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RRC Site Visit Series

River Dee, Scotland

Thursday 27th August 2015

River Dee, Banchory, Aberdeenshire - Grid Reference: NO6921595368

This site visit to the River Dee will look at works that are currently being undertaken to remove a series of Croys upstream of Banchory Bridge. Croys are wedge shaped structures that extend from the bank towards the centre of the channel. The croys were originally to be used as platforms for fishing, and to induce bed scour to create holding pools for fish. This has been unsuccessful.



Source: Scottish Natural Heritage

Pearls in Peril LIFE Project

Pearls in Peril LIFE has been given permission for the full removal of 10 boulder fishing croys, and partial removal of 5 boulder fishing croys from the River Dee at Banchory. The removal of the croys will restore this section of the river, providing salmonid spawning habitat and re-instating natural river processes benefiting populations of pearl mussel - the species for which the River Dee is designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). Boulders used in the construction of the croys were taken from the river and will be returned to the channel to further improve habitat for freshwater pearl mussels and salmonids. Three sections of eroded river bank, caused by flow redirection by the croys, will also be re-profiled.



Source: Scottish Natural Heritage

Purpose of the visit

The aim of the visit is to learn from issues encountered on site and to share successes and expertise between the project partners and attendees. Depending on the river conditions, there may be a demonstration of freshwater pearl mussel surveying!

Programme and information

The site visit to the River Dee is hosted by the RRC, RAFTS (Rivers and Fisheries Trust of Scotland), DDSFB (Dee District Salmon Fisheries Board) and SNH (Scottish Natural Heritage).

To book a place please email us: rrc@therrc.co.uk, booking ends 20th August.

The visit starts at **10am** and runs until approximately **2.30pm**. Please bring lunch, there will be a point during the day where we will stop and take a break. The ground will be uneven, so walking boots/wellies will be required. Details on where exactly to meet will be confirmed closer to the visit.

The visit is **FREE to RRC members**. If space is available, non-members are welcome to attend at a cost of £30. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis to RRC members and subject to a maximum number of attendees.

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