

Fishing – zoo fish display highlights what happens underwater



Public will see what happens under water in this display at the Five Sisters Zoo

A fishing trust has teamed up with a Scottish zoo to highlight the health of rivers as part of a long-term project.

The River Forth Fisheries Trust (RFFT) say that the Almond and Avon have been used and abused by people for decades.

And this has impacted on plants and animals.

West Calder-based Five Sisters Zoo has developed a display which allows visitors to get a unique underwater view of animals acting as they would do in their natural environment.

The move is part of a project called RiverLife: Almond and Avon which runs until the Autumn of 2020.

Funding has come from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Scottish Government, SEPA Water Environment Fund, City of Edinburgh and West Lothian Council.

Jamie Ormiston, Community Engagement Officer at RFFT, said: For centuries, the Rivers Almond and Avon have been used and abused by people which has impacted on the local plants and animals.

“This display will allow people to see what is happening beneath the surface and inspire them to take better care of their local river.

“As is open to the elements we will naturally see insects such

as mayfly larvae begin to populate the tank and become a natural food source for our trout as you would see in the wild. What better way to see food webs and life cycles but in a real-life situation.”

For more information about the River Forth Fisheries Trust visit this [website](#).