



Tweed Trout & Grayling Initiative Newsletter

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2020 Whiteadder Brown Trout Catch Summary



Catches of Brown trout over 10" (25cm) from the River Whiteadder were above average during the 2020 Brown trout fishing season

Only four anglers submitted catch records for the River Whiteadder for the 2020 trout fishing season covering 25 fishing trips and 77 hours of angling effort. Whilst the number of catch returns is down on previous seasons it is likely that this is representative of reduced permit sales resulting from fewer numbers of visiting anglers as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

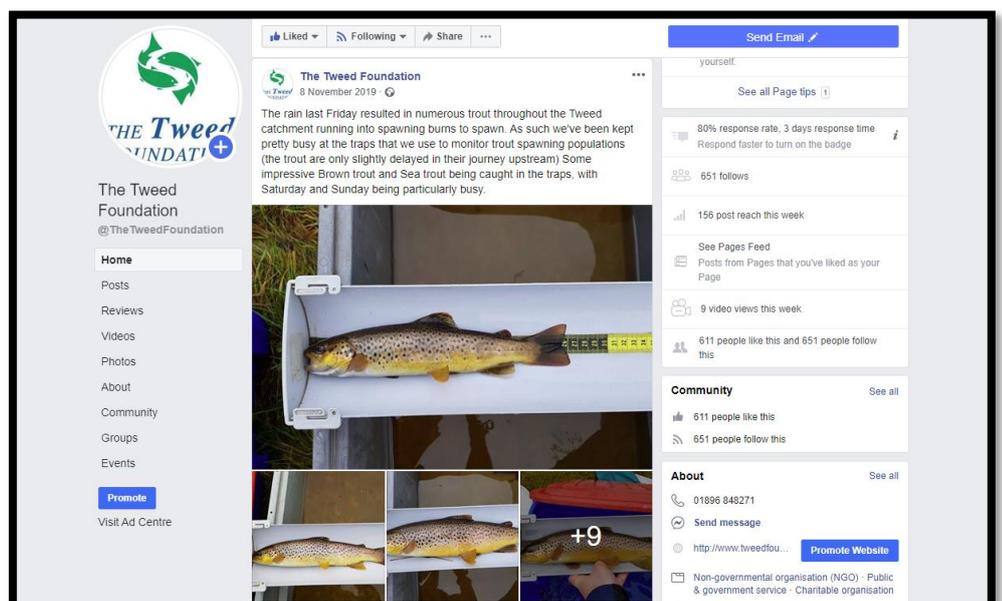
The catch rate of undersize (<10") trout during the 2020 trout fishing season was almost identical to the average for the previous 10 years. In contrast, the catch rate of oversize trout (10" and over) was 29% above average. Given that April and May are two of the best months for catches of oversize Brown

trout, and that they were largely unfished as a result of the COVID lockdown, it is likely that the catch rate would have been even higher had the season proceeded as normal.

Even though catch rates vary considerably from one year to the next, the overall trend in catches of both undersize and oversize trout from the Whiteadder between 2006 and 2020 is one of slowly improving catches.

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Brown Trout Angling Recaptures



This Brown trout from the River Whiteadder, estimated at around 1lb in weight, was caught three times in three successive fishing trips in the same location by the same angler during the 2020 fishing season

During the last few seasons we have been asking anglers to take pictures of the left side of the Brown trout over 12" they catch. This allows us to identify and record individual trout from the spot pattern on their gill cover, and identify recaptures of fish that have previously been recorded.

To date we have had only a small number of anglers participating from the River Whiteadder. First indications are that recapture rates of adult sized Brown trout are likely to be high. For example, during the 2020 Brown trout fishing season only one angler participated from the River Whiteadder. He made three fishing trips, each time fishing the same stretch of the river and sent in six pictures of Brown trout over 12" (30cm). As it turned out three of the pictures were of the same trout, which was caught in the same location during each fishing trip.

You could help us by photographing the Brown trout over 12" (30cm) that you catch. For more information contact Kenny Galt at: kgalt@tweedfoundation.org.uk, or contact us via our Facebook page.

2020 Blackadder Water Brown Trout Catches



A 14" (approx. 1lb) Brown Trout from the Blackadder in September 2020

Only one catch record was submitted for the Blackadder for the 2020 trout fishing season. The Brown Trout catch for that single fishing trip was well above the average for the river. The largest trout caught was 16" and estimated at roughly 1½lb.