

# Lower Ouse & Fenland Fisheries Consultative Association

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## East Anglia West Fisheries Update

The following document provides LOFFCA members and anglers with up to date area fisheries information together with details of our recent activities.

### Fisheries monitoring programme:

- To date only 7 fisheries surveys have been completed these include; 2 on the Nar, 2 on the Ingol, and 1 apiece on the Stringside Stream, Old Carr and upper Wissey.
- Unfortunately we've had to drop 22 of the 60 planned surveys this year due to various factors, these include sites on the Wissey, Watton Brook, Gadder and Cavenham Stream.
- Ely Ouse hydro-acoustic survey is complete, download the latest fish distribution map from the Angling Trust Eastern Region Fishery Forum website; please click [here](#).
- Relief Channel hydro-acoustics is currently scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday.
- See the LOFFCA Facebook page for the latest fish photos, please click [here](#).

### Fisheries enforcement:

- Across the Great Ouse Catchment in 2018, 791 rod licences were checked between January and May.
- Of these 791 checks, 773 were 'new checks'.
- In total 21 offence reports were issued.
- The bailiffs are more than happy to carry out rod licence checks at fisheries with club officials, if your keen to accompany the bailiff please get in contact ([chris.middleton@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:chris.middleton@environment-agency.gov.uk) or 07881 512038) and I'll provide the bailiffs contact details.
- Any suspected illegal fishing activity should be reported to the Environment Agency's Incident Hotline on 0800 80 70 60.

### Fisheries incident response:

- Since last week we're been investigating a Category 1 pollution incident on the river Great Ouse between Brackley and Buckingham. Water samples are being collected for formal analysis and we're monitoring the impacts upon the fish and invertebrate populations over some 20 km's. Stakeholders are being updated, but if you require further information please contact our enquiries number on 03708 506506.
- On Monday 2 July we attended a fishery near Huntingdon following reports of low water levels. Water quality was alright but the dissolved oxygen is expected to fluctuate through diurnal rhythm and the sheer number of fish present in such a small piece of water. We've provided advice and guidance and if this situation deteriorates the owner will contact a fisheries consultant to have the stock density reduced/fish rescued.
- If you see dead or distressed fish anglers are reminded to phone the incident hotline number immediately on 0800 807060.

customer service line  
03708 506 506

incident hotline  
0800 80 70 60

floodline  
03459 88 11 88

## Fish passage update:

- The elver trap on Brownhill Stauch (the tidal limit of the Great Ouse) is currently being replaced with a full eel pass however, we'll still have the capability of trapping elvers and monitoring their numbers as they migrate up the Great Ouse from the Wash. Image below shows approximately 10,000 elvers caught during a 24 hour period in June.



- A feasibility study is currently underway looking at the possibility of installing a fish and eel pass at Brandon Stauch on the Little Ouse.
- A feasibility study is also underway looking at fish and eel passage around Gas Pool Sluice on the Lark in Mildenhall.

## Fisheries improvement programme (FIP):

- Please keep the potential habitat enhancement/fish passage projects coming through, click [here](#) for further information or contact me directly on [chris.middleton@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:chris.middleton@environment-agency.gov.uk)

## Social media update:

- Follow our team on Twitter (@OuseFishEA) for all the latest fisheries information, please click [here](#).