Rod and Fish Count Data 1958 -2009



Current position

Rod catch data for the Tay district and fish count data at Pitlochry Dam remains relatively stable in 2009 despite annual fluctuations. When considering stock abundance prior to 2006, it should be remembered that there was much higher exploitation of salmon prior to the rod fishery or Pitlochry counter. Today there is very little exploitation of salmon upstream of the rod fishery. Therefore though the rod fishery and Pitlochry Counter appears stable, total abundance was higher in 1960s -70s when there was a large net fishery which was bought and closed down in 1996.

Relevance of this indicator

Water quality can affect the local economy through influencing tourism and recreational activity. Fishing contributes significantly to the local economy and fish abundance is also a key indicator of ecosystem health.

Links to PKC SD Principle:

SDP5 - Protecting and improving natural resources and biodiversity (e.g. air quality, water quality, land contamination)

Links to Local Outcome:

Our area will have a sustainable natural and built environment

Links to National Outcome:

We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations

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