

# 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 news together with details of our recent activities.

### 2018 fisheries monitoring programme:

- Currently 62 sites in total scheduled for surveying in 2018, (see Appendix 1).
- As always the actual number of sites surveyed is subject to change.

### Fisheries enforcement update:

- Across the Great Ouse catchment, 2277 rod licences were checked between April and December in 2017.
- Of these 2277 checks 2232 were 'new checks'.
- In total 77 offence reports issued.
- The bailiffs are more than happy to carry out rod licence checks at fisheries with club officials, if you're 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.

Year	Month	All Checks	New Checks	ORF
2017	April	162	162	10
2017	May	308	307	16
2017	June	220	203	7
2017	July	276	273	12
2017	August	330	326	11
2017	September	513	507	9
2017	October	318	310	11
2017	November	92	89	1
2017	December	58	55	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>2277</b>	<b>2232</b>	<b>77</b>

## 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)
- We are hoping to film some of the angling club FIP projects in 2018. Towcester & District AA have agreed to let us film their Astwell Mill Restoration Project following the clubs successful £4,000 bid.
- The process will involve collecting pre, during and post enhancement works footage and if we have a willing volunteer from the club we'd also like to record a piece to camera. The video will be hosted on the EA social media pages.
- Anyone wishing to feature in any of our films would need to sign an Environment Agency photo and video consent form.

## Incident response:

- Usually a dedicated Fisheries Officer is on call 24/7 between April and September to respond to incidents involving fish. However, due to several dry winters and the prolonged dry weather period it's been decided to extend this duty roll for the full 12 months until further notice.
- If you see dead or distressed fish please call the incident hotline number immediately on 0800 807060 or the fisheries duty officer directly on 07747 038283.
- We plan to carry out a fish removal during February from the river Lark in Bury St Edmunds through the Abbey Gardens stretch. This section of river has historically suffered from low dissolved oxygen levels and we've had to dose hydrogen peroxide on multiple occasions in the past to prevent significant fish mortalities. As the long-term weather forecast is not looking great this situation is likely to become worse and more frequent, therefore we've taken the decision to carry out a proactive fish removal as regular peroxide dosing is not sustainable. When last surveyed, some very large roach and dace were caught. All captured fish will be transported downstream and restocked around the Hengrave area where habitat and water quality is more favourable and should provide some good sport for the visiting angler. We plan to film the operation and create a video in due course.

## 2017/18 winter work programme:

- Two cropping jobs scheduled for January.
- Monday 15th January - Kingfisher Lake (health check sample).
- Monday 22nd January - Nunnery Lakes (health check sample).
- Providing the silver fish pass the mandatory health check, the fish cropping/restocking will occur on:
  - Monday 29th January - Kingfisher Lake
  - Monday 5th February - Nunnery Lakes
- The fish will be offered to angling clubs who have expressed an interest and to those within a suitable travelling distance from the source water. Alex Malcolm (S&C Fisheries Officer) will be in contact in due course to notify the successful clubs and to arrange access.
- We plan to film these operations and create a video showing the whole process including; the health sample collection netting, the fish dissection at Brampton and why this is important and then the follow-up netting and subsequent restocking. As with the FIP filming we'd also like to film a member of the angling club on camera at the receiving water.

## 2016/17 annual EA fisheries report:

- The national and area fisheries reports are now available to download from the GOV.UK website, click [here](#).
- This will be the last Cambs & Beds report, as from 2017/18 there will be one area report combining East Anglia West and East.

## 2018/19 FCRM maintenance programme:

- Before the next LOFFCA meeting angling clubs should have received the 2018/19 FCRM flood defence maintenance programme.
- This is your opportunity to comment on this flood defence programme, so please ensure any comments are fed back before the end of the consultation period.

## 2017 AT fisheries forum:

- For those that couldn't make the Angling Trust Eastern Region Fisheries Forum in Cambridge, please click [here](#) to watch the fisheries video that we created showing some of the rod licence funded work carried out across the Great Ouse catchment in 2017 hosted on the LOFFCA Facebook page.

## Appendix 1 (2018 fisheries monitoring programme):

NGR	Site Parent Name	Site Name
TF8184014716	Nar	Castle Acre
TF7635214346	Nar	Narford Hall Estate
TF7579014012	Nar	Bradmore Cottages Narborough
TF6982711996	Nar	Abbey Farm
TF6709013498	Nar	Wormegay High Bridge
TF6700713701	Nar	High Bridge Side Channel
TF6350113470	Nar	Setchey
TF6156115494	Nar	Saddlebow
TF6189217264	Nar	White House Farm Kings Lynn
TL2863584082	Bury Brook	Ramsey Golf Course
TF7528001918	Gadder	DS Gooderstone
TF7356102519	Old Carr	DS Eastmoor Bridge
TF7164500502	Stringside Stream	DS Stoke Ferry Stringside Stream
TF8702700294	Watton Brook	Lt Cressingham
TL8636499269	Watton Brook	Hopton Farm
TF8378400304	Watton Brook	Linghills Farm
TF8578004795	US Wissey	South Pickenham

<b>TF8329800911</b>	US Wissey	Hilborough Ford
<b>TL8265399781</b>	US Wissey	Hilborough Mill
<b>TF8641306533</b>	US Wissey	Meadow Farm North Pickenham
<b>TF8724107314</b>	US Wissey	Ernford Bridge
<b>TL7733071710</b>	Cavenham Stream	D/s Cavenham Mill
<b>TF6859233453</b>	Ingol	Snettisham
<b>TF6801133424</b>	Ingol	DS Snettisham Mill
<b>TL7773686711</b>	DS Little Ouse	Brandon Staunch
<b>TL7361387275</b>	DS Little Ouse	Hockwold Common
<b>TL6255789078</b>	DS Little Ouse	Little Ouse Village
<b>TL7260899431</b>	DS Wissey	Oxborough Ferry
<b>TL6850397163</b>	DS Wissey	Catsholme Pump
<b>TL6212698781</b>	DS Wissey	Hilgay Moorings
<b>TL9516380796</b>	US Little Ouse	Knettishall Heath
<b>TL9241181176</b>	US Little Ouse	Rushford Bridge
<b>TL8779480015</b>	US Little Ouse	Barnham Village
<b>TL8520084500</b>	US Little Ouse	Abbey Weir
<b>TL8518486645</b>	US Little Ouse	Two Mile Bottom
<b>TL8250387289</b>	US Little Ouse	Santon Downham
<b>TM0250678825</b>	US Little Ouse	Hinderclay Fen
<b>TM0107179238</b>	US Little Ouse	Blo Norton Bridge
<b>TM0194278135</b>	US Little Ouse	Thelnetham Road Bridge
<b>TL8727761953</b>	US Lark	Bridge Farm Rushbrooke
<b>TL7919471085</b>	US Lark	West Stow Country Park
<b>TL7544573258</b>	US Lark	Tuddenham Heath
<b>TL8309169085</b>	US Lark	Mill Farm Hengrave
<b>TL9916991734</b>	Thet	Snetterton Gravel Pits
<b>TL9579685576</b>	Thet	Bridgeham Bridge
<b>TL8835283102</b>	Thet	Thetford
<b>TL0570549420</b>	Great Ouse (Bedford to Brampton)	Longholme
<b>TL1638754909</b>	Great Ouse (Bedford to Brampton)	Kelpie Marina
<b>TL1804661289</b>	Great Ouse (Bedford to Brampton)	St Neots Common
<b>TL2158767399</b>	Great Ouse (Bedford to Brampton)	Offord Triangle
<b>TL1809259686</b>	Great Ouse (Bedford to Brampton)	Eynesbury
<b>TL9376069972</b>	Sapiston	Micklemere

<b>TL9481267897</b>	Sapiston	Bullbridge
<b>TL9410468902</b>	Sapiston	Bailey Pool Bridge
<b>TL9275470832</b>	Sapiston	Ixworth
<b>TL8896379639</b>	Sapiston	Euston
<b>TL7134674314</b>	DS Lark	Mildenhall
<b>TL6948774163</b>	DS Lark	Wamil Hall
<b>TL6479176113</b>	DS Lark	Ileham Lock
<b>TL5972482605</b>	DS Lark	Prickwillow
<b>TL5808683764</b>	DS Lark	Branch Bridge
<b>TL6654371908</b>	Kennett	Freckenham