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Correspondence between or information requested from MSS by Ayrshire Rivers Trust(ART) or vice versa pertaining to Kilmarnock Angling Club/Waters, 5 May 2018 to 5 November 2018.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 June 2018 11:32  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Kilmarnock Angling Club

H [REDACTED]

Hope you are well. Could you please give me call or let me know when is best to call you to discuss recent surveys carried out on KAC waters?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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2 July 2018

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The water levels last year prevented us from carrying out surveys so we have no further data to report on.

We still intend to undertake extensive surveying of Kilmarnock and Craufurdland Water this year in an attempt to prove successful salmon spawning but as indicated previously, that is like looking for a needle in a haystack although by now we should be expecting to find parr too which may make it slightly easier as they are more mobile.

We will contact Kilmarnock Angling Club shortly to let them know we will be on the burns surveying.

We will inform you of the results and will provide a summary report of our findings.

Regards

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6 July 2018

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further to our discussion earlier this week over the timescale of electrofishing surveys that we intend to perform on the Kilmarnock and Craufurdland Waters, I confirm that we are unable to commit to any electrofishing currently in these waters due to the limited flows in the burns and the elevated water temperatures we are experiencing here in some parts of Ayrshire following prolonged drought and rising air temperatures. We visited the Kilmarnock Water this morning and found conditions unsuitable to perform any surveys.

I would have serious concerns over anyone electrofishing in the Kilmarnock Water at this point in time under these conditions and that obviously includes [REDACTED] members of Kilmarnock Angling Club who have applied for a license to do so.

I have attached an extract from an email that the SFCC circulated today to all Trusts in Scotland regarding electrofishing in unsuitable arm weather conditions. This guidance is included in the electrofishing team leader manual. I have not attached the link that followed (to the manual) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Several SFCC members have been in touch noting that they are suspending electrofishing due to warm and dry conditions. Fish welfare and electrofishing effectiveness are likely to be compromised in these circumstances and so caution should be exercised if considering surveying. If required, further guidance on temperature is available in the SFCC Team Leader Training Manual

This reinforces the need for adequately trained and experienced individuals to design and lead teams electrofishing. It is just one of many areas touched on in the team leader manual that isn't addressed by basic introductory courses.

I am aware that we have discussed the issues of adequate training previously however, this illustrates just another (of many) reasons why electrofishing is best undertaken by trained and qualified professionals rather than enthusiastic amateurs.

I hope this is of interest to yourselves and the department.  
Regards



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 31 August 2018 16:35  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Kilmarnock Water

Dear [REDACTED]

Just a note to let you know that a licence to electro-fish for survey and monitoring purposes has been issued to Kilmarnock Angling Club for the Kilmarnock Water, Craufurdland and Fenwick Waters.

Kind regards

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23 October 2018

Hi [REDACTED]

Hope you are well. MSS has received an application from Dean Hatchery and Heritage Trust to take Atlantic Salmon Broodstock from the Kilmarnock Water. Do you have any data or a summary of results of any electrofishing surveys ART has completed on the Fenwick Water or the Craufurdland Water in 2017 or 2018? This information would be considered within our assessment of the application. I will be on 0131 244 4415 Thur and Fri this week, and the 0300 number next week, if you would rather call than email.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 October 2018 14:42  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Application to take Atlantic salmon broodstock - Kilmarnock Water

[REDACTED]

Coincidentally, I was going to write to you on the matter of stocking in Fenwick Water this week and will do so but first I was going to ask for details of where Kilmarnock Angling Club had a license to stock fry and the numbers/density at which they were stocked within these areas. This would be beneficial to understanding our results.

We surveyed limited sites on Craufurdland and Fenwick this year but none on 2017 due to high water levels. Regardless, we have opinions based on our survey results and observations going back a few years and will share them once we know the areas stocked as this may influence our assessments.

Regards

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Further to our conversation last week DHHT on behalf of Kilmarnock Angling Club have objected to the release of information on stocking to Ayrshire Rivers Trust. Your request is therefore being dealt with under Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs). The EIRs require us to release information that's been requested unless an exception under the EIRs applies to that information, and the public interest in disclosure is not outweighed by the public interest in upholding the exception. You can find detailed information about the EIRs on our website at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/about/foi> or on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/home/ScottishInformationCommissioner.asp>. I will respond to you as soon as possible and within our statutory timescale of 20 working days.

As already noted below DHHT has applied again this year to take salmon broodstock for stocking in the Fenwick Water in 2019. If Ayrshire Rivers Trust has any additional comments or objections to the proposals other than those already discussed, please get in touch. I am out of office tomorrow back in on Thursday & Friday.

Regards

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