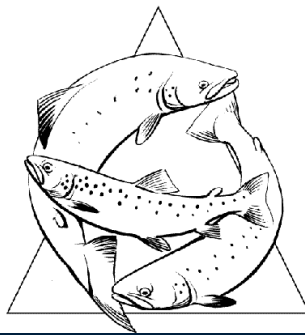




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The Deveron, Bogie and Isla Rivers Charitable Trust

Newsletter 03, Spring 2003

**Welcome to the third newsletter of the Deveron, Bogie & Isla Rivers Charitable Trust.**  
 The Trust's objectives are to 'conserve, protect and rehabilitate salmon, sea trout and trout and other indigenous species of animal, bird, insect and plant life and more generally to promote the ecological cycle for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Deveron'.

## Hatchery plans get the go-ahead

Planning permission for our hatchery on the Drummuir Estate has finally been granted and we are now finalising plans before building commences this summer. Also, the fish pass at Chivas' Strathisla Distillery in Keith has also been given the go-ahead. We are in the process of securing funding to pay for

these important developments and we need to match this with your financial help as well. Please help us to raise the funds required.

To coincide with the building of the new hatchery and the installation of the fish pass we are officially launching The Deveron, Bogie & Isla Rivers

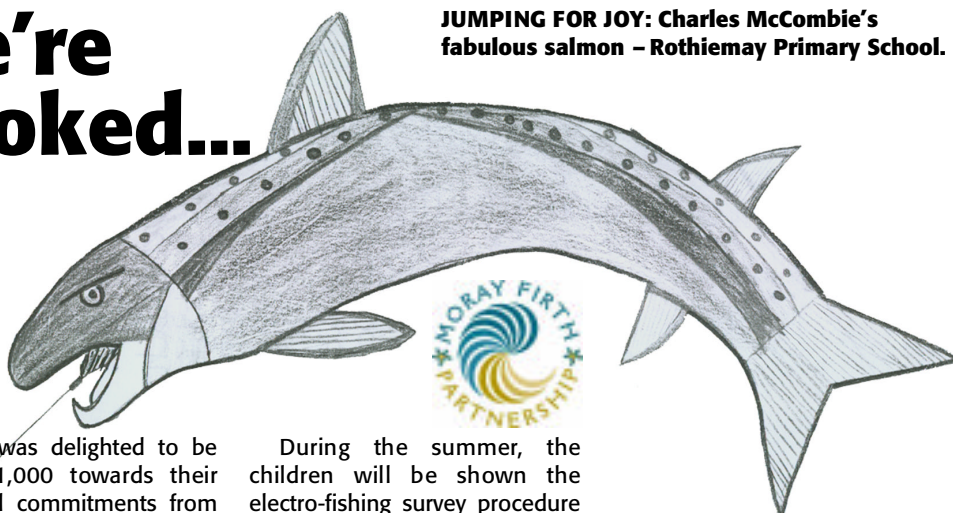
Charitable Trust with an evening party on Friday 8th August 2003 at Aswanley Steading, Glass by kind permission of Board member Tom Ingleby and his wife, Pam.

We hope that fishermen from far and wide, local farmers with riparian interests, local business owners and many important

dignitaries such as councillors and MPs will come along and join us to celebrate the launch of the Trust in a convivial atmosphere where we can demonstrate the economic and environmental importance the Rivers provide to the area.

• **Please contact Robin Vasey for more information.**

## We're hooked...



**JUMPING FOR JOY: Charles McCombie's fabulous salmon – Rothiemay Primary School.**

The Trust was delighted to be granted £1,000 towards their educational commitments from Moray Firth Partnership. The money will be used to purchase six mini hatcheries for their 'Salmon goes to school' projects and a digital projector for school talks and presentations. Our Project Officer, Robin Vasey, has already donated and reared salmon eggs in the Rothiemay Primary School.

The older children helped to plant out these fish in the nearby Castle Burn.

During the summer, the children will be shown the electro-fishing survey procedure in the same burn where they will hope to catch the young fry that they planted out during March. Invertebrate kick survey techniques will also be demonstrated to the children and they will be asked to identify some of the 'bugs and beasties' that provide the food source. We are also hopeful that we will receive further grant aid from Aberdeenshire Council's Education Department.

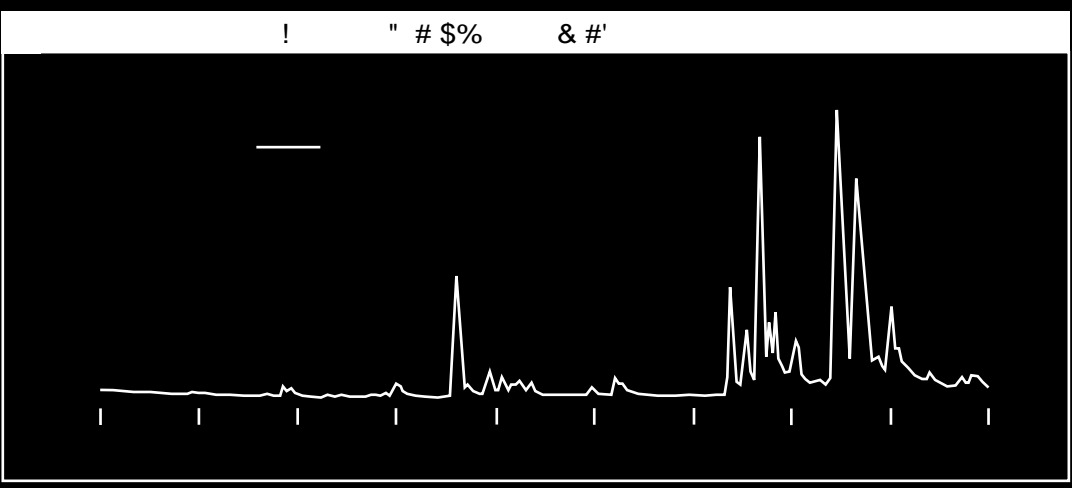
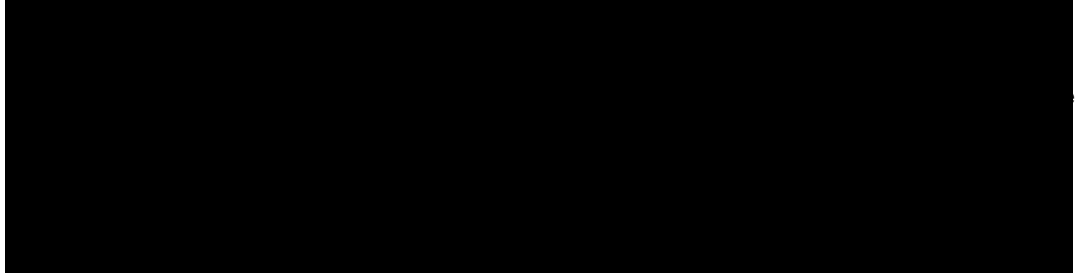
• **Thank you very much for teaching us about the lifecycle of the Atlantic salmon. I was very interested to learn about them. I was also very interested at what kind of reaction they would have when they were released – if they would wait around in the water or if they would just scarp – but they just swam away.**

**Charles McCombie, aged 11**

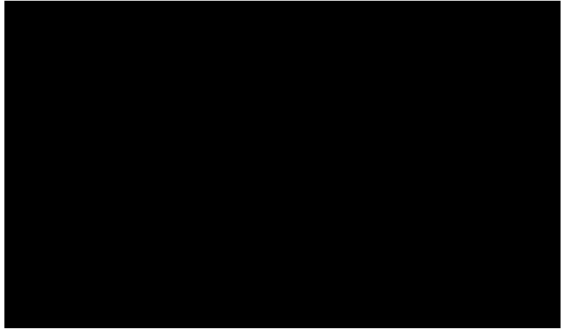
## Grants for wetlands

Over fifty farmers in the Isla catchment have recently been approached to promote the Rural Stewardship Scheme – a grant-aided scheme to assist farmers to improve habitat – especially riparian zones and wetland areas. The scheme is a joint project between Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and Grampian Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG). The scheme aids the erection of fences and water troughs to protect riverbanks promoting the management of wetlands and grass banks.

Thirty farmers were visited by the FWAG advisors out of which ten have expressed an interest. If all ten schemes proceed, £200,000 worth of conservation management and habitat creation will be carried out in the Isla catchment over the next five years.



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