

Fishing – bailiffs appeal after find of nets and set lines

Forth District Salmon Fishery Board bailiffs have been on patrol on the River Tyne and found nets and set lines hidden near the banks of the River Tyne at a well-known poaching hotspot.

A spokesman said these nets were probably stashed in wait for the recent rains in the hope of a run of fish.

He added: “Bailiffs cannot be everywhere at all times and we heavily rely on reports coming in from members of the public, especially anglers as you guys are the eyes and ears on the river.”

Call Lee (superintendent) on 07887835549 or Tyne and Esk bailiffs on 07736466725 or message the Forth DSFB Facebook page. Pictures are important.

Meanwhile, anglers in the Forth Estuary have hooked into great sport. Derek Anderson of Aquamarine Charters from Eyemouth said anglers had been “filling their boots” from Pease Bay to Spittal Hirst and sidewinders (plastic lures) and mixed bait have been the most successful.

Trevor Springford of Andara II from Dunbar said there seems to be a lot of natural food in the water and his view is that it is more a matter of the angler attracting the fishes attention rather than sitting drowning a favourite bait.

He recommends using a variety including squid, prawns, pirks

and shads and to keep changing.

Keep the lure moving until you find something that catches their eye.

Other East Coast skippers have also reported good catches with one Balerno-based angler hooking into nearly 30 during his trip on BeeCool of Eyemouth but mackerel are not yet showing in the Firth according to skippers

Bass Rock Sea Angling League postponed the fourth round of their ten round event due on Wednesday, June 12 at North Berwick because of a poor forecast. The event will be re-staged on Wednesday, June 19 and Barry McEwan from Port Seton leads the chase.

Paul Robertson from North Berwick is second and Ryan Barnett (Edinburgh) third and Craig Ogilvie (North Berwick) fourth.

Two anglers shared first place in the third round of with the first four places were separated by only three centimetres after three hours of fishing at Seacliff Beach near North Berwick.

Stuart Fairbairn from Haddington and Barry McEwan were joint first as they both landed a single fish of 22cm.

Second was Paul Robertson with a fish one centimetre smaller and joint third were Steven Nairn from Duns and Ryan Barnett with fish of 20cm while fourth was Craig Ogilvie with a fish of 19cm.

A total of 16 anglers fished with six cards returned and flounders were the only species caught on the night to worm and fish baits.

Elsewhere, Fraser Thomson of Pottishaw Fishery near Whitburn has received a delivery of sizeable blue trout and he revealed that three anglers a day can fly fish for pike in June, but this is dependent on water temperature.

Finally, organisers of the Hooked on Harlaw initiative reported great interest in their open day which went ahead despite high winds and drizzle for part of the five-hour event based at Harlaw Visitor Centre near Balerno.

Fly tying demonstrations and tackle were on display and many, including women and children, tried fly casting for the first time.

Jim McComb, chairman of Mallyen Angling, said that the club hope to build on the taster with further initiative and added that the water was fishing well with £10 evening permits from 5pm proving popular.