out to members.

CARCASS TAGS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR SEA TROUT. A one Salmon per day, six per season limit is in place for these periods. Despite the tagging scheme being operational again, we would like to remind members we need to keep the catch and release figure of 90% or more, for the whole of the river, up to help prevent compulsory measures and to protect stocks.

