

Fisheries Update

2017 Fisheries Monitoring Programme:

- Twenty Foot Drain, Bevills Leam, Kings Dyke, River Nene (Old Course), Whittlesey Dyke, Monks Lode and Well Creek surveys are now complete, click [here](#) to see some of the latest fish photo's.
- The Delph is not going to be surveyed this year due to the low dissolved oxygen levels.
- It's currently not possible to survey the Great Raveley Drain or Yaxley Lode due to significant plant growth.
- Ely Ouse hydro acoustic fish distribution map is now available to download, click [here](#).
- Middle Level Main Drain hydro acoustic survey is complete however subsequent data processing has proven difficult due to the quality of the data and we're currently investigating whether a fish distribution map can be produced.
- We trialled a new piece of kit on the Middle Level Main Drain and Relief Channel – side scan sonar.

Restoration/Fish Pass Projects:

- Rush Fish pass in Cambridge is now operational.
- ARIS monitoring planned towards the end of July.
- Currently in the process of creating a video all about this fish pass which will include; the restoration works, fish pass construction, hopefully some drone footage, ARIS monitoring clips and also us electric fishing the channel in September as part of our five year monitoring plan.

Fisheries Enforcement:

- See table below for the total number rod licence checks carried out and offence reports issued between April and July 2017:

		RB			CB			AT			Totals		
Year	Month	All Checks	New Checks	ORF	All Checks	New Checks	ORF	All Checks	New Checks	ORF	All Checks	New Checks	ORF
2017	April	66	66	3	0	0	0	96	96	7	162	162	10
2017	May	29	29	1	74	73	0	205	205	15	308	307	16
2017	June	149	149	1	0	0	0	71	54	6	220	203	7
2017	July	53	52	0	0	0	0	223	221	12	276	273	12
Totals		297	296	5	74	73	0	595	576	40	966	945	45

Fisheries Improvement Programme (FIP):

- Please keep the potential habitat enhancement/fish passage projects coming through, click [here](#) for further information.
- The five LOFFCA clubs have now all received their funding.
- Please also collect before and after photos.

IFM Fisheries Workshop:

- These will be hosted by the IFM with local EA fisheries staff also in attendance.
- The first workshop is provisionally scheduled for Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th October at Brampton.
- Agenda to follow.

Winter Work Requests:

- Please start submitting any winter work requests, these could include; stock assessment surveys, cropping jobs.
- This is an important management tool available for angling clubs to utilise and is all part of the rod licence service.

Dace Broodstock collection 2017:

- With the help of the guys from the EA's Calverton Fish Farm, we've created a video showing the collection and stripping of dace, this can be viewed on the EA YouTube channel, click [here](#).