

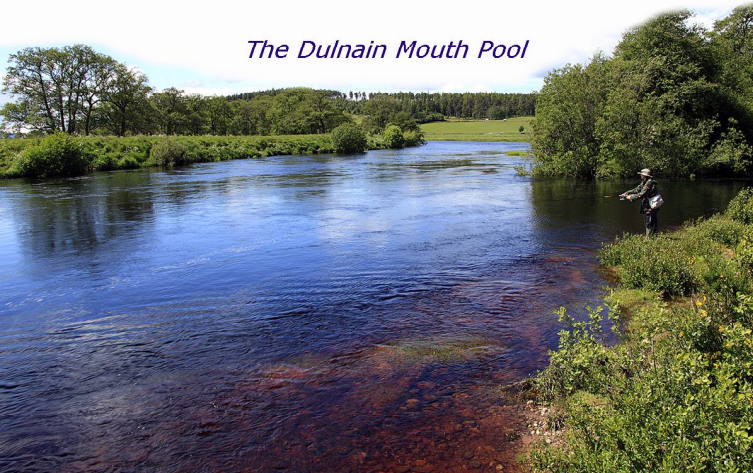
The River Spey is famous for a number of reasons and not just because of its international reputation as a classic salmon river. It has been designated as a European Special Area of Conservation because internationally important populations of Lamprey, Otter, Freshwater Pearl Mussel, and of course, the Atlantic Salmon, all thrive in the river. The Spey is a wonder in its own right and is one of the most important areas in the world for the Freshwater Pearl Mussel, (*a protected species*).



*An Osprey — another local angler*

The Spey can boast an annual catch of nearly 10,000 rod-caught salmon, (*last ten year average*). We appreciate how lucky we are and applaud the hard work that is being done by The Spey Fishery Board and others to sustain this number. The Spey is an extraordinary river and Speyside is a truly special place.

*The Dulnain Mouth Pool*



Our fishings on The Spey include 32 named pools, all of which have their own individual depths, currents and characters. Of course, some fish better at different water levels than others and some lend themselves to different methods and techniques.

Pools numbered 22 to 32 are part of Upper Castle Grant Beat. The wearing of life jackets is mandatory on this beat and is recommended, for your own safety, throughout our waters.

Fishing methods and rules are more fully described on our web-site and permit. Fly fishing is encouraged although spinning and worm fishing are permitted throughout. The exception to this rule is on Upper Castle Grant Beat where spinning is permitted up to the 30th April. Thereafter it is fly only unless the river level is 1 ft 9 in and rising; under such conditions, spinning will be permitted.

Limited vehicular access may be granted for anglers with restricted mobility on Upper Castle Grant Beat. There is good safe fishing for people of all ages and abilities.



*Fishing on the upper River Dulnain*

The River Dulnain is a water with character and our fishings include 12 miles of both banks with 30 named pools. The Dulnain tends to be fished by the more solitary angler who is keen to explore.

Access tends to be more difficult throughout, but from late summer onwards it can be worth the toil.



*Colin Smith with a fine salmon*

The SAIA supports the Spey Fishery Board's conservation measures for salmon and sea-trout. These measures are subject to change and can be read on our web-site and permit.

Gyrodactylus Salaris, (G.S.) is a tiny parasitic freshwater fluke which poses an immense threat to The Spey. It can decimate a river's population of salmon and trout and has already done so in parts of Europe. *Decontamination of all equipment is vital if you have recently been fishing abroad and intend to fish The Spey.* Please see our website for full details.

Anglers come to Grantown on Spey from all over Europe. Some come in search of salmon, others for good nocturnal sea-trout fishing and some just want to be here. Curiously, most fail to notice the sizeable number of large native brown trout.

Whatever your reasons for coming here, you will be assured of a warm welcome when you arrive. About 84% of our visiting anglers are repeat visitors and many have been coming here since the 1960's. One regular visitor keeps coming back because he '*loves the place and the people*'. Another says, '*I enjoy the Spey Valley even if I don't catch any fish.*' These are fine words about a wonderful place. When are you coming to fish?