

## The Season 2009

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### The season 2009 has started

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The first salmon of the season...



The first salmon of the season 2009, caught by Johannes Kahrs on a Green Highlander tube fly. The salmon of about 9,5 kg (21 lbs.) has been carefully released after taking these pictures.

As usual for the season start several of our regular guests and friends have arrived to fish with us the season start at midnight. Whilst the water level on the 30st of May was at a moderate level of approx. 190 m<sup>3</sup>/ sec some heavy rainfalls which caused some snow melt brought the river up to 341 m<sup>3</sup>/sec. in the early morning hours of the 31st May. Since than the river was falling steadily until it reached 252 m<sup>3</sup>/sec. about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and started than to rise as a result of the very hot weather and the fishing conditions at the season start at midnight were not bad, as although we had still a rather high water level of 1,70m at the Frøseth Gauge (335m<sup>3</sup>/sec. at the Gaulfoss) which was more or less constant for a while and than started to drop slowly. The water temperature has been 9 degrees and the water had a light colour (no clay) which was acceptable for a start into the season 2009.

Our expectations for a good start are already verified in the middle of the 1st day of the season! It was again our regular guest Johannes Kahrs who caught the first fish, as he did last year. Johannes, a well know painter from Berlin, is just taking a break from his work which is currently shown in the museum of Modern Art in San Francisco and in the Dallas Art Museum. The salmon took the fly at 4.15hrs on our Lower Gaula Beat E2 on the very top of the pool and just ran downstream, so Johannes had to follow the fish and could land the fish after a very hard battle 300m downstream at the border to our next Beat. The fish was carefully released.



Johannes plays the first salmon on the NFC-Beats

Per Heikkilä from Sweden was able to land the 2nd fish on our Beats, he caught his first salmon of the season 2009 on our Beat E2 as well in the morning of the first of June about 8 o'clock. This salmon took a Black&Green tube fly and weighted in with 7,5kg (16.5lbs)



Per Heikkilä with the 2nd salmon (7,5kg (16.5lbs)), caught as well on our Beat E2.

The third salmon and so far our largest fish was caught by our regular guest Karsten Kruhl at early noon on the first of June. His fish weighed 10,5 kg (23.2lbs). After a very hard fight he was able to land the salmon 300m downstreams in Beat E2, but the fish took the fly already in E1!! It seems that the salmon of the season 2009 are in very good condition, very strong and hard fighters. All three fish have been sea liced, bright silver - just beautiful as the June Gaula are...



Our Guide Johan Wallestad holds Karsten Kruhl's salmon, the fish weighed in with 10,5kg (23.2lbs)

On the morning of the 30st of May, local reports told that many salmon left the Gaulfossen Pool to run up into the middle reaches of the river, so we expect some fish from our beats around Stören and Rognes very shortly. But as the first fish went up already in the beginning of May, they should be spread definitely up until our Upper Beat by now. But no one of us has tried yet to fish for them...

Also other fishermen had some pulls during the first 2 sessions on our Beats in the middle reaches, so the salmon have definitely arrived on the Gaula! As the water is dropping at the moment we have big hopes that more taken salmon will follow during this great first day of the season 2009!

We will keep you updated!

P.S. We still have some rods vacant during the first weeks – If you are interested to come at short notice just give us a call (Tel.:0047-913-93498) or send us an Email to [Raguse@nfc-online.com](mailto:Raguse@nfc-online.com) and we will work out an offer for you

**Good early days on the NFC Beats!**

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The fishing on our beats is still very good considering that the season has just started and that we are in a very early stage of the season. At the moment we have already 10 fish in our statistics, even it is just the morning of the 3rd of June!

The NFC's Lower Gaula Beat is the most productive part of our beats at the moment. Sven Nedved was able to land a smaller salmon of 3,8kg (8.5lbs) and Karsten Kruhl caught his 2nd fish of the week which weighted in with 4,5 kg (10lbs), both fish have been caught in Beat E2.

Ole Martin Braathen from Oslo was able to land his first salmon on our beats, a nice sea liced salmon of 5,8kg (13lbs.) caught in Beat E2 as well.





Ken Sawada's salmon weighing approx. 11 kg (24 lbs).

Ken Sawada has caught the biggest fish on our beats so far, a very beautiful salmon of approx. 11kg (24lbs, 107cm). He caught this fish on our Beat E3 on the 2nd of June and released the fish carefully.

During the evening of the 2nd of June our French guests Olivier Plasseraud and Bruno Berthot caught their first fishes on Beat E1. Olivier's fish weighted in with 10,8kg (24lbs). Bruno released his first salmon and estimated the weight on approx. 4 kg (8.5lbs)



Olivier playing his nice salmon, which took the fly in E1 and ran downstream...





Olivier with his first salmon of the season 2009 – 10,8kg (25lbs)

On the morning of the 3rd of June Karsten Kruhl caught already his 3rd salmon. He released the fish weighing approx. 4kg (8.5lbs) which took the fly in Beat E1 as well.

All fish have been taken so far came from our Lower Gaula Beat, but as the water level dropped now already to 90cm on the Frøseth Gauge ( 155 m3 at Gaulfoss) it just can be a couple of hours until the salmon, which must have passed Gaulfossen during the last night, arrive on our Beats around Støren and Rognes. Today we heard the rumors that a sea liced fish was caught in the Singsås area (not far from our Upper Gaula Beat). We just can say, we are looking very much forward to the days which are coming...

**Big salmon**

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The largest fish this season so far from the Gaula – 22,54kg (49.7 lb)

On the evening of the 1st of June two norwegian fishermen, Bent Børresen (left) and Geir Veum (right), had the luck to land a huge salmon in Melhus (a few kilometres downstream of our Lower Gaula Beat, not on NFC water) after 35 min hard fight. The fish has been caught from a boat on a wobbler and weighed in with 22,54kg ( 49.7 lb)! The NFC can arrange fishing on this beat, enquiries are welcome at +47-91393498 or [info@nfc-online.com](mailto:info@nfc-online.com)

There have been nice catches in whole Trøndelag area– big salmon have been caught on the Gaula and the neighbouring rivers as well. Unfortunately the temperatures dropped significantly (water: 6°C, snowing in the mountains) and slowed the fishing on the 3rd and 4th June down. The river behaved like a yo-yo. It was down to 148m³/sec. midday on the 3rd of June, rose to 200 m³/sec. at 1 o'clock at night on the 4th June and peaked at 2:15 a.m. on the 5th June to 234 m³/sec.. But afterwards it started to drop slowly all the time and the sun appeared again in the morning. There is a warmer feel in the air and we are sure that fishing will pick up today.

### **Some nice new salmon from the NFC beats**

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As the temperature dropped down to 6 degrees in daytime and it was even snowing, the fishing slowed down on the 4th and 5th of July. Even on our lower Gaula beat there were only fish hooked but not landed. The water temperature dropped as well to 6 degrees. The weather forecast is not really promising and anticipates temperatures between 7 and 16°C during the course of week 24. The highest temperature is expected by the end of the week and will probably come in combination with rain, whilst it probably will by not raining until next Friday.





Fabien releases his beautiful salmon...

It was our French guest Fabien Laborde who caught shortly after arriving on the Gaula on Friday evening a nice salmon in the early morning at about 2 o'clock on our Beat E1. Fabien released the fish carefully and estimated the weight on 11kg (24 lb). A great start for him into his fishing week on our beats!



Fabien Laborde with his nice salmon of 103cm (approx. 11kg)

In the afternoon Karsten Kruhl has been lucky again on Beat E2 and landed already his 4th fish of the week. His salmon weighted in with 7,6kg (16.5lb)

During the night Sven Nedved caught a fish on the same beat which weighed in with 7,6kg (16.5 lb) as well.



Sven Nedved with his 2nd salmon of the week – 7,6kg (16.5lb)

Information about fish passing Gaulfossen quite recently seemed not to have the expected effect. Most earlier fish which have been running earlier have moved on into the higher reaches already. Finally we are glad to see that the first catches above Gaulfossen have been just registered. Just 200 m upstream of our Beat D2 a nice 14 kg (31 lb) has been caught and the new arriving guests have seen fishermen playing fish on the middle parts close to Støren by driving to our beats.

The water level dropped now to 80cm at the Frøseth Gauge, that is just 115m<sup>3</sup>/sec. at the Gaulfossen and means the salmon are able to pass it easily. Also the water temperature went up again – we measured 9°C on our beats around Støren and even 10,5°C on our Lower Gaula Beats. The weather forecast with slightly warmer air temperatures for the next week gives hope for better fishing. So we are confident that we can add some good catches as well from our middle beats during the course of the next fishing week. We will keep you updated about the newly started week on our beats!

**A good start into the new fishing week and good fishing on our middle beats above Gaulfossen!**

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On Sunday evening the 7th of June the new week started after our introduction meeting with nice weather and it did not take a long time until our Swedish guest Pelle Klippinge (Pelle is well known writer in Scandinavia and the Nordic salmon scene) caught his first fish on our beats. He caught and released the fish on beat E1.

pic following tomorrow

Pelle with his first fish from our beats, he released the salmon carefully and estimated the weight to be about 9kg (19.9 lbs).

During the first night at about 2 o'clock in the morning Mirjana Pavlic hooked a big fish on our beat E2 on her 4th cast on our beats! The salmon took immediately a lot of line from Mirjana's reel just after the take and ran down the pool. Mirjana has been playing the fish over one hour and than the fly line broke and the fish came off.



During the fight the salmon went down to the bottom several times and got stuck there between some big rocks. Our guides, which luckily have been close to the beat, tried to free the line with success the first time- they threw even stones to get the salmon moving again. But finally the fish came of. Our guides Johan Wallestad and Per Heikkilä estimated the lost fish over 12kg (26lbs)! What an experience after just 4 casts! But we are sure she will have another chance for a big salmon during this week...



Mirjana is playing her big salmon...



..still fighting and the guides trying to free the line...



...throwing stones to get the salmon moved...

The next salmon has been caught by NFC's Daniel Stephan about 9.45hrs in the morning. He fished on our beat E1 and caught and released his first salmon of the season 2009. Daniel estimated the fish to weigh about 5kg (11lbs). Short before a fish has been lost by Johannes Kahrs in Beat E2.





Daniel is playing the fish hard as he intended to release the fish







..the salmon has not given up yet..



Daniel and his first fish in season 2009-06-09





...a nice feeling to release the first one!

First fish above Gaulfossen on the NFC beats!

Since two days the fish are running the Gaulfossen easier than during the earlier part of the week due to lower water and higher temperature after the cold weather spell with snow and rain. We got the information that before the 22.5kg /49.7 lb. fish was caught on wobbler on the opening day, another fish which was a good deal bigger and stronger was lost after a long battle. We reported about the 21,1 kg /46 1/2 lb. fish and then there was another fish of 19kg/ 42 lb. caught – all in the lower

reaches. It is a special feeling that the other fish which are belonging to this run of monster salmon are just now approaching our middle beats! Every fish which is taking the fly now, could be one of these leviathans.

So, no wonder, that every take in our middle beats these days is accompanied by suddenly appearing goose-flesh. Later during the day Karsten Kruhl fished our beat A1 in the Støren area. He was able to land the first salmon above Gaulfossen on our beats and released the fish after a very hard fight! The fish has been estimated to weigh about 7,5kg (16,5lbs) and was sea liced. That means that the fish are now just running through Gaulfossen straight from the sea.



Karsten Kruhl with his sea-liced salmon of approx 7,5kg (16.5lbs)





Karsten Kruhl releases the first fish above Gaulfossen on our beats on beat A1

Almost to the same time the first fish on our Beat B2 has been landed - a nice salmon which weighted in with 9kg (19.8lbs) caught by Per Heikkilä from Sweden.

During the day Bruno Berthot was able to land a small medium sized fish of approx. 4kg (9lbs) on Beat E2. Also Karsten Kruhl has been successful again and caught the first grilse on our beats in 2009 on beat E1. Both fish were carefully released.

We are expecting now almost every minute new catch reports from our guests as several of our pools are starting to fish well in this and the expected lower water level. We are sure, we can expect some great days on the NFC water. We will keep you updated and want to remind you that you can be part of this – we have still a few rods vacant. Actually just two reports from large fish taken by Serge Rameau and Johannes Kahrs are coming in. We will report more about it in tomorrows news on our website.

## Fantastic days!

10.06.2009 23:07

We are very busy at the moment getting the catch reports and pictures organized in time, as the fishing during the last 2 days has been very good and our fishermen (and women) are fishing hard during these days in improving condition. The morning of the 9th of June started with a very nice salmon caught by Serge Rameau from France. His first salmon on the NFC beats weighted in with 11,9kg (26lb).



Serge is playing his fish on Beat B2....





...fighting hard...





Serge Rameau and his salmon weighing 11,9kg (26lb).

During the afternoon it was again Per Heikkilä who caught the first fish from one of our “free for all” pools”, a nice salmon of an estimated weight of 5kg (11 lbs). Per released this fish.

Ken Sawada was able to catch his next nice fish on the NFC beats. He estimated to weigh his salmon about 9kg (20lb)



A well known picture: Ken Sawada palya a salmon on the NFC Beats - on Beat B1





Ken with his beautiful salmon from Beat B1 - the fish has been carefully released

Also Johan Wallestad had a successful day - he caught 2 salmon during this day, the first one of approx. 7,5kg (16.5lb) on our Beat E2. Then, short before midnight, he has done some casts on one of the “free for all” pools and caught another salmon of approx. 5kg (11lbs) He released both fish carefully.

The biggest fish so far has been caught by Johannes Kahrs in Beat D1. He was able to land his salmon of 13,2kg (29lbs) after the fish took off and ran down the Gauntlet! After 50 minutes hard fight he landed his Gaula springer 350 meters downstream!



Johannes Kahrs with his beautiful salmon from Beat D1 – 13,2kg (29lbs)!

During the night about 3'o clock Manfred Raguse landed his first salmon of the season 2009 in Beat D1 as well. Manfred Raguse released the fish carefully.



Manfred is playing a salmon on beat D1...



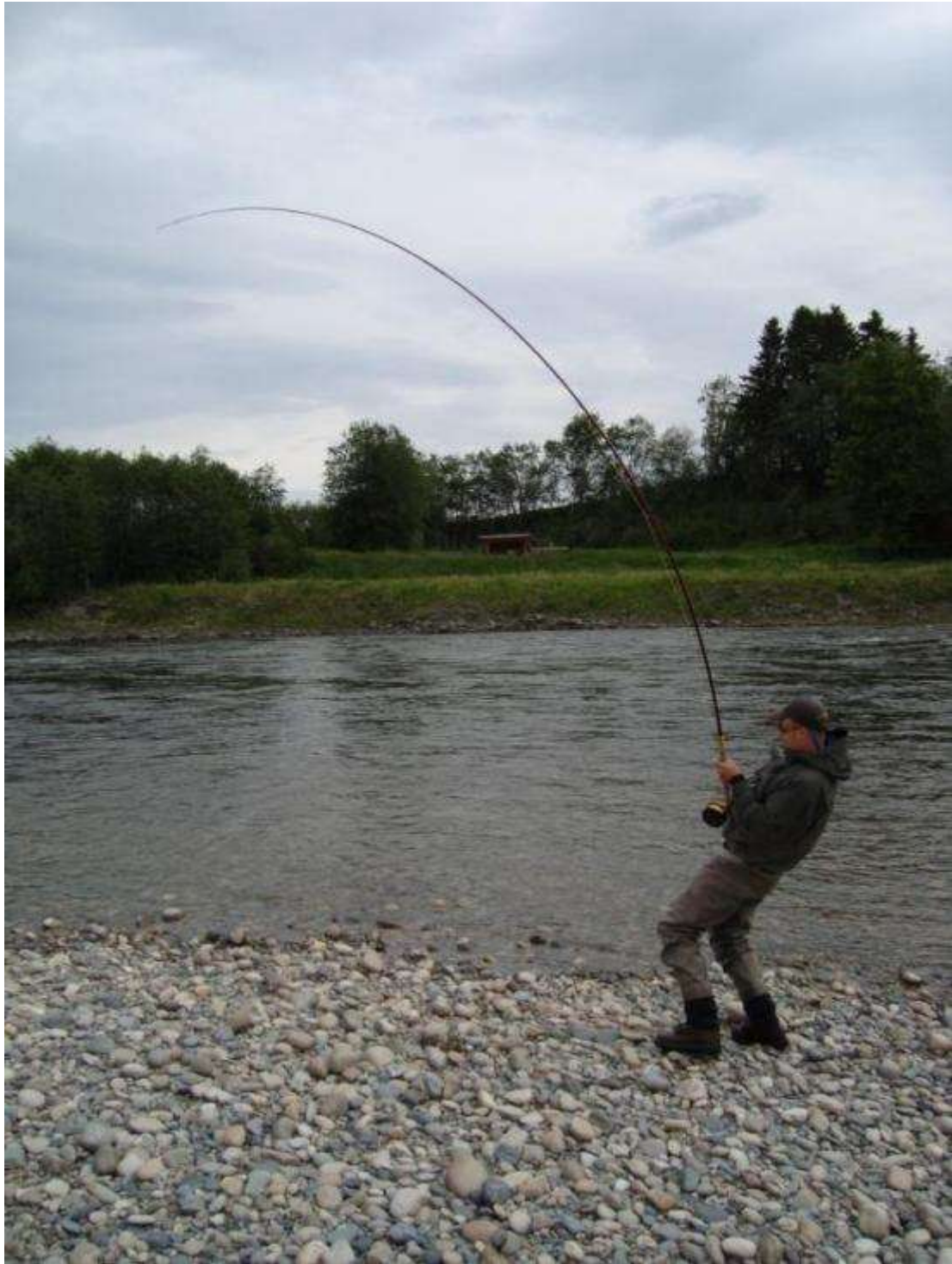


...landed!



Manfred Raguse with his first salmon of the season 2009, the salmon has been released carefully and he estimated to weigh the fish about 8kg (17.5lb)

On the morning of the 10th of June two fish on our Beat E2 have been landed. Johan Wallestad released a fish of approx. 6kg. Also Daniel Stephan caught a smaller fish of 3kg (6.5lbs) down there.



Johan playing his fish from Beat E2...





Johan with his "morning salmon"



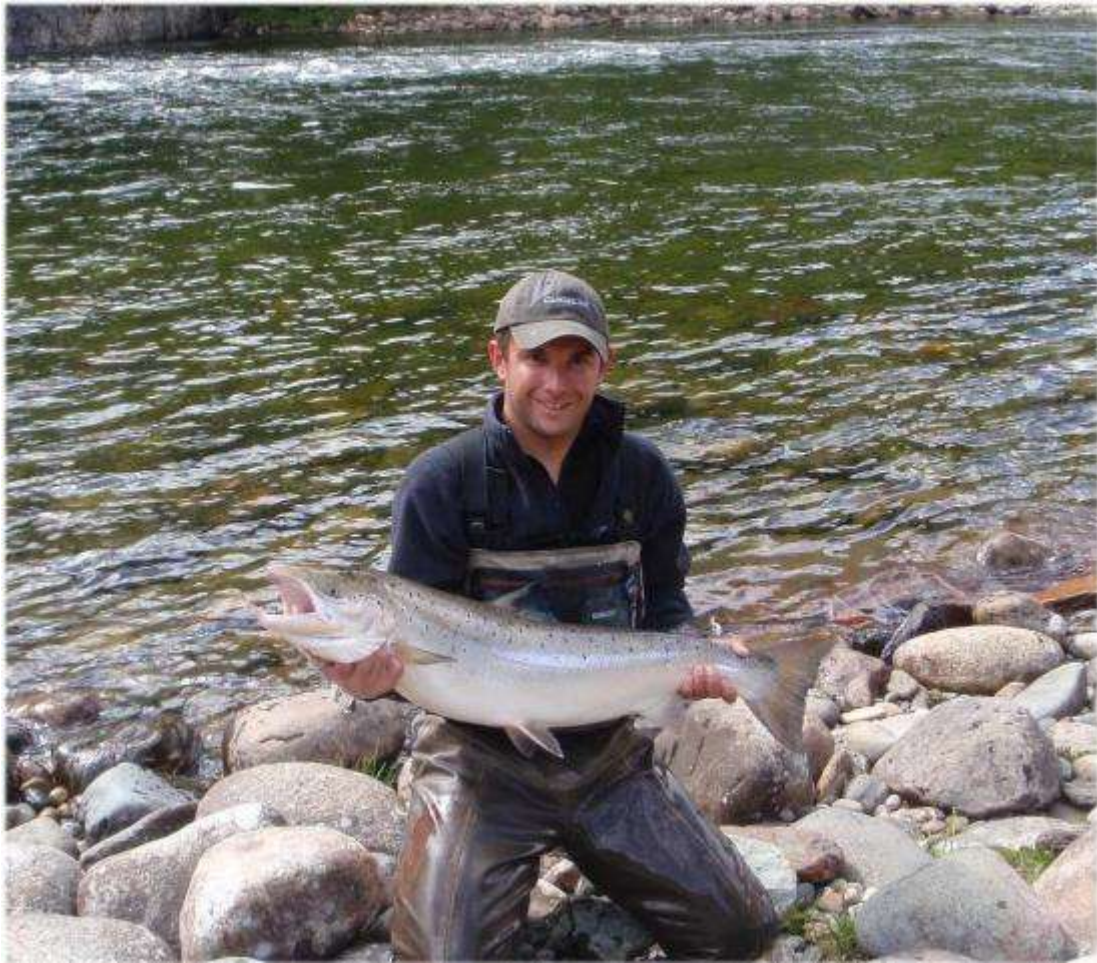
...releasing the fish

The afternoon has been very good for our French regular guest Fabien Laborde and Bruno Berthot. Bruno landed a nice fish of 11,6 kg (25.5lbs) and Fabien caught a salmon of 9kg/ 19.8 lbs shortly after. Both fish have been taken in Beat D1.





Bruno with his fish of 11,2kg (25.5lb)



Fabien with his 2nd fish of the week – 9kg (19.8lbs) – caught in Beat D1

During writing this update we are almost sure to get some more fish for our statistics today as the conditions for June-Gaula fishing are perfect at the moment!!

**The fishing continues to be good**

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We get not all catch reports on a timely basis as all fishers are out on the river and are fishing eagerly as the chance to be rewarded with one of the really big salmon is obvious. We just got the report that just below our Storen beats a fish of 18.3kg (almost 40 ½ lb) was caught. Mary Anne Sawada caught a nice salmon on the evening of the 10th of June on our Beat A1, she estimated her salmon to weigh about 11kg (24lb). She released the fish carefully.





Mary Anne Sawada and her salmon of approx 11kg (24lb) from Beat A1.

Also Leo Padrutt from Switzerland has caught a salmon which weighed in with 8,0kg (17.5lb) on the same evening on Beat B1.

On the early morning Johan Wallestad has been successful again and caught a salmon weighing 10,0kg (22lb) on Beat D1. Johan played the fish very hard and stopped the fish several times and avoided that he leaves the pool and ran down the Gauntlet. The fish was already in the white water at the tail out, but Johan managed to lure it back into the pool and landed this beautiful salmon after 20 minutes very hard fight!



Johan is playing his salmon on Beat D1 and trying to hold the fish in the pool...





Johan Wallestad with his salmon of 10,0kg (22lb) from Beat D1.

Phillip Paul who arrived on the late afternoon of the 10th of June to spend a weekend with us just needed 1 day of fishing to land his first Gaula salmon on Beat B1 after a fight with many problems...first the reel broke, the break did not work anymore and got stuck, than the backing and the whole line came of the reel, but with the help of our Guide Per Nyquist they



could manage to land his salmon - playing the fish with out rod just with the line by hand!!! After this dramatic battle finally he landed the fish!



...a fight with many problems...



...playing a fish just by hand is not easy!





Philipp Paul (left) and his guide Per Nyquist with Phillip's nice salmon from Beat B1 which weighed in with 7kg (15.5lb.)

On the evening of the 11th of June Karsten Kruhl was successful once again - he landed his next salmon on Beat D1. He estimated the weight of the fish to be about 9,5kg (21lb).

NFC's Daniel Stephan has been lucky again and landed a salmon on Beat B1 weighing 11,6kg as well on the same evening after a hard fight. Daniel said it was one of his best fights he ever had with a salmon - the salmon was so strong that the running line got so stretched that he had to change it afterwards!



Daniel is playing his salmon on Beat B1



...still fighting





Daniel with his biggest fish so far this season - a nice salmon of 11,6kg (25.5lb)

The next day began as good as the last one ended...Johannes Kahrs had a really good day – he was able to catch and release 3 salmon today. The first he took early in the morning on Beat D2. He estimated this fish to weigh about 7,5kg (16.5lb). At midday he fished our Beat B1 and landed within 45 minutes 2 salmon, one about 8kg (17.5lb) the next he estimated to weigh about 9kg (20lb).

At the same day Pelle Klippinge was able to land a nice salmon as well. He caught this fish on Beat D1 at 11.45h. This fish weighed in with 8,2kg (18lb). The pictures from Pelle's fish will follow by the end of this week.

There are reports about running fish from most of our beats all the time. We believe that fishing will continue to be good although the water level is somewhat in between, it is too low to provide good high water fishing and it is still too high to slow the runs down and keep the fish a little longer in our pools. However, we will be most probable able to report some more salmon during the next ...

Tight Lines!

**Rising Water and a lot of rain in the Gaula valley**

*15.06.2009 13:57*

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Pelle Klippinge with one of the salmon he caught during his stay the past week – this one Pelle estimated to weigh about 9kg (20lb) which he released carefully

During the night to the 13th of June we got a lot of rain and the water began to rise a lot. From a water level of about 75 cm at the Fröseth Gauge (150m<sup>3</sup> at the Gaulfoss) it rose within 20 hours to over 2 m (370m<sup>3</sup>). During this rising period the fishing slowed down as salmon were just passing but were not taking well. Our guests had here and there a pull and saw many fish moving but nothing has been caught during this time. But already in the evening of the 13th the water started to drop again and midday of the 14th June we are back to a water level of 233m<sup>3</sup> (1,35m at the Fröseth Gauge). In this water level our high water pools and several of our other pools provide good chances.

So our guest Johannes Kahrs from Berlin fished our Beat B1 and caught his next beautiful salmon. Johannes estimated this perfect fish to weigh about 9kg (20lb) and released it.





Johannes is fighting hard – the fish this season are good conditioned and very strong!



Johannes with his next salmon caught at noon - approx. 9kg (20lb) from Beat B1



...great to release a salmon and seeing it swimming again...

This evening our new fishing week (week 25) started with dropping water, and our new fishermen which just arrived are very keen to get in the water to start fishing! This week our guests are all regulars on our water and the knowledge about our pools is worth a lot. It should be reflected in the catches during the coming week. We will keep you updated..

**A difficult week on our beats so far – but still some nice catches on our beats**

*18.06.2009 20:13*

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The start of the week 25 on Sunday evening was quite promising. Just after our weekly introductory meeting on which Manfred welcomed well known faces from anglers which all have been fishing with us before, Norwegian angler Yngve Landro was able to catch his first fish on the Gaula this season – a beautiful salmon which weighed in with 11,6kg (25.5lb). He hooked this well conditioned fish on our Beat A1 after 5 min fishing and enjoyed a hard battle!





A little bit later ,at 23h it was Michael Dahms from Germany who landed the 2nd salmon of the week on beat D1, a salmon, weighing exact 9,0kg (19.8lb). Also Franz Hochecker from Austria caught his first fish in the first night. His salmon from beat E2 weighted in with 7.2kg (15.8lb)

Early on the next morning Anton Åsenlund from Sweden was able to land his first salmon on our beats on Beat D1 in the middle Gauntlet!!! The fish left the pool and ran downstream and suddenly it stopped and Anton could manage to land the fish on the half way down, in the hard current!

During the 15th of June it began to rain a lot in the Gaula valley and the temperatures dropped significantly again. So the cold fresh water cooled down the river to below 7 degrees. Of course this did not improve the fishing and the salmon did not take well, so it has been just one fish caught on the next day – an estimated fish of about 4,5kg on Beat E2 caught by our regular guest Jostein Ueland from Norway.

On Wednesday the weather changed slowly to the better and the temperatures went up, and some sun warmed up the water. Yngve Landro had a nice morning again on Beat E2 and was able to catch and release two salmon. The first fish he estimated to weigh about 9kg (20lb) the 2nd about 5kg (11lb).



Yngve is playing his first salmon on Beat E2

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...still fights...





Yngve with his third salmon this week, weighing approx. 9kg salmon, caught on Beat E2.





...and released...



Ynve with his 2nd fish from this morning - approx. 5kg (11lb)

Yesterday the water dropped down to a level of 80cm late in the evening, which should improve the fishing again over the night. As we expected, the next fish from our Beats followed during the night. It was again Jostein Ueland who caught and released a very nice salmon on Beat B1. Jostein estimated the fish to weigh about 10,5kg (23lb).





Jostein with his 2nd salmon of the week –approx. 10,5kg (23lb caught on our beat B1



Jostein releases his salmon...

At early noon it was Beat D1 which produced the next salmon. Rune Jensen landed a nice salmon which weighted in with 9,0kg (19.8lb).

The fishing this week so far has not been so good as we expected, but in June, there can always be some difficult days, but it

is good to know some great days will follow soon. But due to the improving conditions right now the chances are quite good, that some more fish will be in our statistics tonight and tomorrow.

**A very difficult week ended – but great prospects for the newly started week!**

22.06.2009 00:18

The last week was a difficult one. As soon the conditions improved it started again to rain and the water rose and cooled down again with accordingly bad effects on the fishing. The river went up and down like a yo-yo again for most of the week and fishers spent often longer unproductive periods in slowly rising water. It was important to check always the water level to judge if it is rising or lowering. Huge amounts of rain have been falling last week and the land was so saturated with water that it needed only small quantities of rain to induce the next rise. Certainly worm and spoon fishers were doing better than fly fishers during this conditions of high and cold water. But even in these certainly not perfect conditions our fishers were able to land some nice fish.

For example Peter Ericson from Sweden, who caught an impressive salmon on our Beat C1. 12,5 kg (27.5lb) and just 103 cm!



Peter with his nicely conditioned salmon of 12.5kg (27.5lb) from Beat C1

Also other fishermen reported contact with huge fish, like Wolfgang Späte who lost a fish in the last minute of the fight. The fish came unstuck in the final stage – just before landing. Johannes Kahrs estimated the fish to weigh about 15kg (33 lb) on Beat E2. Also Johannes Kahrs has lost a big salmon on Beat BS2 and had 6 more takes while he was fishing this Beat. Later on he landed a smaller fish about 3,5 (7.5lb).

Also Peter Ericson was successful again and has caught his next fish which he estimated to weigh about 10kg (22lb). This time he fished Beat E1.

Also Yngve Landro was into some fish, and landed another small fish during the week. Antti Virta from Finland caught a medium sized salmon on Beat BS2 which weighed in with 5,3kg (11.6lb).

But all in all it was a hard week with very difficult conditions. Normally this week is a prime week for really big fish in good quantities.

But the weather changed completely during this Sunday - the rain seems to be gone and the temperatures went up to 16 degrees. Also the forecast with a lot of warm weather and southerly winds for the next full week gives us hope for improved fishing conditions.



We hope we will be able to report more positive news from this week which just has started.

### **Finally nice weather in the Gaula valley and the first catches of the new week**

*23.06.2009 19:21*

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It was a slow start of the new week which begins at 8 pm on Sunday after our start meeting. Just one fish has been lost after 20 min fight on one of our “free for all” beats. Johan Wallestad lost this fish late Sunday evening and estimated to weigh the lost fish between 13 and 15kg (between 29 and 33lb). The river has been running high and it looks that many of the salmon which have reached the middle reaches around Storen have been running further up stream.

After huge quantities of rain have been falling last week, the river peaked last Saturday at 6.30 pm with 444<sup>3</sup>/sec. and has been falling since. Besides some disadvantages regarding fishing conditions it is fantastic to experience a natural river changing so much within so short time. Despite all we are very happy that the Gaula is one of the few rivers which flows still natural and is not build out for hydro power purposes. It is a very good feeling to be sure that the river will rise after a lot of rain and that there most likely will follow a nice fishing period in falling water conditions.

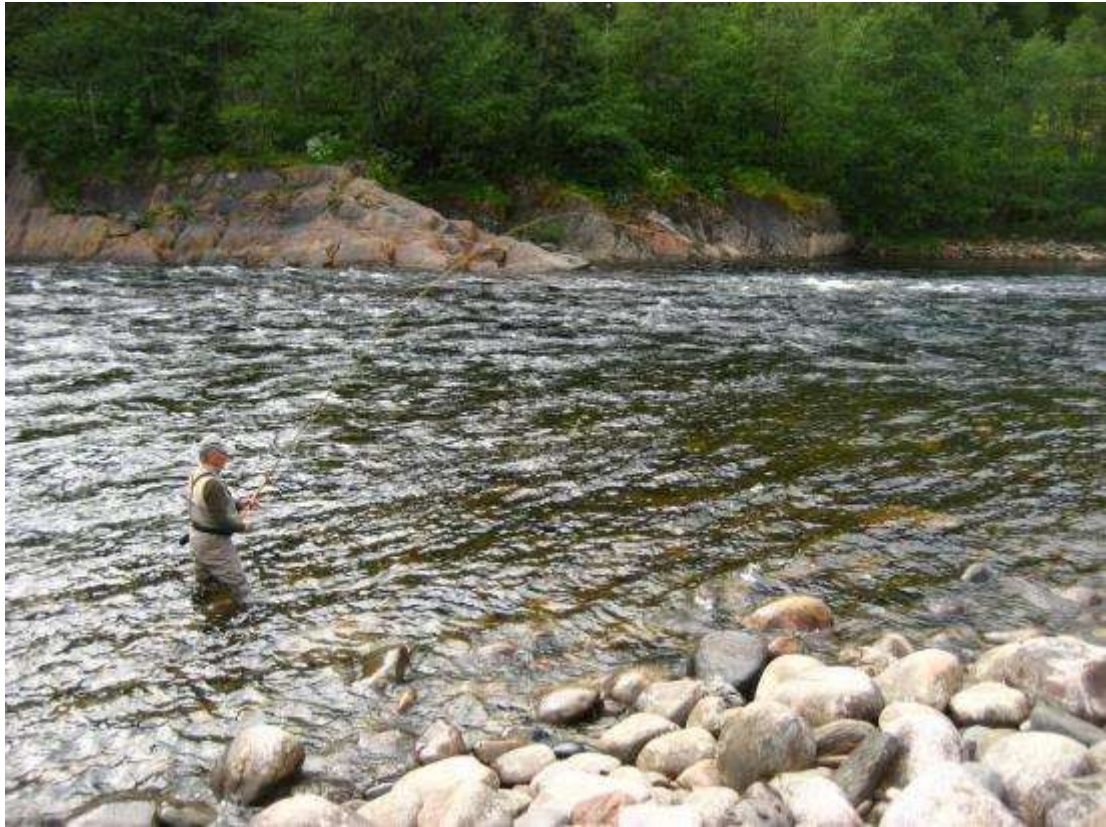
On Monday it was Takashi Iwamori who has landed the first fish of the week on one of Ken Sawadas fly creations, the “Orange Flame” tube fly. This fish was a very well conditioned salmon, a real beauty, only 95 cm “short” and weighed in with 10,2kg (22 ½ lb).



Takashi Iwamori with his beautiful salmon caught on Beat D1 – 10,2kg (22 ½ lb).

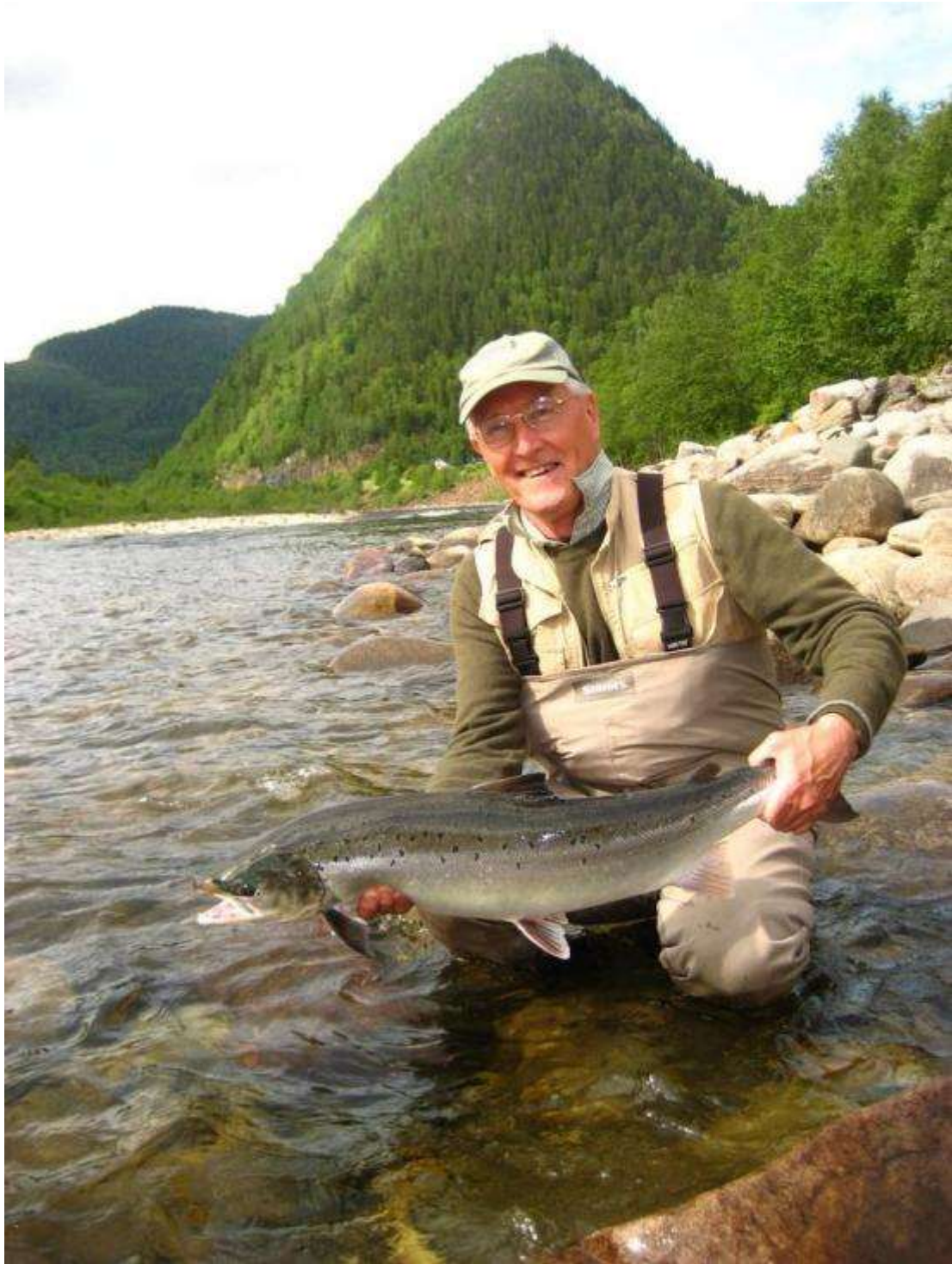
Takashi has been fishing 2 ½ weeks on public water without a single contact, but on the first day on our beats he was able to land his first Gaula salmon of the season 2009. A great start for him into this fishing week!

Also our English guest and first time visitor Jack Mawdsley has been successful and caught his first Gaula salmon on Beat D1 on his 2nd day fishing on our beats. Jack's very fresh, but not sea liced fish, weighed in with 6,0 kg (13.2 lb). The fish took a Shrimp Variant.



Jack is playing his first Gaula salmon on Beat D1.





Jack and his salmon – caught on Beat D1

We hope, the latest catches are the beginning of improving fishing, with the water level at 85cm at the Fröseth Gauge, less than 140 m3 at the Gaulfoss again. The water temperature has reached 11° C and the weather forecast is looking promising. We believe that during the following days we will be able to report about some more landed...

**::::Off topic but important: The End of the Line::::**

Merciless commercial over-fishing has brought us into a situation where the natural stocks of ocean fish are rapidly decreasing. This issue is relevant to everyone but compared to other global issues this one can be solved by constant public support and governmental actions. –

In critical perspective of this development the idea of the Film "End of the Line" was brought to live. Now the Movie has been released about a week ago and is spreading the Message to the world and we would like to encourage you – regardless

if fishermen or not – to support this Film. By supporting it and telling other people about it and the subject itself the first step is done. So please copy this message and help us telling the World.  
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**Summer arrived on the Gaula!**

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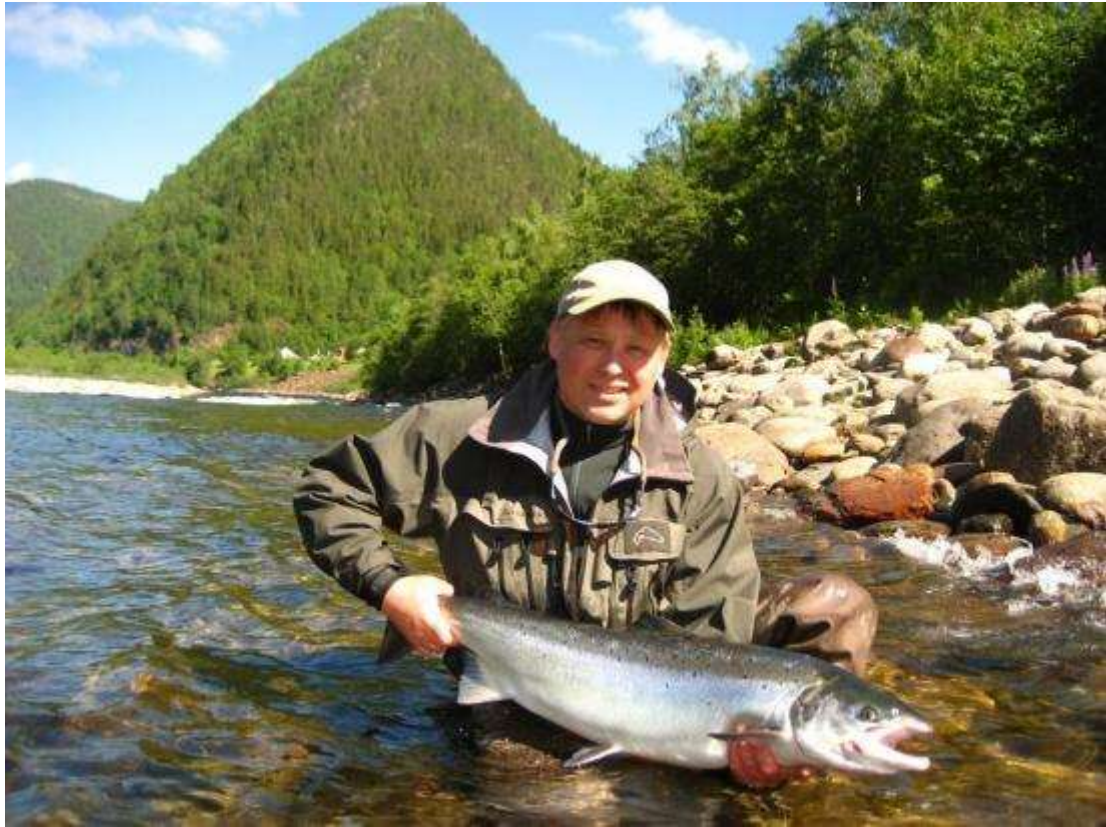
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Since the start of the week the weather got better and better and the water has been dropping after the big flood, but remained for several days on a level between 110m<sup>3</sup>/sec. – 140m<sup>3</sup>/ sec. and never came lower than 75cm at the Fröseth Gauge which is for us not a good level and means most of the fish are running very fast. Our fishermen see now a lot of fish running through the pools but they don't stop and don't take the flies very well at the moment.



Ottar playing a salmon on Beat D1...





Ottar Bang with his 8kg (17.6lb) salmon from Beat D1 – a familiar picture of a happy fisherman with the Gauntlet in the background...

Of course some of our fishers are lucky, for example Ottar Bang who just arrived on Wednesday morning and 3 hours later he caught his first fish - other fishermen have been fishing hard and did not have the luck which was needed this week until now. One of them is François Leobon who landed a nice fish of about 8 kg / 17lb today in bright sun on one of our free for all pools, he put his rod aside to get a grip on the fish and the salmon used the chance to jump back and got free!

In the meantime also Takeshi Iwamori has been successful again and was able to catch and release two more salmon on our beat E2.

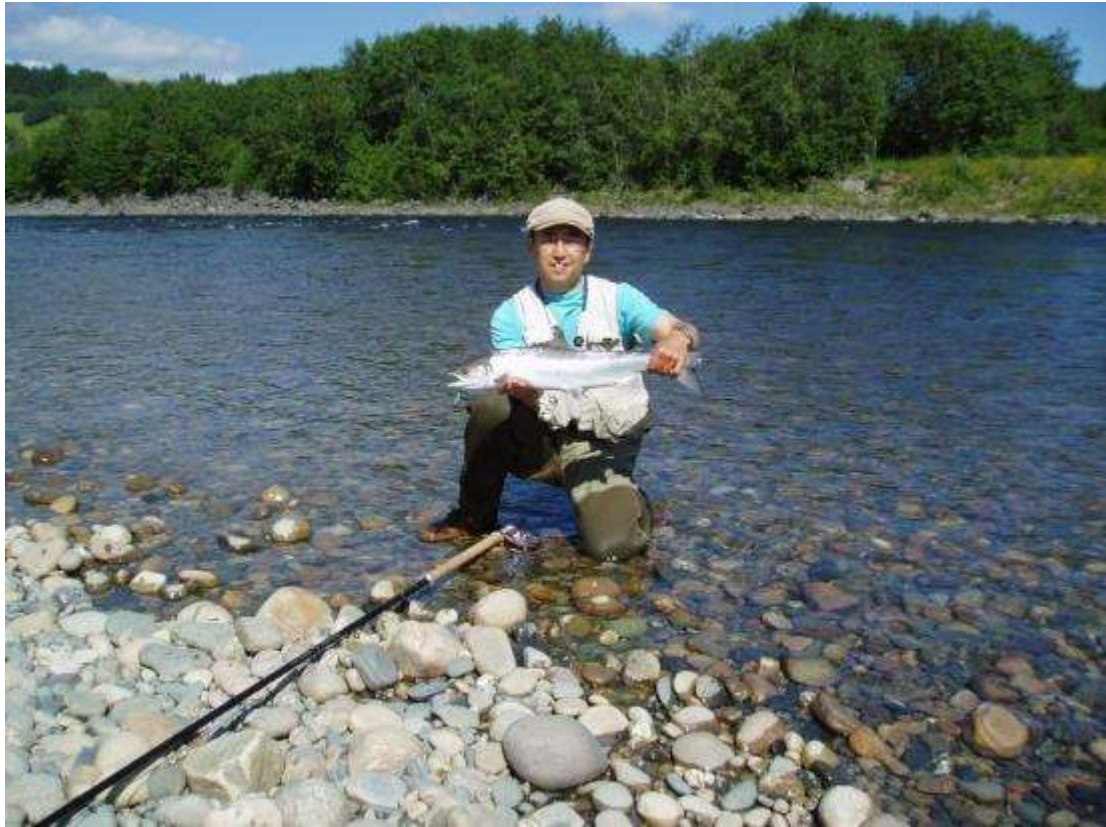


Takeshi and his 2nd fish of the week – he estimated the weight of the fish to be approx. 7kg (15.5lb).



Takashi releases his first salmon on beat E2...





...and the next one from Takeshi's session on beat E2 – this one estimated about 4,5kg (10lb)

It's still difficult fishing on the whole river, not as good as expected, but we hope that the nice summer weather brings the river down to a more suitable water level. As soon as we reach a level of 60cm at the Gauge, the fishing should improve as the up streams run will slow down and the salmon will be much better takers. We should not forget that it is still June fishing and it always has happened that some weeks are difficult – but we all know things can change very fast- within a few hours....!!!

**The water is still dropping and improvement of the fishing by the end of the week**

29.06.2009 18:44

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The last fishing week has been not good on the Gaula and on the neighbouring rivers. We had been hoping for days now that the water drops to a level where salmon would stop in the pools and become better takers. In the past week they have been just running very fast and the river remained mostly around the 75 cm mark. On Saturday the water level reached the first time the 60cm mark on the Frøseth Gauge and as anticipated, the fishing started to improve.



Francois Leobon and his salmon from Beat D2

Our French regular guest Francois Leobon caught his first salmon of the week, after he lost a big fish the day before which was already landed. On Saturday he fished our Beat D2 (a tributary of the Gaula) and Francois and his Guide Kent saw 10 fish resting in the pool-Francois did some casts and hooked a fish while Kent was watching the take from the Bridge!! Francois landed a salmon of 5kg (11lb) - the first fish this year from this beat in the tributary.

Later during the evening Per Nyqvist drove up to our Upper Gaula Beat, after a few casts with a single handed rod on our new "Extension Beat" he hooked the first fish and lost it, 3 minutes later he hooked a 2nd fish and was able to land a salmon of 8kg (17.5lb)





Per Nyqvist with his salmon weighing 8kg (17.5lb) from our Upper Gaula Beat, caught on a single handed rod.

Also Jack Mawdsley had a nice end of the week and caught another salmon of approx 6kg (13lb) which he released carefully. He was successful again on Beat D1. The largest fish of the week on our water last week was caught on a Black & Gold fly at about 10 o'clock on Saturday morning by Arne Waal. His fish weighed in with 11,5kg /almost 25 ½ lb.

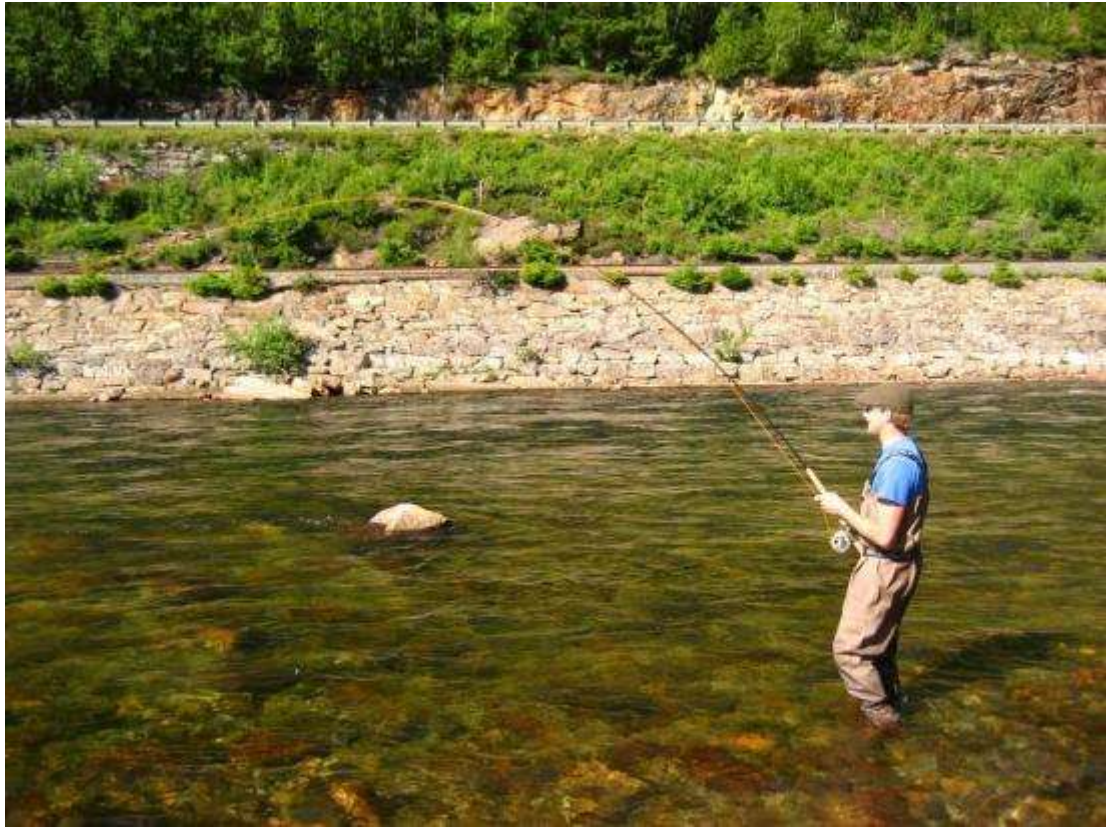
After the Gaula dropped to a suitable level it looks like the fishing is improving a lot during the last 24 hours. The newly started week is less than a day old and there have been already 6 fish landed. The water level is about 55cm on the Frøseth Bridge (first time this season) and is nearly perfect (50 cm is the "normal" summer water level), and lot of salmon have been seen now in our Pools. It looks like we can expect a good week on our beats...more pictures and reports will follow by tomorrow.

**A good start of week 27...**

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Our newly arrived fishermen have been lucky, the water dropped during Sunday for the first time this season to a nice level of 55 cm at the Frøseth Gauge, which means, the salmon stop to run as fast as the week before. And immediately quite a few fish were caught.



Marcus with his fish from the Upper Gaula Beat

During the Sunday afternoon Marcus Thomasson has been fishing our Upper Gaula Beat for some casts and caught and released a medium salmon of approx. 4,5kg (10lb).

Right after our start meeting Hans E. Wolff caught a grilse on our Lower Gaula Beat E1. Per Nyqvist just wanted to try out a new line and hooked a salmon on Beat D1 – his salmon weighed in with 5,5kg (12 lb).





Per Nyqvist with his fish from Beat D1

Also Toby Gray from England had a great start and caught a nice salmon on our Beat C1 on Monday morning. Toby's fish weighed in with 7,5kg (16.5lb)



... a nice water level on our Beat C1. Toby Gray with a salmon of 7,5kg (16.5lb).

This first day produced some more fish, for example one for our guide Daniel Persson, he released a grilse in Beat D1. At noon also our Norwegian guest Ole Martin Braathen has been successful on Beat B2 was able to catch and release a salmon of approx. 4kg (9 lb)



Ole Martin Braathen fights his fish from Beat B2.

Karsten Kruhl, who fished the season start weeks with us as well and returned for some more fishing on Sunday, fished our Beat B2 and landed a nice fish of 9,3kg (20.5lb).

During the day several more fish have been lost by our guests and some more serious takes have been reported, but on the evening it was again Beat C1 where the next 2 fish could be landed. Dr. Werner Brinker caught his first salmon of the week which weighed in with 5.2kg (11.5 lb). he fished together with Ulrich Kamp who caught a nice salmon on the C1 session as well. His fish weighted in with 7.2kg (15.8lb).

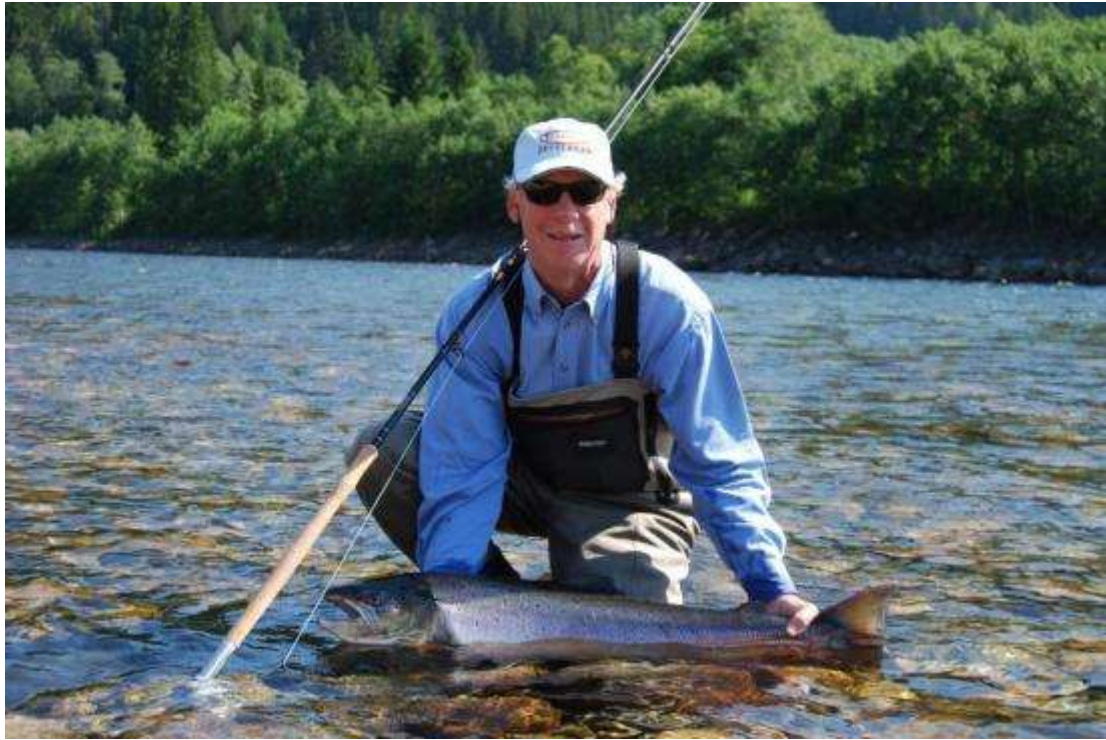
During the night it started to rain and a Thunderstorm dominated the Gaula valley for a short whilst heavy rainfalls came down. The river rose about 25 cm and got now a better fishing colour (cognac) which is better for us than the gin clear water during the last days. Now the river drops again and we hope that it will quickly fall to a level of 60 cm which would improve the fishing considerably after a little delay caused by the new rain falls which once again brought the river up to a level during which the fish prefer to run fast.

**Nice catches on the NFC Beats...**

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Tim Gray with his personal record so far- 9,8kg (20.7lb) from Beat B2

This week had a good start, and our guests continue to catch nice fish. The weather has turned and it is really hot and the darker hours of the day are the more convenient fishing hours although quite a few fish are caught during the day. Right now there is a lack of pictures, as cameras are “forgotten” and our guests enjoy the nice weather during the daytime and the wonderful evenings and peaceful nights on the river. Peaceful- of course only until the next fish is hooked and the battle begins. We hear it again and again that this year the fish are exceptional strong fighters and we see that they are all in great condition.

Anyway, we would like to give you a short report about the catches during the last days since the last report until now.

Some examples: Dr. Werner Brinker who was able to catch his next salmon, weighing 9,8 kg (21.5lb) on our Beat C2 on a Black and Green tube fly. Also Leo Niemantsverdriet from the Netherlands (all know him from his photograph on the NFC advertisement in Trout & Salmon with his record fish) caught a medium sized fish of 4kg (8.8lb) on one of our “Free for all” Beats. As well Bruce Bomphrey has been successful on the same Beat with a fish of the same size. The fish carried a tag but jumped back before the tag could be recorded. Please see below a picture of a tag which was attached to a fish which Takashi Iwamori caught on the 24th of June and which he released. We will try to find more out about the “history” of this fish.



Our first time visitor Masaya Hayakawa caught his first Gaula salmon on Beat B2, a fish of 3,5kg (7.7lb). Our German guests Ulrich Kamp and Hans E. Wolf have been successful on the same Beat as well - their fishes weighed in with 4.2kg (9.2lb) and 6,5kg (14.3lb). Jonathan Argent from England caught his first salmon of the week on the same beat, a nice medium sized fish of 4,7kg (10.3lb). And Peter Ericson caught a fish about the same size.

Then it was again Leo Niemantsverdriet who caught a very nice salmon of 9,8kg (21.5lb) on our Beat C1. The fish took on the dangle which often means the fish is not well hooked but this time the fish had inhaled the fly deeply and could not be released.



Leo Niemantsverdriet with his salmon from Beat C1-9,8kg (21.5lb)



Yesterday Karsten Kruhl had a very nice afternoon on Beat C2 - he was able to catch and release 3 salmon, he estimated the weights to be about 9,5kg (21lb), 8kg (17.5lb) and the third fish about 6kg (13lb). The fish which he estimated to weigh 8kg carried a tag as well. The number was 93478 and as he released the fish we hope to hear that this fish will be observed at a later stage of his freshwater journey. An additional exciting aspect might be that Karsten's skills to estimate the weight of salmon will be verified when we get the "history" behind that fish. This salmon was most certainly caught in a bag net which is operated for scientific research in the outer Trondheimfjord at Agdenes. The exact weight for each fish is recorded at this occasion before the fish is released and heads for his home river.

During the night Ulrich Kamp was able to land a salmon of exactly 8,0kg (17.6lb) on Beat D2- on the tributary - after a very challenging fight!

Hans E. Wolff caught his next salmon on Beat B2- a nice salmon of 5,5kg (12.1lb)



Hans E. Wolff with his salmon of 5,5kg (12.1lb)

Regular guest Tim Gray was able to land his biggest salmon so far on our Beat B2. A nice conditioned salmon which weighed in with 9,4kg (20.7lb).

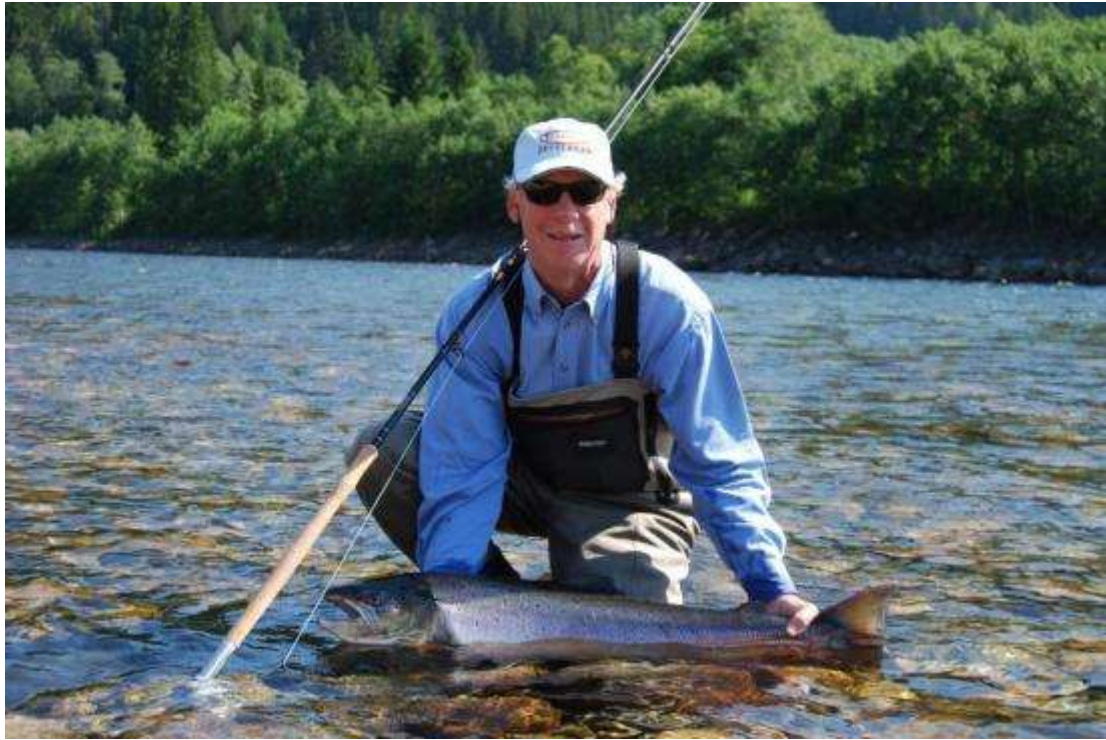


Tim is playing his salmon on Beat B2...



..our Guide Marcus is landing Tim's salmon...





Tim Gray with his personal record so far- 9,8kg (20.7lb) from Beat B2

We just got reported Karsten Kruhl caught his 5th fish of the week, which has run through the Gauntlet on beat D1. Karsten was able to land the fish 500 meter longer down streams with Jonathan Argent's and a neighbours help and released this fish as well carefully. He estimated this fish to weigh 8 kg/ (17.6lb).

The fishing right now is quite good and we are sure to be able to report more fish during the next days. By the way, we have a few rods vacant for the next week and only one rod vacant in week 29 in the rotation, whilst we have vacancies on the Bogen Sondre and Upper Gaula Beats which all should fish great during the next two weeks. In week 30 and 31 we have as well some rods vacant. If you are interested, just call us (0047-91393498) or send us an email to [info@nfc-online.com](mailto:info@nfc-online.com).

### **The fishing keeps on going well despite the water gets a bit low**

06.07.2009 00:07

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Our fishermen are still catching nice fish, even if we had quite warm weather during the course of the week. Here is just a short report of some of our catches during the last 3 days until the end of this years week 27:

Andre Scholz who arrived on Thursday was able to land his first salmon after 1 hours fishing on the Upper Gaula Beat which seems to hold a nice head of fish now. A nice medium sized fish of 7,5kg (16.5lb).

Then it was again Leo Niemantsverdriet from the Netherlands - he hooked and landed a nice female salmon on our Beat B2. We estimated Leo's fish to weigh about 8,5kg (18.5lb) before Leo released this nice fish.





Leo plays a fish on Beat B2



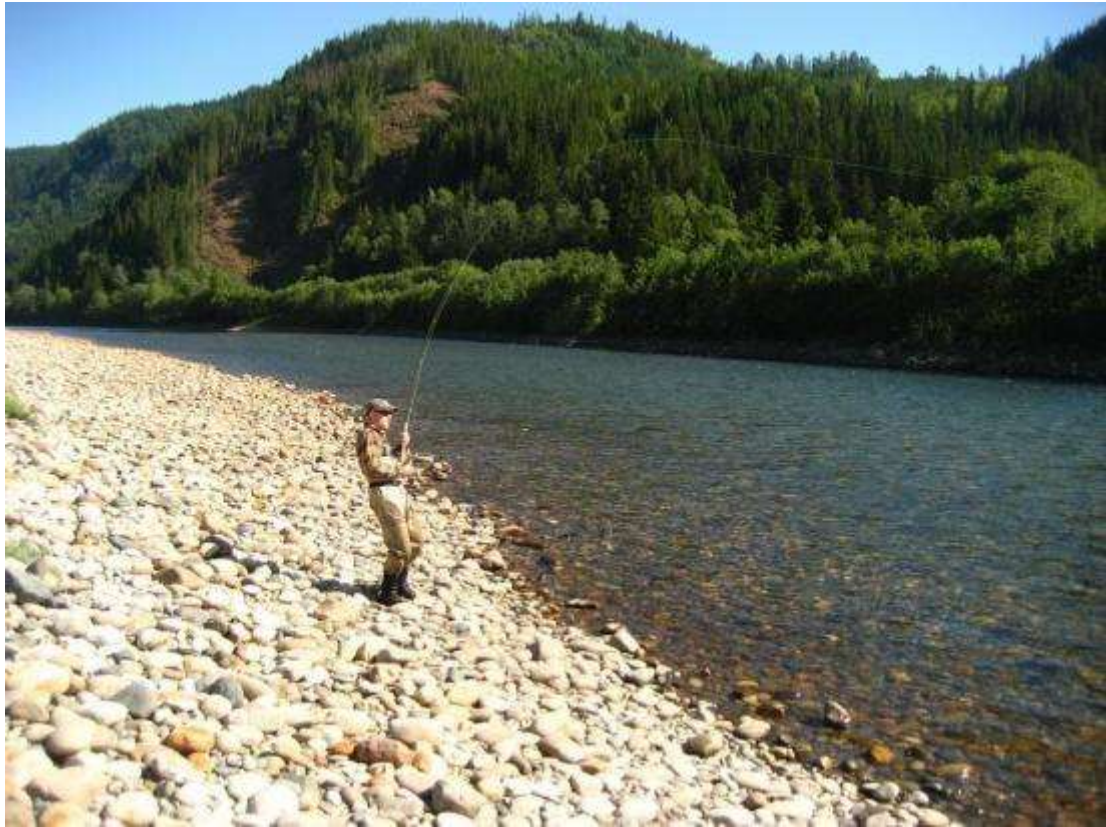
Leo Niemantsverdriet with his female salmon of approx. 8,5kg (18,5lb)





Leo has been again successful during the following day, this time on our Beat C1. He was able to catch and release a nice salmon estimated about 7kg (15.5lb). Also Ulrich Kamp caught his next fish on Beat C2. He released the salmon as well and estimated the fish to weigh about 5,5kg (12lb). Karsten Kruhl caught his number 6 salmon of the week on Beat A1 about the same weight.

Daniel Persson fished Beat B2 and landed a nice medium sized fish. Daniel estimated his fish to weigh about 4,5kg (10lb) and released the fish carefully.



Daniel is playing his fish very hard to make sure the salmon will be able to recover very well after releasing...



Daniel with his nice spotted fish from Beat B2.





Daniel releases his salmon...

On Beat D1 our regular Italian guest Paolo Miurin had a nice afternoon and caught and released 2 salmon. He estimated to weigh his fishes about 8,5kg(18.5lb) and 5kg (11lb).

Ulrich Kamp caught his next fish again on Beat C2; a nice salmon about 7,5kg (16.5lb). He released this fish as well



Ulrich Kamp plays a salmon on Beat C2 in bright sunshine...



Ulrich Kamp and his salmon of about 7,5kg (16.5lb)

Toby Gray caught a grilse on Beat A1 and Tim Sparkes from England has been lucky on our “free for all” beats. Tim’s fish weighed in with 6,3kg (13.9lb).

Chris Henshaw arrived on Saturday evening and caught on his first cast on our Beat E2 a grilse of about 2,5kg (5.5lb). Her released the fish. Also Jakob Waerness from Norway caught a nice medium sized fish on our Upper Gaula Beat. Jakob’s fish weighed in with 5,6kg (12.3lb).

It was just a question of time until Karsten Kruhl would land his next fish, but it didn’t take too long. Karsten has been able to catch and release his 7th salmon of the week on Beat C2 after a very good fight!

During the last hours of the week Andre Scholz has been successful again on our Upper Gaula Beat and released his 2nd fish – a medium sized salmon of about 5kg (11lb).

Also Andreas Ebert from Germany who arrived with Andre on Thursday evening landed a nice fish on our Upper Gaula Beat. Andreas’ fish weighed in with 9.5kg (20.9lb).

Also our Bogen Sondre Party did well and caught a couple of nice fish. We will report them tomorrow as soon we got the pictures by Email from our Finnish party around Antti Einiö.

In the meantime the next week started on this evening and we hope that the fishing keeps on as good as the last week, but the weather forecasts is quite good – a little rain and cooler temperatures’ are to come and so the weather looks promising. At the moment the Gaula at Gaulfossen runs at 50 m<sup>3</sup>/se and the water temperature is about 16°C. We are almost sure that while we are writing this update the next salmon have been caught already...

## **A good start into week 28...**

*07.07.2009 23:33*

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This week started with some nice catches on our beats even though the water is now getting quite low. But the weather forecast promises strong rain from tomorrow onwards and therefore we expect the water level to increase. This week we have mostly regular guests fishing on our water. Thomas Wölfe from Germany caught the first fish of the new week in the night on Beat B2. This nice salmon weighed in at 7,8kg (17.1lb).

Earlier on the Sunday Chris Tarrant from England played a bigger fish on Beat B2, but sadly the hook lost its grip after a few minutes.

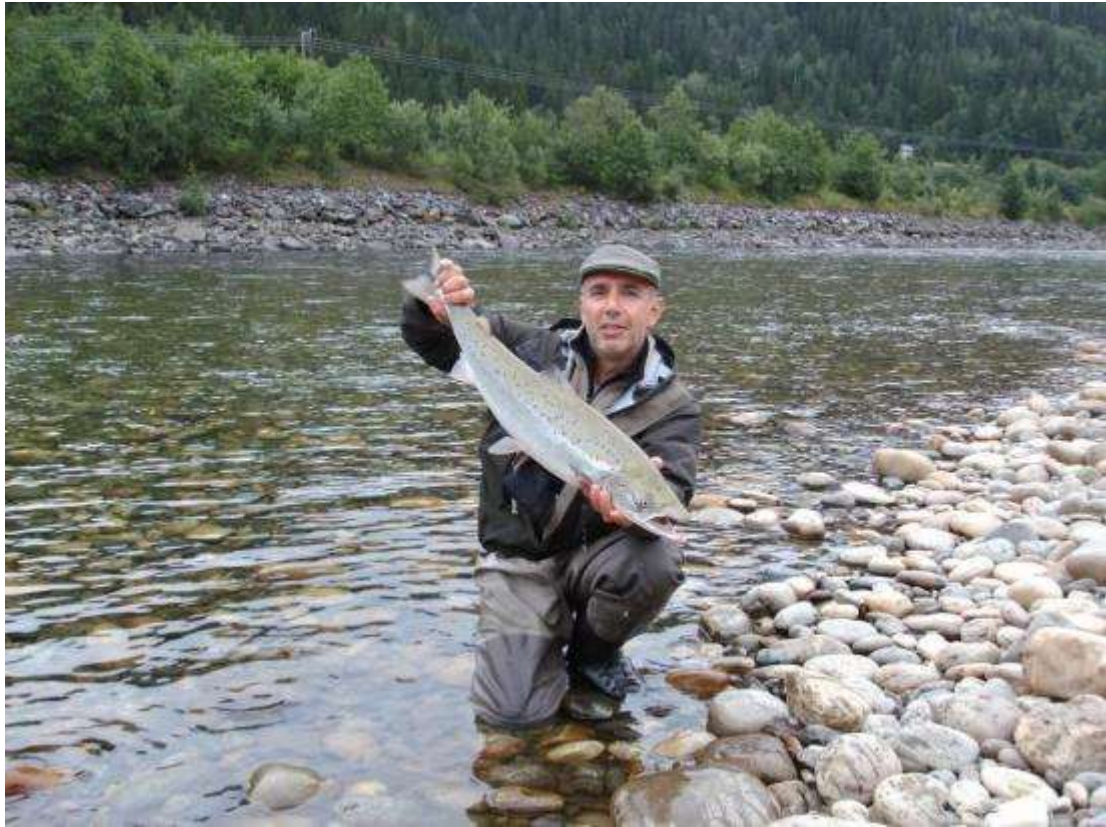


Our Japanese guest Akihida Sugiyama had a great start in the first night on Beat C2 and was able to land his biggest Gaula salmon so far at 9,8kg (21.5lb).

Later on the next morning the Schneid brothers had some great hours on Beat C2; they contacted several fish and were both able to land their first salmon of the week. Siegfried Schneid was able to catch and release a fish which he estimated to weigh about 6kg (13.2lb) and his brother Alex caught a nice fish of 9.2kg (20.2lb).



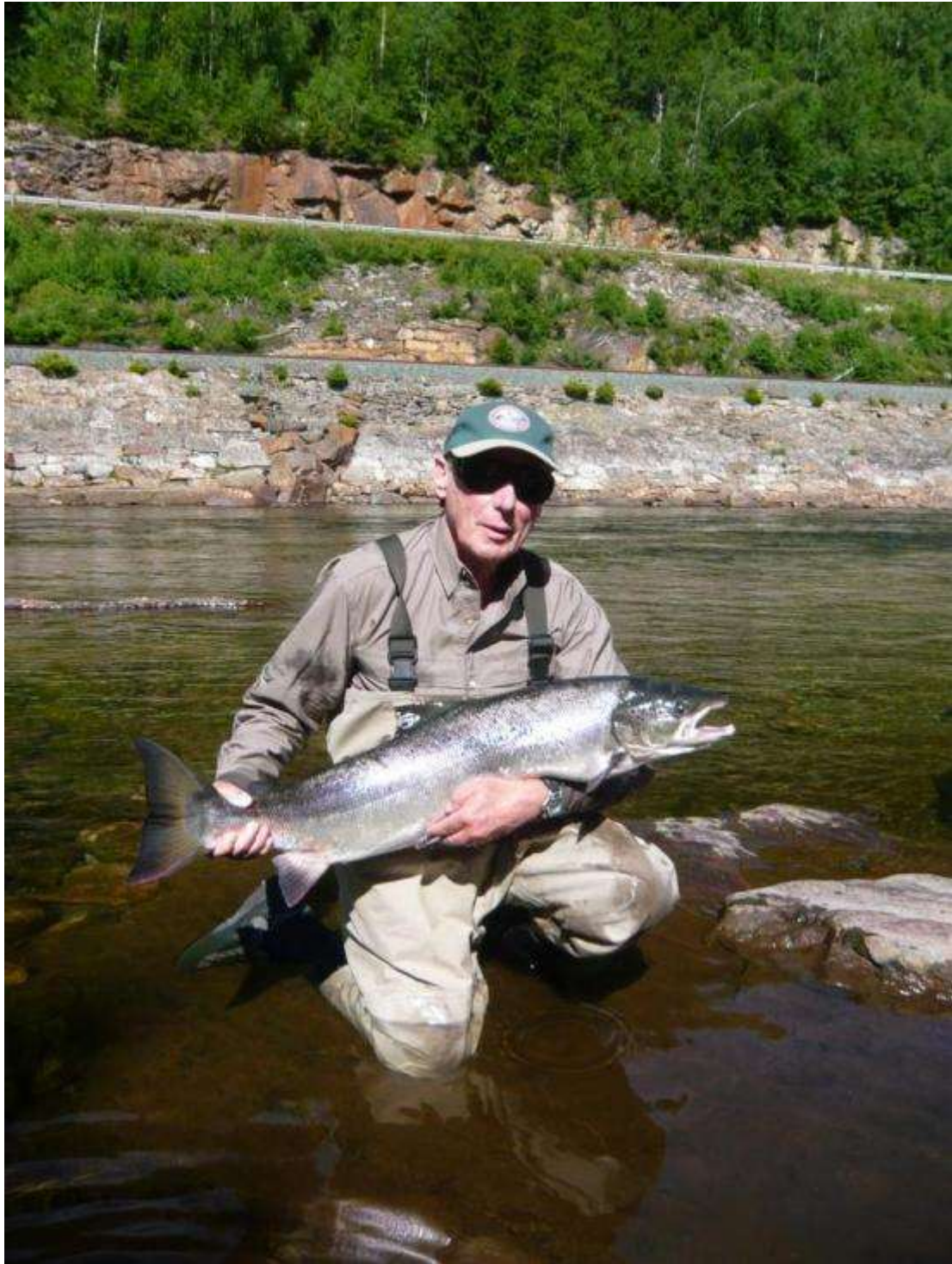
Alexander Schneid and his salmon weighing 9.2kg (20.2lb).



Siegfried Schneid with his first salmon weighing approximately 6kg (13lb) fish from Beat C2 as well.

Johan Wallestad fished with Ivan Page Ratcliff up on our Upper Gaula Beat, and just after 10 minutes fishing Ivan hooked a nice salmon after an explosive take; Ivan landed the fish and it weighed in at 9.3kg (20.4lb).





Ivan Page Ratcliff with his salmon at 9.3kg (20.4lb) from our Upper Gaula Beat.

Last night regular Bruce Lindley fished our Beat B1 and caught and released a nice salmon and a sea trout as well. Bruce estimated his salmon about 7kg (15.5lb).



Bruce playing his fish during the night on Beat B1...





Bruce and his friend Iven Baker with Bruce's beautiful and well- conditioned salmon from Beat B1

Also Andre Scholz caught his next fish on our Upper Gaula Beat and released the fish carefully. Andre estimated the salmon to weigh about 7kg (15.5lb).

Joel Benesty from France caught a grilse of 3kg (6.5lb) on our Beat D1, while the Schneid brothers had a great morning again. Siegfried Schneid landing a fish estimated to weigh about 5kg (11lb) on Beat D2; later on the morning he caught his 3rd fish of the week on Beat D1. A perfect fish of 10kg (22lb) and just 100cm in length!



Siegfried Schneid with his salmon of 10,0kg (22lb) from Beat D1.



Siegfried Schneid with his salmon of approx. 5kg (11lb) from Beat D2.

Also Alex Schneid was able to land his 2nd fish this morning on Beat C1, a sea trout of 1,5kg (3.3lb) which was released.

It seems like the main grilse run has not really started yet and we are glad that large salmon and some medium fish are dominating our catches.

**Some good fish have been caught during the last days...**

*11.07.2009 23:24*

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The fishing continues with some nice fish taken on our beats. Our fishermen catching various sized fish, but still large and medium sized fish are dominating the statistics. The water has been on the low side for most of the week but came up to a normal summer level after some rain after mid week.

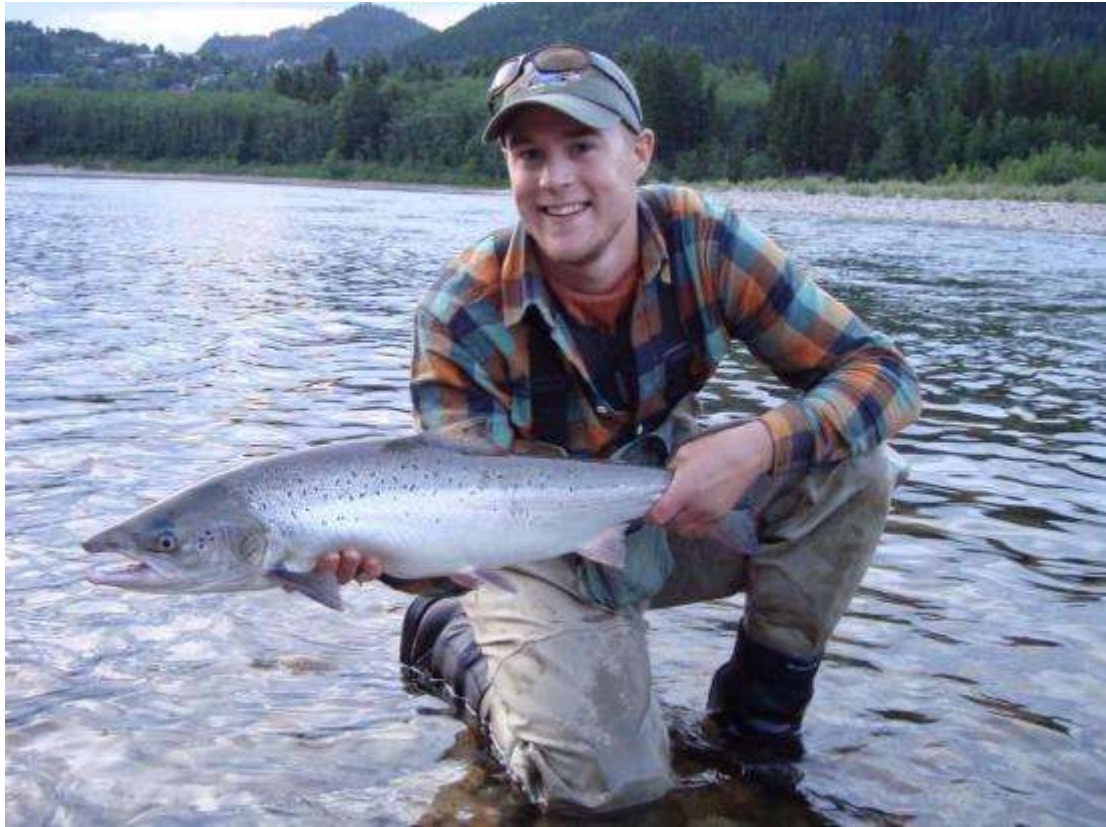




Bruce Lindley with his largest fish so far this week -10,3kg (22.7lb).

Annette and Rüdiger Droste who have been fishing the Upper Gaula during the first days of the week came down and entered their fish into our statistic: They caught on the Upper Gaula Beat three cock fish weighing 9,0kg, 6,4kg and 3,5kg and a female salmon weighing 7,0kg. They loved to fish this beautiful water.

For example Kent Håkansson from Sweden caught and released a nice salmon on our Beat C2, which he estimated to weigh about 9 kg (20lb). Also Johan Wallestad has been successful on Beat D1, he was able to catch and release a salmon of approx. 7kg (15.5lb). Daniel Persson fished one of our free for all beats and caught a medium sized fish about 5,5kg (12lb).



Daniel Persson with a medium sized salmon from one our free for all water.



...and as usual Daniel releases his fish...

Our French guest Patrick Moncand caught a medium sized fish of approx. 4,5kg (10lb) on our Beat B2. Shortly later it was again Akihida Sugiyama he caught a salmon of approx. 4kg (9lb) Ivan Page Ratcliff who was able to catch his next big fish



this week, both fish have been caught on our Upper Gaula Beat as Ivan's first fish earlier this week. Ivan's 2nd salmon weighted in with 9,6kg (21.1lb).



Ivan Page Ratcliff with his 2nd big fish in his week - 9,6kg ((21.1lb), from our Upper Gaula Beat.

Ivan Page Ratcliff with his 2nd big fish in his week - 9,6kg ((21.1lb), from our Upper Gaula Beat.

Also two grilse have been caught on Beat B2 by Chris Henshaw and Roland Huss, another two by Fabrice Bergues later on the same Beat.

On the next day it was again Akihide Sugiyama – he was able to land his 3rd salmon of the week, this time he caught the fish on Beat A1, his nice salmon weighted in with 8,5kg (18.7lb).

Bruce Lindley had a good afternoon on Beat B1, he was able to catch and release his largest fish so far this week – Bruce is using a weighing sack and weighted his fish with 10,3kg (22.7lb) The picture is on the top of the page.

Also Alex Hirst from England was able to land his first Gaula salmon on our Upper Gaula Beat - a nice medium sized fish which weighed in with 5,4kg (11.9lb).

In the afternoon Bruce Lindley fished our Beat E2 -and caught a nice salmon of 7,7kg (16.9lb)



Bruce with his fish number 3 - from Beat E2

On our free for all water Andreas Ebert caught the next big fish which weighed in with 9,4kg (20.7lb) while Franz Huss has been able to catch and release a salmon weighing approximately 5kg (11lb) on Beat C1. And Chris Henshaw caught a fish on Beat B1, which weighed in with 6,5kg (14.4lb).

Bruce Lindley had another good fish on Beat C1 - he estimated his 4th salmon to weigh about 9,5kg (21lb)





Bruce with his fish from Beat C1

A lot of fish have been lost this week as well, but it is almost impossible to report all happenings as it happens something all the time...Yesterday it rained all day and the water rose from 20cm to 80cm on the Fröseth Gauge - so we expect some more fresh running fish during the next days into our pools, which should take well as soon the water starts to drop again, some interesting days will follow...

**A good end of the last week and a good start to the new week!**

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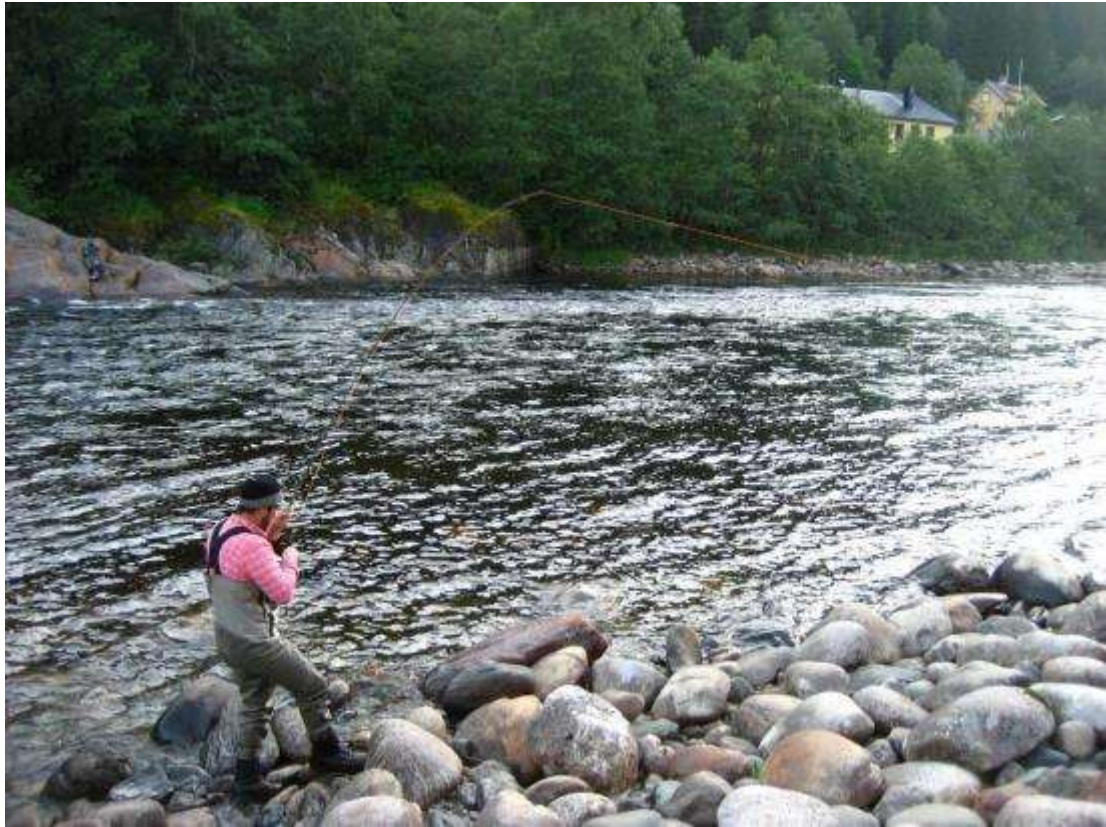
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Andreas Grass with his biggest salmon so far – 11,3kg (24.9lb) –just a beautiful fish!

The week ended with a nice fish caught on Beat B2 by Peter Ericson, Peter estimated his fish to weigh about 7kg (15.5lb) and released the salmon carefully. Also Andre Scholz landed a nice salmon of 8,3 kg (18.2lb) on the same beat during the night. Also Charles Barrett from Australia, who just came for 2 days fishing on the NFC beats was able to catch his first Gaula salmon, Charles caught his fish on a single handed rod on Beat D1 and released his fish after a good fight – he estimated to weigh the fish about 4,5kg (10lb). Charles lost one fish in beat C1 and another one on Beat D1.





single-hand rod -fight....



Charles with his first Gaula salmon –caught on a single handed rod!

The new week startet with dropping water and Swedish author Pelle Klippinge who fished on our beat D1, hooked a fish on his first go over the pool in the tail out. Pelle's fish just turned after a few seconds and ran down the Gauntlet. After the run of 200m Pelle landed the medium sized fish of 4,2kg (9.2lb) which was covered in sea lice.



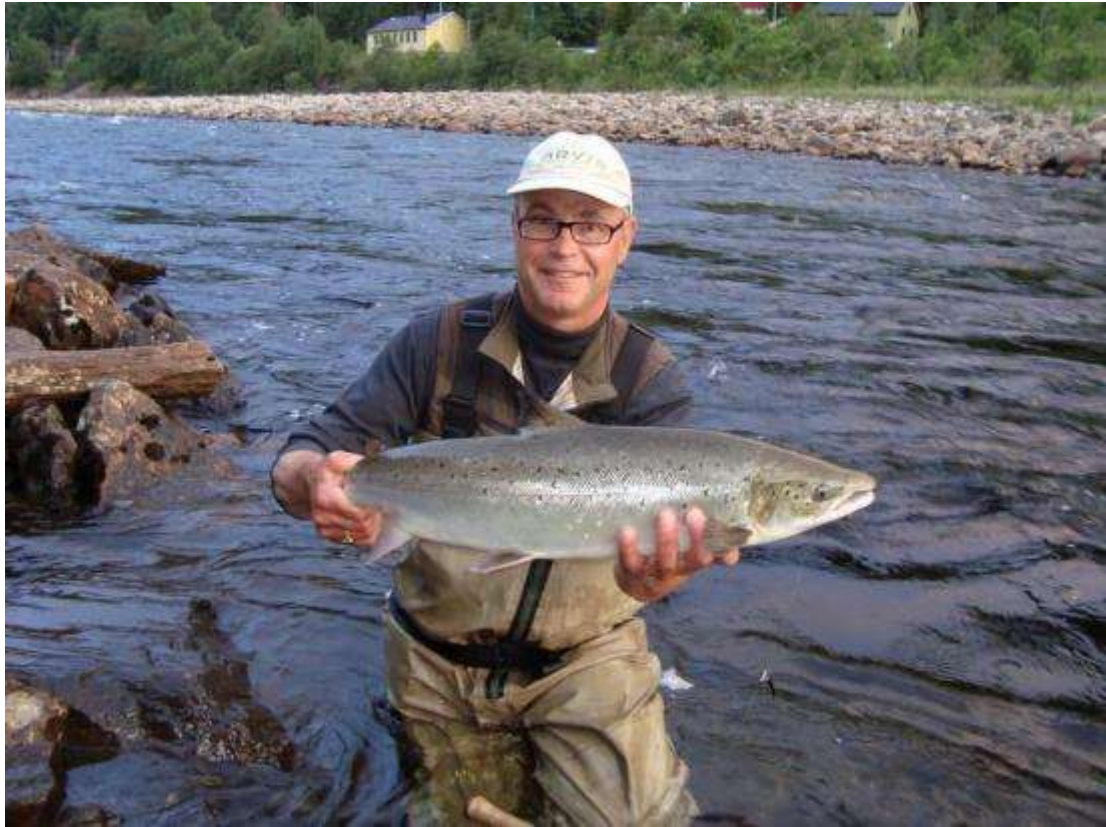


Pelle Klippinge fighting on Beat D1 – ready for take off into the Gauntlet...



Pelle still fighting his fish 200 meters downstream





..finally landed – Pelle with his „Gauntlet-salmon“

On the late evening our German guest Andreas Grass has been able to catch his biggest salmon so far. The salmon had a girth of 50 cm and was just 100cm long, a bright silver barren and a very beautiful fish, caught and released on our Beat BS1. He weighed his salmon with a weighing sack and the scale showed 11,3kg (25 lb) and returned the fish carefully after a photograph was taken.



Andreas Grass with his biggest salmon so far – 11,3kg (24.9lb) –just a beautiful fish!



Andreas Grass with his biggest salmon so far – 11,3kg (24.9lb) (the same fish as on the pic on the top of the page)

The next day began with another salmon caught and released by Pelle Klippinge on Beat B2. Pelle estimated his 2nd fish of the week to weigh about 4kg (9lb).

At noon NFC's Daniel Stephan has been fishing on our Upper Gaula Beat and was able to land a good fish. Daniel estimated his fish to weigh about 8kg (17.5lb), he caught it on very light tackle and released his salmon after an exiting fight carefully.

The forecasts promising some rain during the next days – so we hope the fishing continues well. We will keep you updated.

Just to let you know: We have some rods vacant in our rotation fishery during the next two weeks at the following prices:

Special-package prices on our rotation fishery:

Week 30 (19.July – 26.July) EURO 2.286 for fishing including country house accomod.

Week 30 (19.July – 26.July) EURO 2.660 for fishing including hotel accomod. and breakfast

Week 31 (26.July-2.August) EURO 1.635for fishing including country house accommodation

Week 31 (26.July-2.August) EURO 1.997for fishing including hotel accommodation and breakfast.

## **Week 29 with further nice catches from the NFC Beats**

*16.07.2009 00:01*

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The week continues with nice catches on our Beats. The number of fish caught is not as high as usual at his time of the season, but the average weight is quite high and the big fish which are taken are all very fresh and beautiful fish. We just got a few pictures from our French regular guest Fabrice Bergues who is now fishing with us his second week this year. He had some really good last days on our water. For example on the following pictures Fabrice is playing a nice fish on our Beat B1 on the 11th of July.





Fabrice is playing a good fish on Beat B1



Still fighting...



Finally landed!...Fabrice with his salmon from Beat B1 which he released carefully after pictures have been taken.





...nice spots!!

Also our first time visitor Jean Claude Revilliac was able to catch and release his first salmon on our Beats. A medium sized fish, which he estimated to weigh about 4,5kg (10lb)

On the same day Fabrice Bergues had great fishing, he caught 3 fish! He started with a medium sized salmon on Beat B1 which he estimated to weigh about 4,5kg (10lb). Just one hour later he caught a 2nd salmon, which he estimated to weigh about 8,5kg (18.5lb). Later on in the evening he fished our Upper Gaula Beat and has caught his biggest fish during his stay so far – a nice female salmon which weighed approx 10kg (22lb). Fabrice released all his fish carefully as usual.



Fabrice fighting on Beat B1 his 8,5kg (18.5lb) fish...

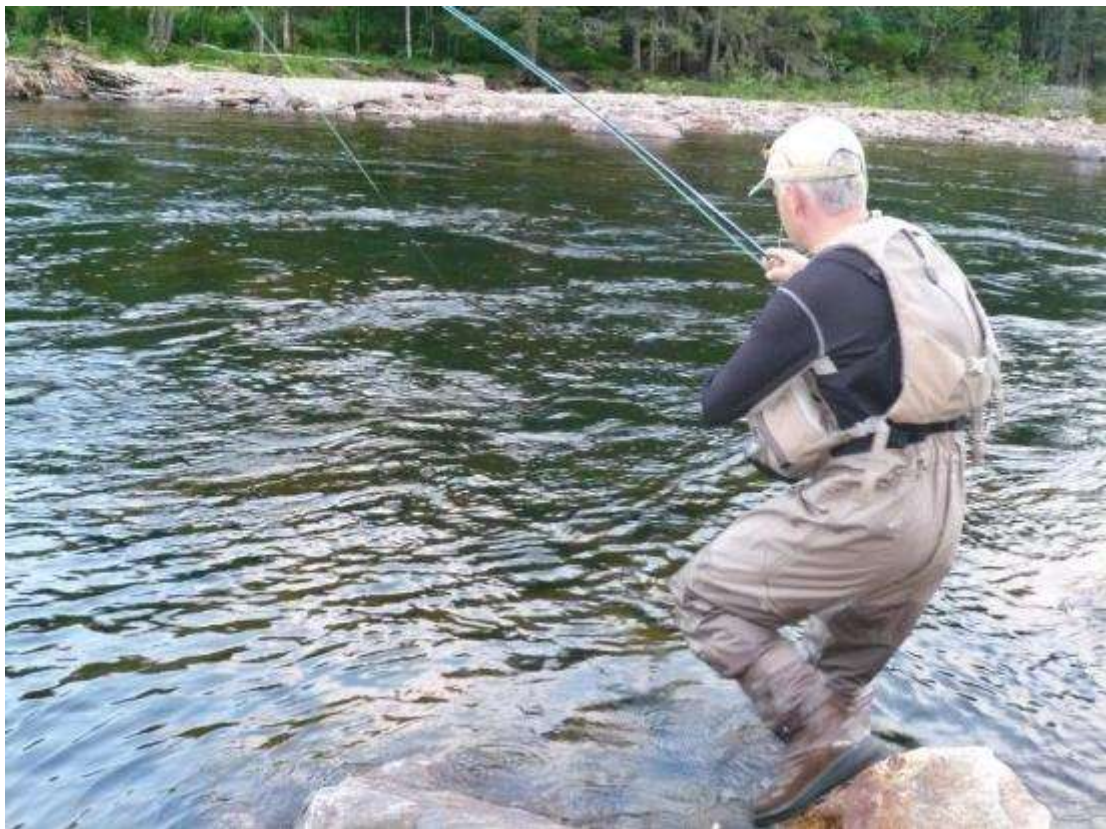








..and releasing his fish...



Fabrice hooked his 3rd fish – this time on our Upper Gaula Beat





Fabrice handtailing his Upper Gaula salmon...



Approx. 10kg (22lb) – a nice female fish which Fabrice released carefully.

On the next day Can Sozcu was able to catch his first salmon of the week on Beat B2, a very fresh and beautiful salmon which weighed in with 7,5kg (16.5lb). The salmon swallowed the fly so deep that releasing was out of the question.





Can is playing his fish on Beat B2



Can Sozcu with his salmon of 7,5kg (16.5lb) from Beat B2.

Also our American guest Ken Hawkins from New York caught his first Gaula salmon during this afternoon. Ken landed his medium sized fish, which he estimated to weigh about 4,5kg (10lb) on our Upper Gaula Beat. He released the fish carefully.

About the same time regular Frederic Andre fished our Beat D1 – he landed a very good fish, which he estimated to weigh about 10kg (22lb). Frederic returned this fish carefully.





Frederic playing his salmon on Beat D1



Frederic Andre with his approx. 10kg (22lb.) salmon from Beat D1





...Fredric releases his nice fish...

During the late afternoon it started to rain heavily higher up in the mountains and the river started to rise in the early evening, especially the tributary Bua river rose a lot, within 1 min more than 1 meter and a „wall“ of water ran into the Gaula and coloured the whole river downstream for a couple of hours. But on the morning it cleared up again, very quick - as usual for the Gaula - and we hope the rise will motivate some more fish to move and fill the pools with newly arriving fish.

**A bit slower fishing in all Trondelag rivers – however, some very good catches on our water !**

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The reports are virtually the same from all of the neighbouring rivers. The fishing was slow in most of the rivers and even on the Gaula it has slowed down somehow since a few days. Our fishermen don't see so many fish showing in the pools as during the recent weeks before. But anyway, several fishermen had great days on our water, an example is Fabrice Bergues who caught further 3 nice salmon during the last two days and released all of them carefully.

Wednesday morning Fabrice fished our Bogen Sondre Beat (BS1) and caught his first salmon of the day. A good fish which he estimated to weigh about 8kg (17.5lb).



Fish on!



...the salmon fights hard...





Fabrice with his approx. 8kg (17,5lb) from Beat BS1

At noon Fabrice drove up to our Upper Gaula Beat and caught his 2nd fish of the day – this time he caught a big salmon of approx. 11kg (24lb). But his day should held another surprise for Fabrice. As he fished on the evening our beat C1, he caught his 3rd salmon which he estimated to weigh about 12kg (26.5lb).





Fabrice with his salmon of approx. 11kg (24lb) from our Upper Gaula Beat.



Fabrice is playing fish number 3 of the day...on Beat C1.









Approx. 12kg (26.5lb) – Fabrice with his 3rd big salmon on this day!

But not only Fabrice had some good days on our beats, also our first time visitor Gerald Schimetta has been able to catch his first salmon! He fished our Upper Gaula Beat and caught a beautiful salmon which weighed in with 9kg (19.8lb).



A happy fisherman with a good start into salmon fishing! 9kg (19.8lb) – Gerald Schimetta with his first salmon from our Upper Gaula Beat.

On the next day he fished our Beat B2 and after some hours fishing he hooked his 2nd fish. Gerald was able to catch and



release a nice medium sized fish which he estimated to weigh about 6kg (13lb). During his first days of real salmon fishing Gerald has been quite successful – but that is the way it is sometimes – if you believe in what you are doing – you catch fish! Obviously he did!



Gerald Schimetta playing a salmon on beat B2...



Gerald with his 2nd salmon –approx. 6kg (13lb)- he released this fish carefully after these pictures have been taken...



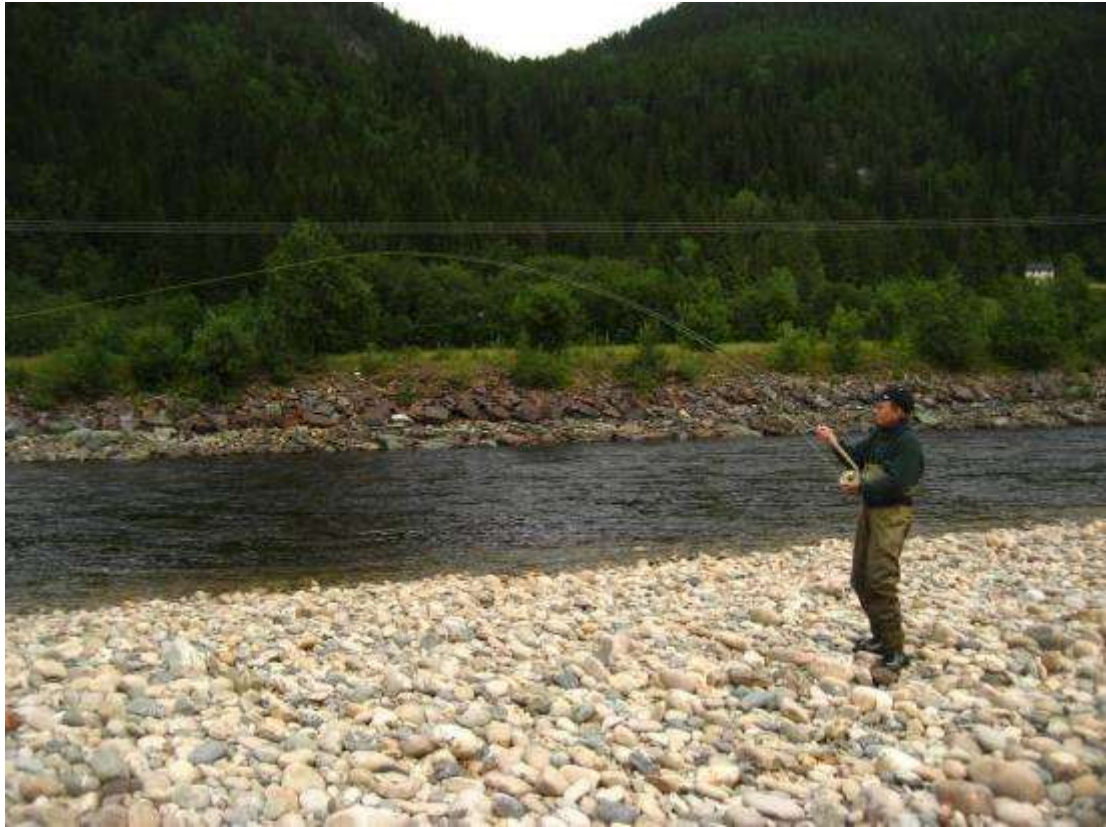
Gerald releases his 2nd salmon...

Earlier during the day our French guest Jean Claude Revilliac has caught a good fish of 8,5kg (18.7lb) on one of our „free for all“ beats. The rest of the day has been quiet as the water started to rise again in the evening as some rain must have been falling higher up in the mountains.

During the night Kent Hakansson from Sweden fished our Bogen Sondre Beat and caught and released a salmon of 100cm length, the fish must have weighed about 9-10kg (20-22lb). Kent released this fish after a hard fight.

This noon we got the latest catch reports - our regular guest Manfred Possinger was able to land a nice fish on beat C2. His salmon weighed in with 9kg (19.8lb).





Manfred Possinger and a bended rod...playing a salmon on beat C2.



Manfred Possinger with his nice fish of 9kg (19.8lb) caught on Beat C2.

With the weather forecast anticipating as much as 20mm rain during Monday and Tuesday, the fishing could be good next week. Due to some cancellations we have a number of rods vacant at very good prices during the next 2 weeks. Just give us a call at ++47-91393498 or email us at [Raguse@nfc-online.com](mailto:Raguse@nfc-online.com) we will gladly accommodate you on the Gaula, even on very short notice.



**After a „medium“ week a good start into the new week with 7 fish caught after a half day**

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The fishing was slower last week than it used to be at this time of the season, but our fishermen are still keep on catching fish. Pelle Klippinge caught a grilse on our Upper Gaula Beat. Bernard Fauconnier from France was able to land a approx. 5kg (11lb) on our Bogen Sondre Beat. Also Fabrice Bergues has been successful again and landed his 7th salmon of the week. A good medium sized fish on Beat C2. Fabrice fish has been tagged and he estimated to weigh the fish about 6kg, even if it looks bigger on the picture...Fabrice and Bernard released both fish carefully.



A „usual“ picture these days – Fabrice is playing a fish...







Fabrice is landing his fish on Beat C2



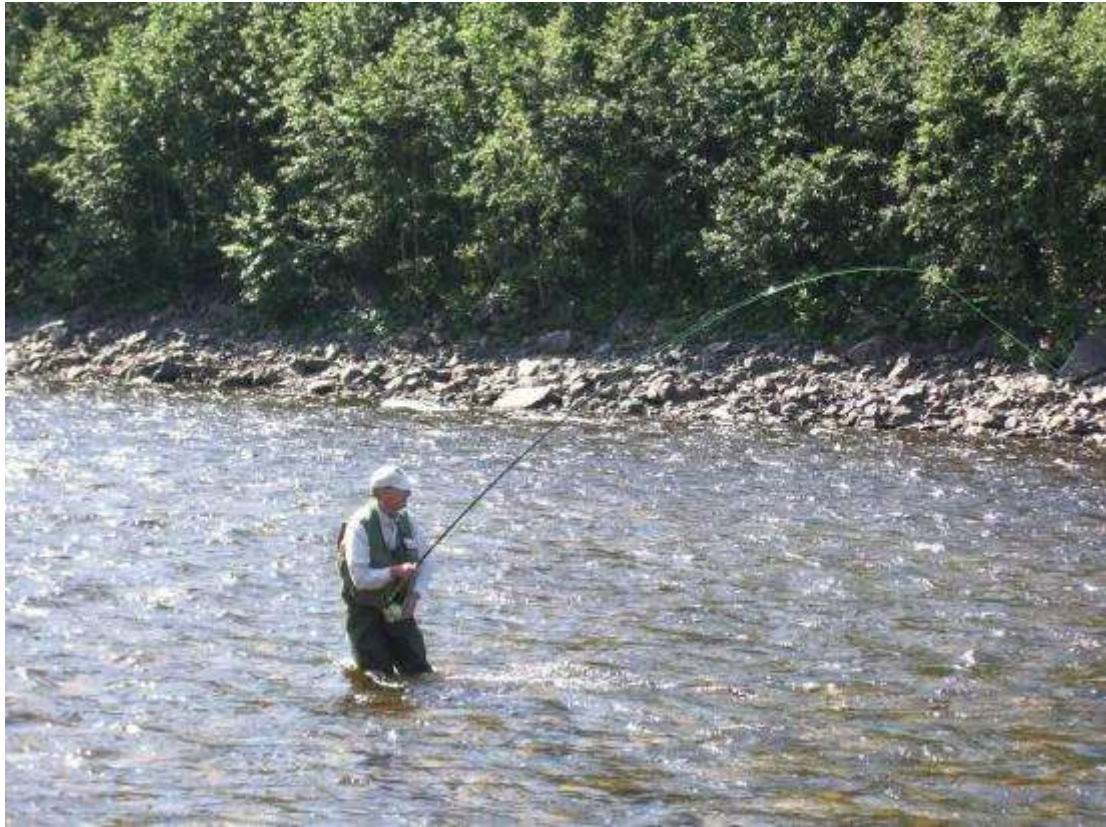
...with these tags the salmon of the Trondheimfjord are marked.

Reinhard Kegler from Germany ended his first week of his two weeks he is fishing with us with a salmon which weighed in with 5,8kg from Beat A1. Manfred Raguse fished an hour on the same morning on our Beat B2 and caught a grilse of approximately 2 kg (4.5lb) which was 66cm long - Manfred's fish had „long tailed sea lice“.

Theo Ripplinger caught a medium sized fish by end of the week. His salmon weighed in with 5,8kg (12.7lb). Andreas Grass was able to catch and release a grilse on our Bogen Sondre Beat and a medium sized fish about 6kg (13lb) on Beat D1.

Bernd Kuleisa caught - after he was fishing his first 10 minutes on the Gaula this year - the last fish of the week, a silver barren weighing in with 4,2kg / 9.3 lb.





Manfred Raguse is playing a grilse on beat B2







Manfred Raguse with a sea liced grilse from Beat B2, which he released carefully.



Long tailed sea lice on Manfred's grilse...

After our Sunday – introductory meeting, all our fishermen went out fishing and it didn't take long until the first catches of the newly started week have been registered. The week started with a grilse from our first time visitor John Stub from Canada on Beat D1. Also NFC's Daniel Stephan was able to catch and release a approx. 3,5kg (7.5lb) salmon on Beat C1. Reinhard Kegler had an excellent start into the new week and caught two salmon this evening. The first fish he estimated to



weigh about 3,5kg (7.5lb). His 2nd fish and the biggest fish so far this week weighed in with 9,8kg (21.5lb). Both fish have been caught on Beat B2.



Reinhard Kegler with his 2nd salmon of the day -9,8kg (21.5lb) from beat B2

Also Jan Poulsen from Denmark caught this morning his first salmon on our Beats on the Gaula – a nice medium sized fish which weighed in with 5,2kg (11.4lb). Jan caught his salmon on Beat D1. Bern Kuleisa caught a sea trout in New Pool which he released and Peter Galler caught a nice fish of 6,5 kg / 14.3 lb on the Tilseth Pool after he had lost a larger fish.



Jan Poulsen with his first salmon of the week - 5,2kg (11.4lb) from Beat D1

During the night it began to rain heavily in the Gaula valley and it is still raining. The weather fore cast promises a lot more rain during the course of the week, altogether 64mm! The major proportion of the rain is expected on Monday, as much as 32mm! As the rainfalls are quite heavy at the moment, we expect the Gaula to rise a lot during the next hours. We will be watching the Gaulfossen gauge and see how far the river will come up. Even if this is a lot of rain, the Gaula is never unfishable for longer than a half day and we expect interesting fishing again tomorrow morning.

**The first fish are caught on our beats after the highest flood this year**

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Beat B2 – a different looking pool during the flood...

We just experienced a big flood, starting on Monday evening due to the heavy rainfalls. The Gaulfossen water level registration went from 37m<sup>3</sup>/sec. up to 920m<sup>3</sup>/sec. within 24 hours!!! But not long after the water has reached its highest level it started to drop again and already in the late evening our water was fishable again. This morning Reinhard Kegler from Germany caught the first salmon – a fresh grilse on Beat B1. In the afternoon Daniel Persson fished Beat D1 and caught a good female salmon. The fish has been weighed in a weighing sack and the scales showed 8,2kg (18lb). Daniel released the fish carefully after a good fight and taken these pictures.



Daniel is playing his salmon on Beat D1



Daniel with his female fish of 8,2kg (18lb)

During writing this short update we heard about the next fish caught on BS2, it measured 95cm, so it's weight was estimated to be approx 8,5kg (18.5lb). The pictures are following tomorrow. The conditions and the dropping water gives us high hopes for some good fishing following the flood.



## No big run after the flood yet – but still some good catches on the NFC Beats

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The water level is after the big flood back to a normal summer water level and salmon are able to pass Gaulfossen since yesterday. But we haven't seen many new fish in our pools since the flood, but anyway we had some nice catches on our beats. For example Daniel Ryberg from Sweden caught a good fish on our Bogen Sondre Beat.



Daniel Ryberg from Sweden – fishing the first time on our water – is playing a good fish on BS2.







Daniel Ryberg and his salmon, which he carefully released after taking these pictures – he estimated the fish to weigh about 8,5kg (18.5lb.)



Daniel Ryberg releases his salmon...

Peter Galler was able to land a medium sized salmon on Beat C2, the salmon weighed in with 6kg (13.2lb). Manfred Raguse and Reinhard Kegler each caught a sea trout over 1kg (2lb) on Beat B1, both fish were carefully released.

Daniel Stephan caught his next fish on the same Beat, a medium sized fish which he estimated to weigh about 5kg (11lb).



The salmon has been released. On the next day Daniel released a sea trout weighing about 1,5kg (3lb) on our Lower Gaula Beat.

On his first days ever fishing with us Thomas Kramer from Germany caught his personal record on Beat B1 , – a strong cock fish which weighed in with 10,5kg (23.1lb). Geir Pedersen from Norway caught a nice salmon on our Beat E1 on the lower Gaula. His fish weighed in with exactly 6kg (13.2lb).



Thomas is playing a salmon on Beat B1..





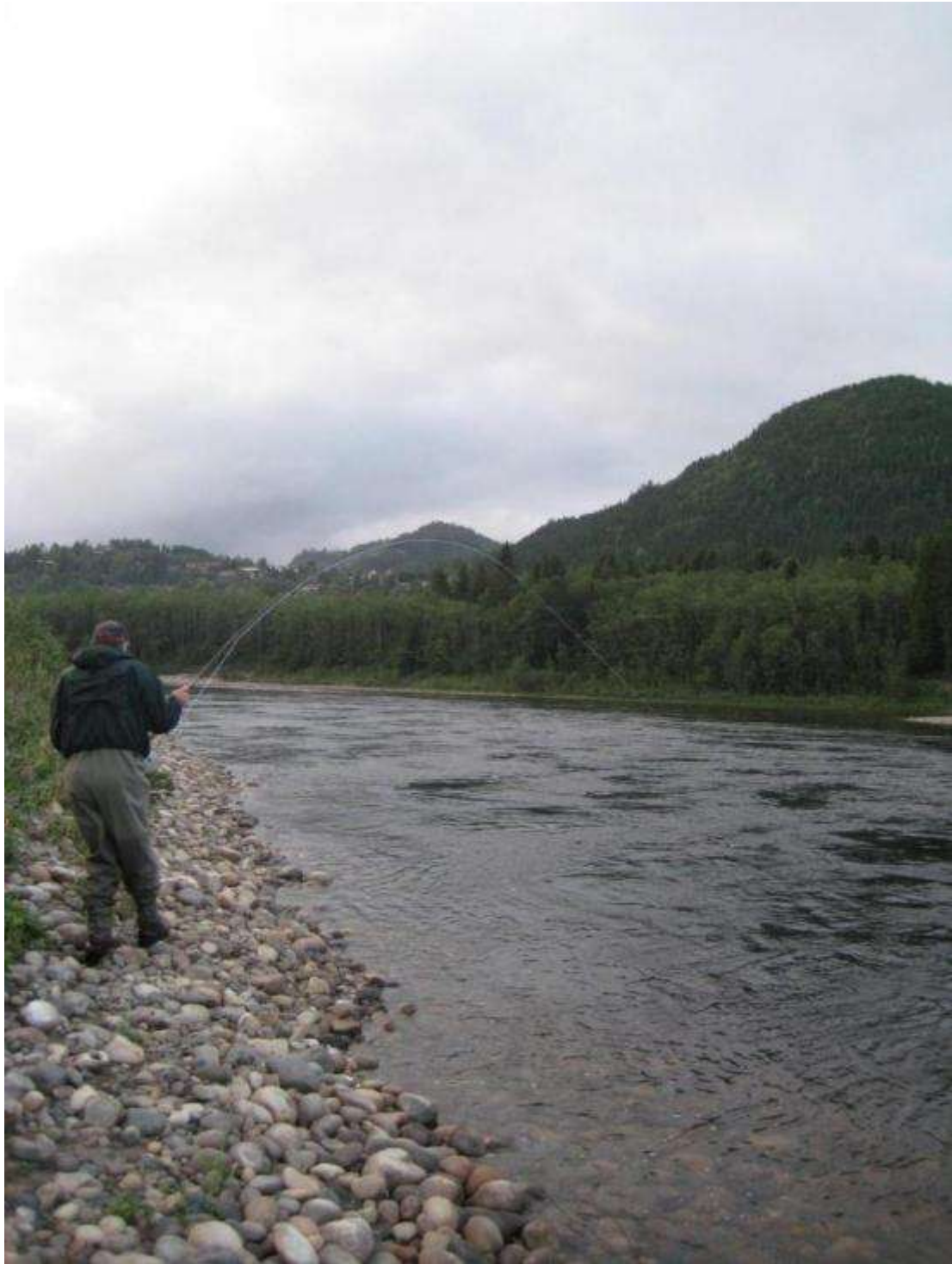






Thomas Kramer is landing his good fish of 10,5kg (23.1lb)

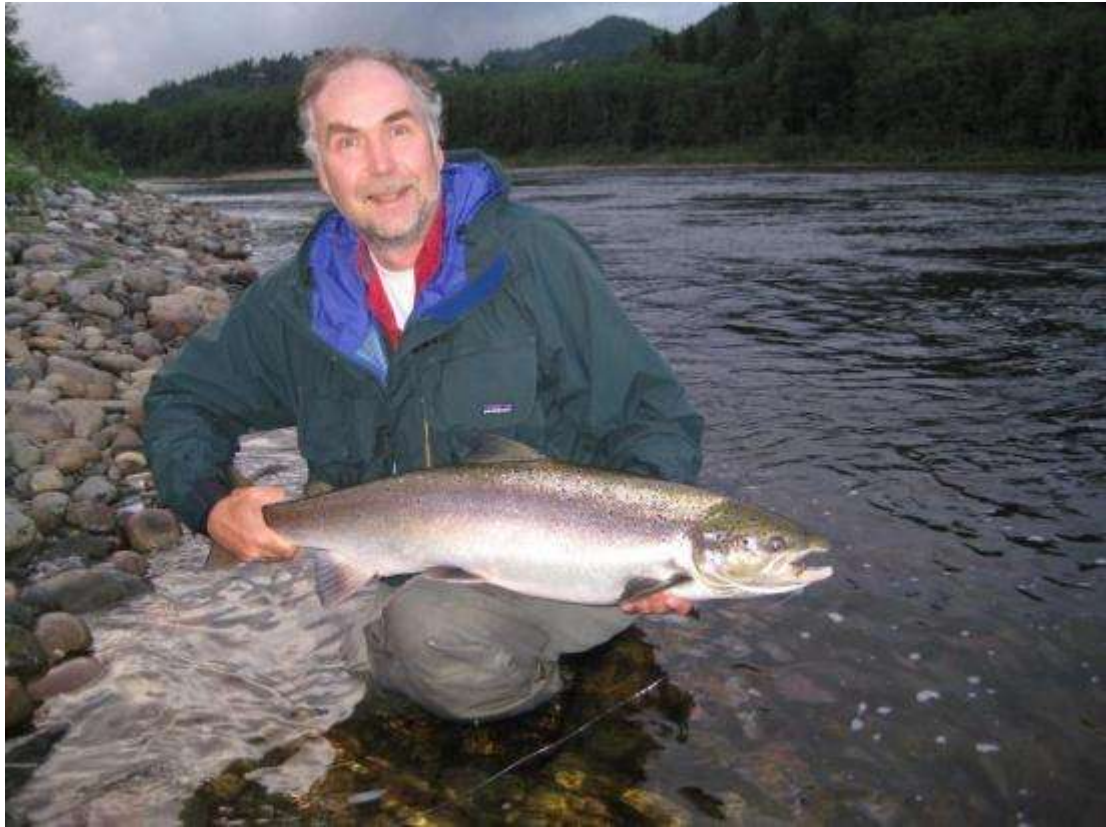
Yesterday evening it was again Bernd Kuleisa who was able to catch and release a big fish on our Beats. Bernd caught his fish with a length of 103 cm on one of our „Free for all“ Beats and estimated it to weigh about 10,5kg (23lb). The female salmon was carefully released after a good fight.



Bernd Kuleisa just hooked his big fish...







Bernd Kuleisa with his nice female salmon of approx. 10,5kg (23lb) – the fish has been released carefully after taking these pictures.

We hope that more fish will run the river during the next days after the big flood and hope that these fresh fish will improve sport further.

### **This week started well on our beats!**

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Although the fishing so far this season has not been as sensational good as last season, we are just experiencing a good season on our beats. Last week each rod fishing with us caught approximately 0,5 salmon per day, although we had difficult conditions with the highest flood of the year within this week! The Gaula rose from 37m<sup>3</sup>/sec. up to 920m<sup>3</sup>/sec. within 24 hours, but became again fishable after one day.

Also this week, starting Sunday evening started quite well. Our French guest Olivier Plasseraud, who is back for a second fishing trip with us this season, caught the first salmon of the week after 2 hours fishing on Beat D1. He landed a fresh medium sized and quite fresh fish on Beat D1, weighing approx. 5kg (11lb), which he released carefully.





Olivier with his approx. 5kg (11lb) salmon from Beat D1

Today at noon Olivier hooked his 2nd fish of the week on Beat B1, this fish was very fresh and Olivier released it as well. His 2nd fish Olivier estimated to weigh about 8,5kg (18.5lb).



Olivier playing his 2nd fish on beat B1





Olivier with his 2nd fish – approx. 8,5kg (18.5lb)



Olivier releasing his salmon...

Also Thies Reimers, who is fishing the first time on our Beats, just needed 2 hours of fishing until he was able to land his first salmon on our beats! Thies fished on our Beat A2 and caught and released a good fish, which he estimated to weigh about 8kg (17.5lb)





Thies Reimers with his salmon weighing approx. 8kg (17.5lb) from Beat A2.

Our Canadian guest John Stub caught a little earlier on Sunday evening a slightly coloured hen fish which he estimated to weigh about 7,5kg (16.5lb). He released the fish carefully after taking this quick picture.



The female salmon caught by John Stub –approx. 7,5kg (16.5lb)

On this morning our German guests Roland Puff and Hans Fischer had a good morning on Beat B1. Roland was able to release first a grilse and shortly afterwards he caught a second salmon which weighed in with 4kg (8.8lb). Hans Fischer was able to catch and release a grilse as well. Both grilse were estimated to weigh about 2,5kg (5.5lb).

The first 24 hours of the week are not over yet and already some nice fish have been taken by our fishermen, almost the half

of the fishing rods has already caught a fish which is a quite good result! We hope the last rise of the water yesterday during the early morning has given now the impulse for more fish to run the river. It looks like this is the case, as also the other fishermen had contacts and lost fish in different pools. A number of fresh fish seem to have newly arrived and it looks like more grilse are running now which is highly welcome.

We still have a number of rods vacant for the last weeks of the season which ends on August 31. You are very welcome to join us. Just email us at [info@nfc-online.com](mailto:info@nfc-online.com) or phone us on ++47-91393498.

### **Slower fishing during mid week on the Gaula**

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During the last few days the fishing slowed somewhat down on the Gaula. The promising numbers of running fish which we had in the beginning of the week did not increase as we had hoped. The water level dropped now back to a normal summer water level after the flood and the rise on Monday.

Olivier Plasseraud has caught a very good fish, fresh and well conditioned, after a hard battle on Beat B1. He estimated the fish to weigh about 10,5kg (23lb).



Olivier with his 3rd salmon of the week – approx. 10,5kg (23lb) and very fresh!!!

Daniel Persson has been fishing our Beat D2 and was able to catch and release a female salmon which he estimated to weigh about 9kg (20lb).





Daniel's fish from Beat D2 – approx 9kg (20lb)...this female fish has been released carefully and will hopefully be participating in the spawning process in the later autumn 2009.

Also some grilse have been taken during the course of the week, for example from Roland Puff, Hans Fischer, Allan Philipps and George Lawrence. John Stub caught his next fish on Beat D2, which he estimated to weigh about 4,5kg (9lb).

Yesterday Oliver Plasseraud fished our Upper Gaula Beat, he was the first rod fishing up there after the flood and he was able to catch and release a medium sized fish of approx. 4,5kg (9lb) slightly coloured, but still a nice fish.



Olivier playing a fish on the Upper Gaula Beat...



Olivier Plasseraud with his fish Number 4 this week – approx. 4, 5kg (9lb) from our Upper Gaula Beat.

Peter Hansen was hooking a big fish as well on Beat A1. After two takes on the Home Pool he had another take and this time the fish was hooked. After a very hard fight he landed a salmon about 10 kg (22lb) but sadly the fish had missed the fly and was hooked outside his mouth. Of course Peter released the fish as fast as possible. NFC's Daniel Stephan hooked a very big fish on Beat E2 on the lower Gaula. Daniel said the fish took the fly in the very top of E2 and just turned and ran down to the following Beat E3, there he went very deep and the line got stuck and 2 hooks were bend. Daniel was very impressed after



this „take off“ of 150 meters in high speed! He just saw the fish short in the surface while running downstream and estimated the fish over 15kg (30lb-35lb). Even despite he used strong tackle and tried to hold the fish hard – he couldn't do anything...he said it might have been an even bigger fish than his fish from last years June...

Our fishermen see a good deal of fish showing in our pools but there seem to be less fish showing than usual at this time of the year. We hope the dropped water level, which is now at about 40 cm on the Froseth Gauge will result in more taking fish in those of our pools which fish well in this water level.

### **Some fresh sea liced fish were caught on the NFC Beats during the last days**

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The last week ended with a couple of grilse caught by Roland Puff, Peter Hansen and George Lawrence. Also on our Bogen Sondre Beat some fish have been caught from Mark Fullford who caught his first salmon ever, which weighed in with 3,5kg (7.7lb). Also Neil Fullford was able to catch two grilse on Bogen Sondre.

The biggest fish on the last day of the week has been caught again by Olivier Plasseraud on Beat C1. Olivier estimated to weigh his female salmon, which he carefully released, about 10kg (22lb), the fish measured 99cm.



Olivier with his salmon weighing approx. 10kg/ 22 lb. from Beat C1



..the fly Olivier has been fishing with, a small orange shrimp fly in the mouth of this large fish...

Olivier is the editor of the French „Salmo Truite Magazine” and during the last week he caught fish of the following impressive sizes: 5kg/ 11lb + 8,5kg/ 18.7 lb. + 10+kg/ 22 lb + 4,5kg /10lb. + 10+kg/22 lb.. Olivier was employing mostly sink line tactics which clearly produced some larger fish during a difficult week. He was writing to us after he returned back to France, giving the following very interesting comment:

“This was one of my most interesting fishing trip so far, on a pure technical fishing tactic point of view. I did not find (again !) the kind of low warm water conditions I expected to test some light tackle tricks, but I had a great time as I could really test and compare my previous personal theories about what works more or less (mostly about fly speed and depth or best parts of pools to concentrate on) when the going gets tough, as far as the difference between grilse and big salmon fishing is concerned...and as long as the comparison of numbers and sizes between my results and the others makes any statistic sense. Probably, the lack of 2 SW medium size fish, (which add confusion as they have a kind of "intermediate" behaviour between grilse and 3 SW big ones, according to my precarious personal theory) helped me to sort it out more clearly than I ever could on an "average" year or river.”

The new week started on Sunday evening and Jörgen Olofsson from Sweden started the new week with a sea liced grilse from Beat D2. Also on Beat C2 two fish have been caught and released on this evening, another grilse by Gert Pettersson and a small salmon of approx. 3kg (6.5lb) by Torbjörn Berggård. On the next morning Lars Bryngelsson was able to land a medium sized salmon which weighed in with 5,2kg (12.1lb). The next grilse have been caught again by Jörgen Olofsson on Beat D1.

Very interesting is that all grilse which have been caught since yesterday, have all been covered in sea lice. That means, a run of fresh fish has entered the river and we hope that more fresh fish will run the Gaula during the next days.

**Every single day produces some fish on the NFC beats!**

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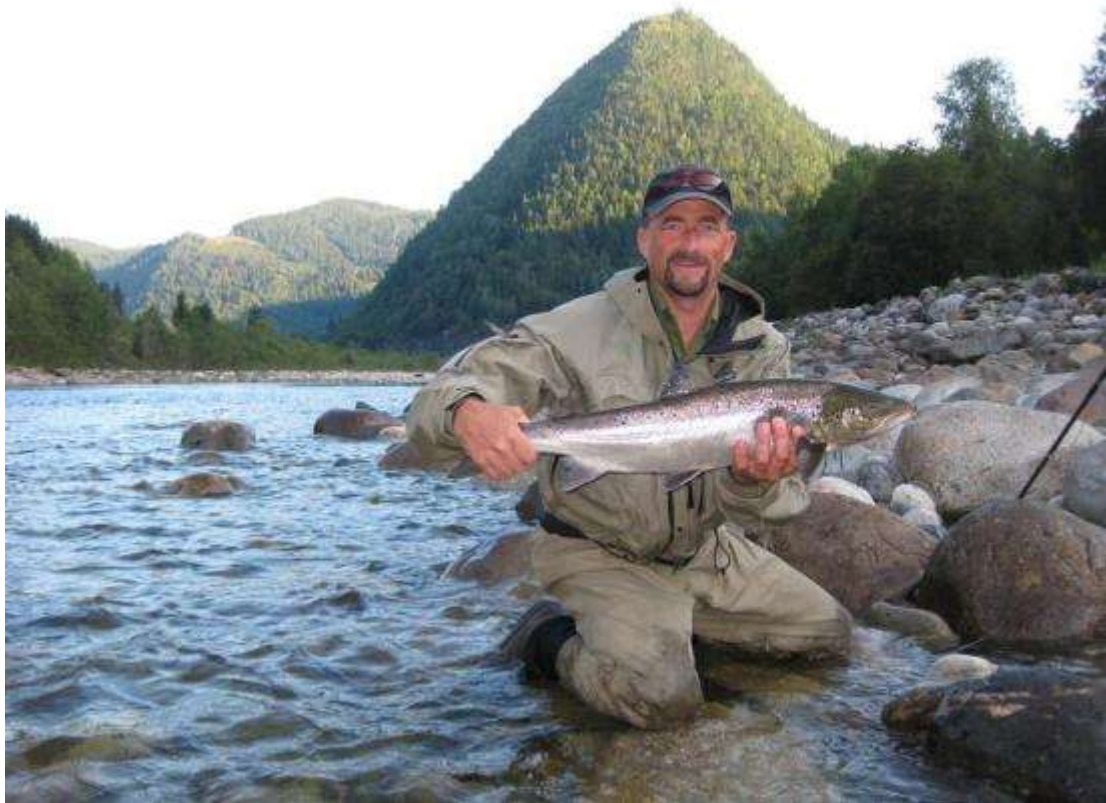
The first days of the week with a water level about 25-30cm at the Fröseth Gauge has been dominated by grilse, but also some larger fish have been caught.

Torbjörn Berggård caught and released a grilse in Beat C1. Wolfgang Wehnemann from Germany, who is attending our salmon course was able to catch his first ever salmon already on the second day of the course. His salmon weighed in with 3,5kg (7.7lb). On the evening Roland Bach from Sweden caught and released a good fish on our Upper Gaula Beat. He estimated the slightly coloured female fish to weigh about 7,5kg (16.5lb). On the next morning Roland caught another grilse and his friend Roger Nilsson as well.





Roland Back with his slightly coloured Salmon from our Upper Gaula Beat - approx. 7,5kg



Roland with his second Salmon of ca. 3kg from our Beat D1



...releasing his fish...

Also Lars Bryngelsson was able to land his next salmon. The fish weighed in with 6,5kg (14.3lb) and has been caught on Beat D2.

Georg Kronbichler has been lucky on one of our Free for All beats and caught a salmon which weighed in with 3,5kg (7.7lb) Also Peter Hansen caught his next fish, which he released carefully. Peter estimated his salmon to weigh about 3kg (6.5lb).

The next fish from our Free for All Beat has been caught and released again by Torbjörn Berggård. He weighed his fish with a weighing net and the scale showed 7,6kg (16.7lb).

Lars Bryngelsson caught his 3rd fish this week this morning, the largest fish on our water so far this week, a good fish of 9kg / just under 20lb. He caught this nice salmon on Beat B2, all his fish were caught on a Em Silver Fly.

Another few grilse have been caught by Richard Horn, Roland Bach, Roger Nilsson and Johannes Kmiecik.

It is good to see that the grilse have definitely arrive now. All together there are now 446 grilse reported caught on the Gaula this season so far. At this stage there are 1.630 large salmon (heavier than 7kg / 15 1/2lb.) and 1.070 medium salmon (3 – 7kg / 6 1/2 lb – 15 1/2 lb) caught. The reported total catch on the Gaula for the 2 month and 6 days season so far is now at 21.005 kg / 46.316 lb.

This week has been difficult as far as good pictures are concerned. We try to publish some more later, as in the moment we have not received more photographs from our fishing guests.

### **More fresh fish have been caught on the NFC Beats, even if the water got very low during the last days**

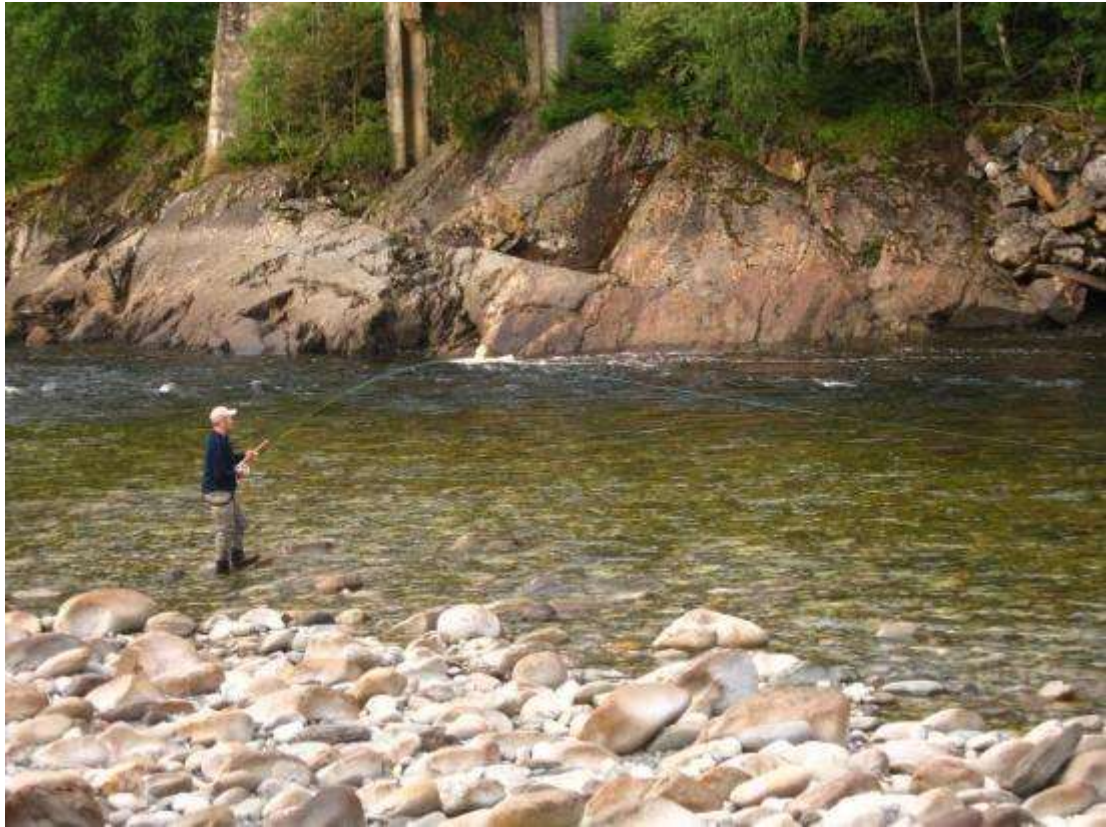
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During the course of the week the water level on the Gaula dropped off the Fröseth Gauge, but anyway our fishermen caught fresh fish, mostly grilse but also some larger ones.

For example Fredrik Eunan caught a good medium sized fish on Beat D1. Fredrik estimated to weigh his fish about 5kg (11lb) and released it carefully after taking a picture.





Fredrik is playing a fish on Beat D1 in low water...

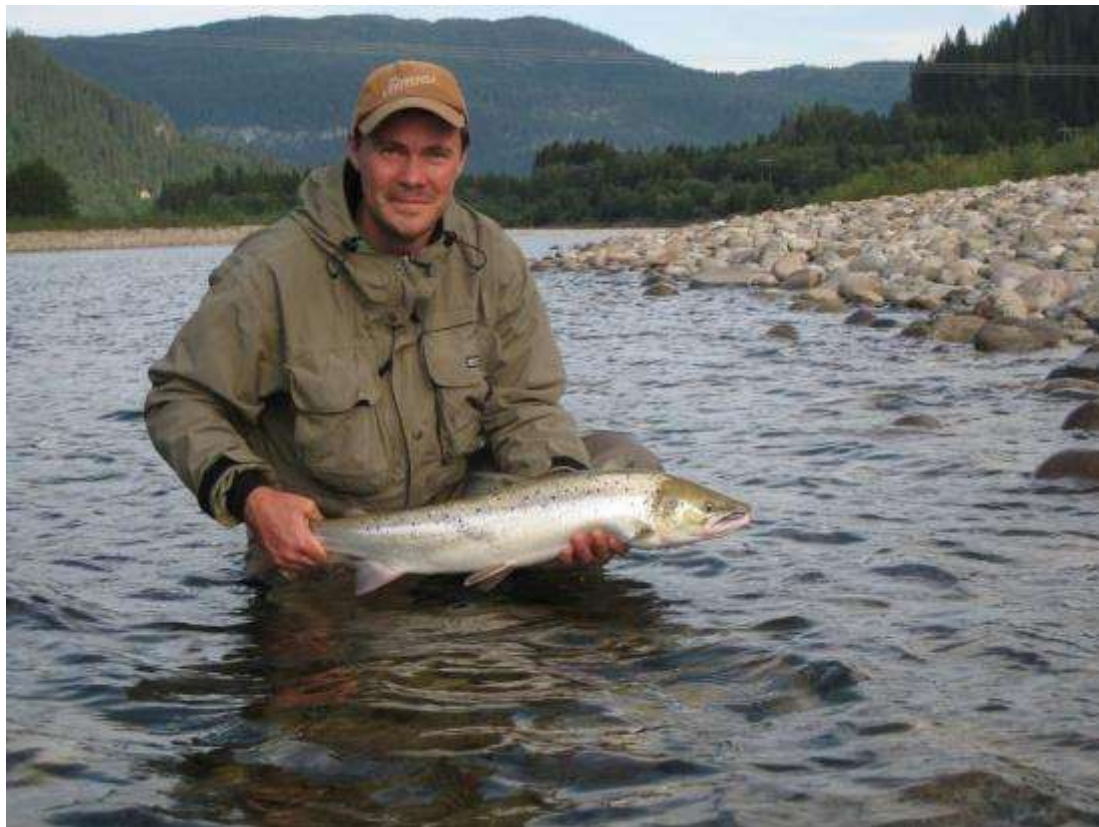


Fredrik Eunan with his salmon weighing approx. 5kg (11lb) salmon from Beat D1.

Also Johannes Kmiecziak caught his next fish on the very same beat, Johannes estimated to weigh his fish about 3kg (6.5lb). Johannes released the fresh salmon as well.

Matthias Kronbichler from Germany caught a very fresh fish which weighed in with 7,7kg (16.9lb).

Jörgen Olofsson caught a few more fish, for example a grilse on Beat C2, a salmon of approx 3,7kg (8lb) on Beat B2.



Jörgen with his salmon from Beat B2, weighing 3,7kg (8lb)





Jörgen is playing another of his fish during this week on Beat D2...



Jörgen with the small grilse from the underwater picture



Under water picture of a grilse





Jörgen releases his fish-a different view-from under water!!





Jörgen with his next fish, this time from Beat D1

Our Swedish group fishing with us this week did well, also Jörgen's friend Roland Back had 2 additional fish, a medium sized fish from Beat D1 which weighed in with 4,5kg (9.9lb) and a grilse.



Roland with his 4,5kg salmon (9.9lb) from Beat D1

Roland caught five fish between his arrival on Monday and departure on Saturday. Some more grilse have been caught by



Richard Horn, Thorbjörn Berggård and Edgar Bang.

On our Lower Gaula Beat a lot of fresh running fish have been seen and some fish have been caught there on the steeper bank, which is fishing well in lower water levels. Several fishers reported a lot of takes and nice attacks on their flies while fishing the right bank of Beat E5 which is free for all of our guests. The slightly coloured water down there, which is a result of the dropping water that started to dig, seems not to have an bad effect on the fishing. Our experience from last season seems to be repeated, in very low water the Lower Beat is a good area, especially for fresh fish which tend to hold on longer in the lower reaches before running further upstreams.

The prospects for the coming two weeks look quite good. Now we have reached a very low water level and the flow has decreased to only 19m<sup>3</sup>/sec but the weather forecast looks very promising. The rain has started and Sunday evening 9mm are expected. On Monday we can expect 15mm and until the end of the week we should have got over 40mm which is great. For Monday next week there are already 6mm more forecasted. The water level will get to a nice fishing level again and this should motivate fish to run straight from the fjord with possibly exciting improvement for our fishery.

The season ends at the 31st August. There are just 3 weeks season left. If you want to join us, just send us an email or give us a call, we might be able to fit you in.

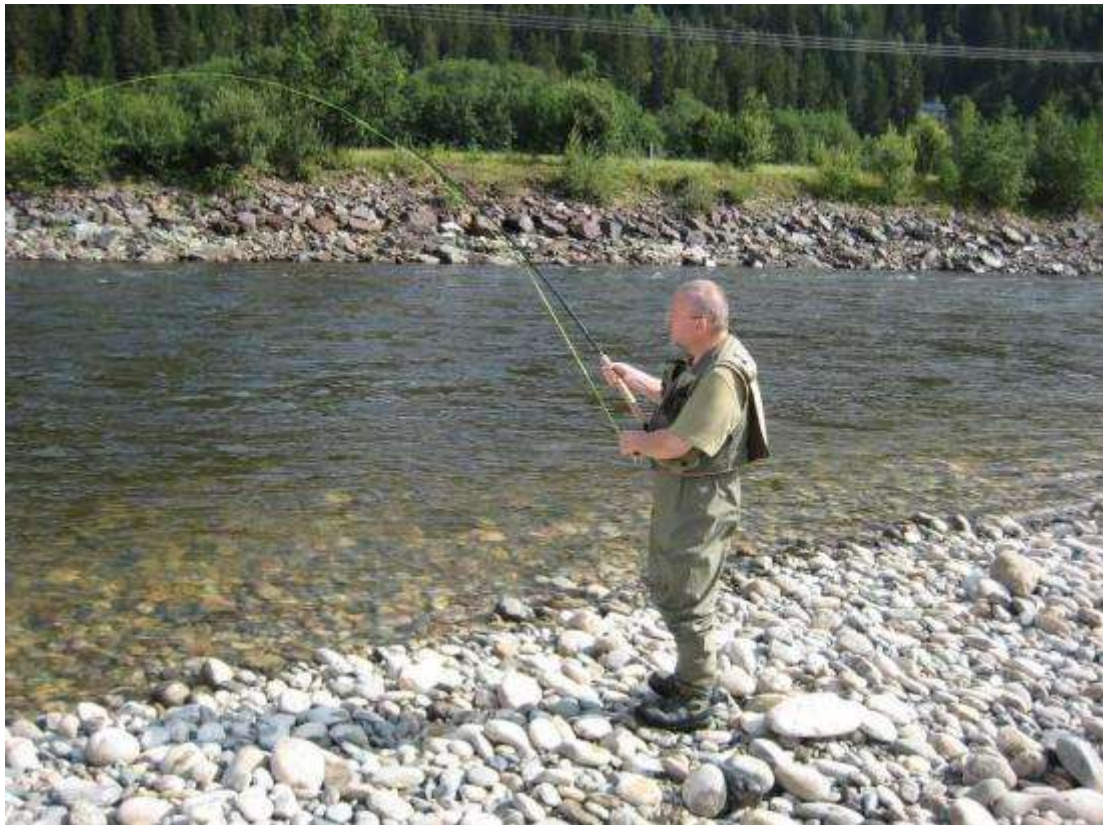
### **More water and improved fishing again!**

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The weather changed on the night from Saturday to Sunday and a lot of rain has been falling in the Gaula valley, so the Gaula rose a good deal, from being off the gauge on Frøseth up to 40cm again. During the rise and until Sunday evening it has been quiet, but our hopes that new fish would run the Gaula were fulfilled and the first fish of the newly started week have been caught.

The start of the week has been a grilse caught by Manfred Oelze on the Sunday evening. Then the water began to rise again and on the morning of Monday we had already 90 cm at the Gauge, but our fishermen have seen quite some fresh fish in good sizes running, but these were no good takers. But anyway Manfred Frenzl, fishing the first time for salmon, has been able to land his first ever salmon on his first day of fishing with us! A nice medium sized fish which he caught on our Beat C2. After taking the pictures of this approx. 5kg (11lb) fish, Manfred Frenzl released the fish carefully.



Manfred Frenzl has just hooked his first salmon



A nice salmon...





Manfred Frenzl with his salmon – approx. 5kg (11lb)

During the next night the rain stopped and so the water dropped during the night to 70cm on the Gauge. The next two days should be good days on our water...

The start made Wim Franssen from the Netherlands, he was visiting us just for one day to look at our beats. He never fished salmon before and it was just his 2nd fly fishing day in total. But after 1 hour fishing on Beat A1 he was able to land his first salmon – approx. 5kg (11lb). Wim Franssen released this fresh fish. Later during the day Benedikt Frenzl (the son of Manfred) fished our Beat B2 – after some good takes, and loosing a fish he hooked a next one and was able to land his first salmon ever as well on this day!





Benedikt Frenzl is playing a salmon on Beat B2...



...with the help of our guide Per Nyqvist he lands the fish...





A happy fisherman – Benedikt Frenzl with his first salmon – the fish weighed in with 4,6kg (10.1lb).

After catching his fish Benedikt invited Per Nyqvist to fish on his Beat - Per just did some casts and was able to hook a big fish. After a good fight Per caught and released a beautiful salmon which he estimated to weigh about 7,5kg (16.5lb).



Per hooked a good fish..



Per with his well conditioned and very fresh salmon of approx. 7,5 kg (16.5lb)

At the same time Mattias Helde from Sweden was catching a medium sized fish on beat C2 – Mattias estimated his salmon to weigh about 5kg (11lb) and released this fish carefully. A little bit later Wim Franssen caught his 2nd salmon on Beat D1 on his first day of salmon fishing ever (his second day fishing the fly)!!! The fish has been estimated to weigh about 4kg (9lb) and has been released as well. Also his friend Vincent Beck caught a fish – a sea trout before it got completely dark. The sea trout was released carefully.

On the next morning Oliver Oelze fished our Beat C1 and was able to land a good fish which weighed in with 8,5kg (18.7lb). Also Werner Tennie caught a grilse. In the evening we got reports from our Bogen Sondre Beat - the group has been doing well and was able to catch a couple of fish as well. The biggest about 8kg (17.5lb). We get the details and pictures by the end of the week. Also our English party around Graham Wanless, had a good first day. Graham called us and reported 6 fish! 3 caught by himself and 3 by his friends, the biggest fish about 7,5kg (15lb). Graham is fishing hard and we haven't got the pictures but they will follow soon.

The late evening Per Nyqvist fished our Upper Gaula Beat for a short while and caught a medium sized fish which weighed in with 5,3kg (11.7lb). The fish was bleeding so he had to keep this salmon.





Per Nyqvist with his fish from the Upper Gaula Beat - 5.3kg (11.7lb).

It is nice to see the fishing improving again. Also the number of medium sized fish and a couple of bigger fish which are running the river now – all fresh fish, let us hope for some good last weeks of the season on the Gaula! The remaining bag nets have been completely out on the Fjord as usual since the 4th of August. This certainly has improved the situation.

We hope we are able to report more catches by the end of the week and show some more pictures!

**The water flow of the Gaula changes all the time like a yo-yo, but the fishing is not bad....**

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The Gaula is rising and dropping quickly all the time. Heavy rainfalls and sunny periods all can be seen changing several times a day. This has been the weather during the last days. But our guests are catching quite some fish and some of them are sea liced and really fresh.

A couple of more grilse have been caught by Werner Tennie, Sven Nedved and Wolfgang Wehnmann by the middle of last week. Also Andre Scholz arrived again his 2nd time this season on Thursday and he had right away some good days on our Upper Gaula Beat. He was able to catch and release a very well conditioned hen fish weighing about 10,5kg (23lb) on light tackle. The following pictures are showing the hard fight on the upper river...



Andre is playing a good fish









...landed





Andre Scholz with his good female salmon weighing approx 10,5kg(23lb) – a fat fish!



Andre had 2 more medium sized fish from our Upper Gaula Beat – one weighing approx. 4kg (9lb) which he released as well and a salmon of 6,2 kg (13,65lb) which he had to keep, because it was bleeding.

As promised we would like to show you the pictures of our English party around Graham Wanless. They had good days on our water. Graham caught 3 fish during his short stay, 6,8kg (15lb), approx. 4kg (9lb) and a grilse of 2,5kg (5.5lb) .



Graham with a salmon of 6,8kg (15lb), which he released after taking this picture.

Also Grahams friends who fished the Gaula the first time had some good fish, for example Tony Richards who caught 3 salmon as well. 8,2kg (18lb), approx. 4kg (9lb), and 4,5kg (10lb). Their friend Phil Proctor caught a salmon of 4 kg (9lb) as well and George English had a good grilse approx. 3 kg (6.5lb). Below some pictures of the lads...



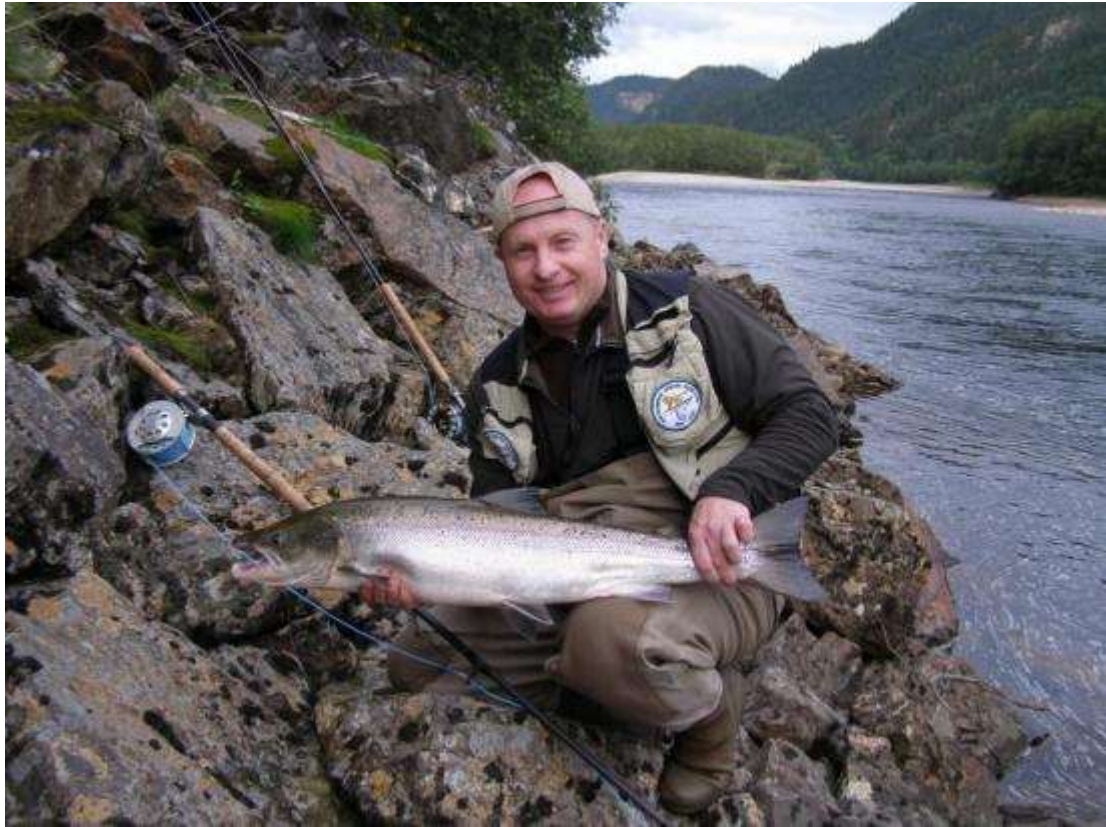


George English with a fresh grilse



Phil Proctor with his salmon of approx. 4kg (9lb)





Tony Richards with medium-sized fish of 4,5kg (10lb).



Tony Richards with a good fish of 8,2kg (18lbs.)

Our group on our Bogen Sondre Beat, the party around Mauro Raspini, caught some fish as well, the biggest fish has been caught by Alberto Gianini and weighed in with 8kg (17.6lb).





Alberto Gianini from the „Mauro Raspini Team“ with his 8kg (17,6kg) first Gaula salmon!

Also our other fishermen in the rotation have been doing quite well, for example Sven Nedved who was able to land a salmon of 7,5kg (16.5lb) on our Beat B1. Ewald Langwieser caught also his first Gaula salmon on beat C2 which weighed in with 4kg (8.8lb). On our Lower Gaula Beat Oliver Oelze had a fresh fish of 3,2kg (7lb) and Andre Scholz caught his 4th fish in 4 days on Beat C2 – weighing approx. 4 kg (9lb) – a very fresh fish which he released carefully.

On the Sunday evening the water began to rise again so it was quiet until Monday morning. Andreas Kriedemann started the newly started week with a salmon which weighed in with 7kg (15.4lb). Andreas Strassmann from Switzerland caught a salmon of approx. 3kg (6.5lb). Daniel Persson had a fresh fish from our Bogen Sondre Beat BS2. Daniel released the salmon as usual carefully and estimated the fresh fish to weigh about 4,5 kg (10lb).

On the late evening the water began to rise again because of very heavy rainfalls during the whole night. This ended up yesterday at noon with a level of 1,70m at the Fröseth Gauge! But as fast as the water rose it was dropping again and right now and we are back to a level of 60cm this evening. And the first fish after the spate have been already been caught. The reports will be following soon.

### **A little slower fishing on the NFC Beats, but some good fish have been caught**

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Dropping and quickly rising water as we experience it at the moment, does not improve the fishing but anyway, our fishermen catching fish and some nice fish have been taken as well.

So it was Oliver Oelze again, he caught a sea liced medium salmon which weighed in with 5,9kg (13lb) on Beat B1. Also Stefano Mantegazza caught his next fish on our Bogen Sondre Beat BS2, which weighed in with 4,2kg (9.25lb)





Oliver Oelze with his fresh salmon from Beat B1 – 5,9kg (13lb).

The following fish were all grilse caught by Werner Schläpfer, Joachim Ruthmann, Winfried Holtkamp, Evandro Kürsteiner and Mauricio Corti. But Mauricio has been lucky and caught a 2nd fish on the same day on one of our Free for all beats – he estimated to weigh his salmon about 7kg (15.5lb) before he released the fish.







Evandro Kürsteiner with a grilse from our Bogen Sondre Beat



..underwater while releasing a fish..

Andreas Strassmann from Switzerland landed a salmon of 3,2kg (7lb) and Mauricio Corti caught a nice fish again on the next day on Beat D1. The salmon weighed in with 7,8kg (17.16lb). Also Werner Schläpfer from Switzerland caught a medium sized fish on one of our free for all beats which he released carefully. He estimated to weigh the salmon about 5kg (11lb).



Werner Schläpfer with his coloured fish about 5kg (11lb).

Andre Scholz caught a grilse on our Upper Gaula Beat and Marcus Bohlin from Sweden was able to catch and release a good fish on the same beat, he estimated to weigh his salmon about 7,5kg (15.5lb). Another medium and fresh fish have been caught by Andreas Strassmann, the fish weighed in with 5,6kg (12.32lb).

This morning it was again Andre Scholz who caught a good fish on our Bogen Sondre Beat, this fish weighed in with 7,3kg (16.06lb). On the same Beat Andreas Kriedemann was shortly later able to land his next fish, a good grilse about 3kg (6.5lb).





Andre Scholz with a good fish from our Bogen Sondre Beat – 7,3kg (16.06lb).

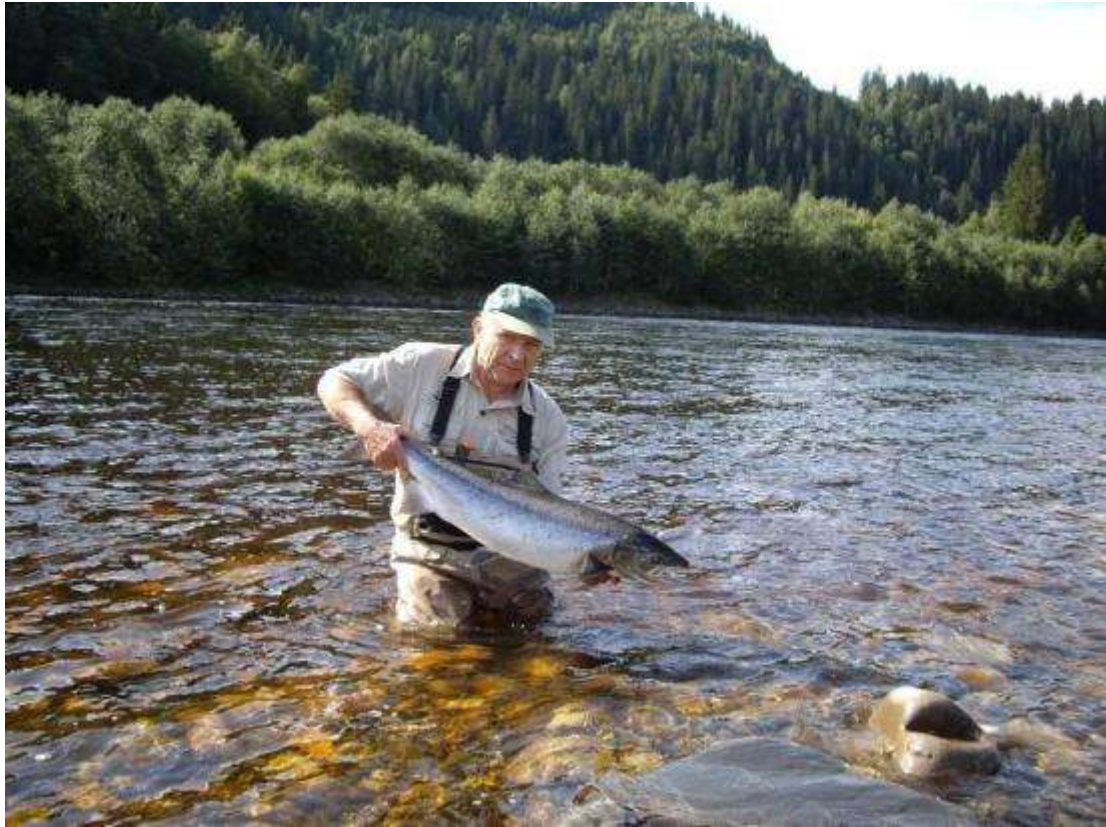
The fishing this week has been quite difficult, but hopefully the weather will be more stabile during the next days, we would like to see the water level dropping more constantly which would definitely help to improve the fishing again. There is still more than one week left this season for some nice catches – hopefully things improve and we are able to present some good back end results and pictures on our news during the next days.

### **Fishing is a challenge on the Gaula right now**

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The fishing on the Gaula has not improved during the last days as we had hoped for, but a few good fish have been taken by our guests. For example Franz Hochecker from Austria has been lucky on his first day after arrival and was able to catch a good fish which weighed in with 8,9kg (19.3lb).



Franz Hochecker with his fish weighing 8,9kg (19.3lb)

Per Heikkilä from Sweden had a good session on our Bogen Sondre Beat, within 2 hours fishing he caught 2 fish.



Per Heikkilä with one of his fish, this is the smaller one – a fresh grilse.

Mirjana Pavlic who is fishing with us for the second time this season, has returned and started the new week with a salmon



from the Bogen Sondre Beat. She released her salmon which she estimated to weigh about 3,5kg (7-8lb) carefully after taking some pictures.



Mirjana is playing a salmon...



Mirjana with her salmon from Beat BS2.

Also our finish guest Asko Hakonen caught and released his personal record fish, weighing about 10kg /22 lb already on Monday morning on our Beat C2.

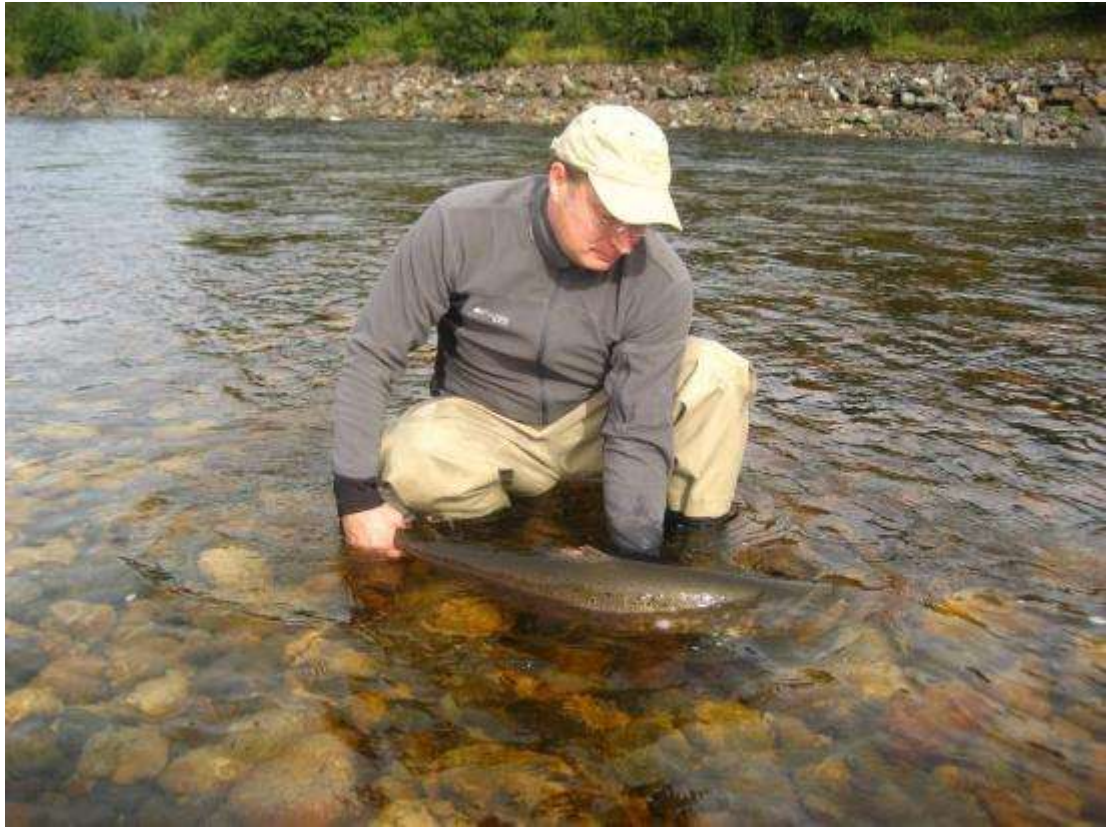


Playing a good fish on Beat C2



Asko Hakonen with his female-salmon which he estimated to weigh about 10kg (22lb).





..nice to see our guests releasing big female fish in the late season...

Franz Hochecker caught his next fish on Beat B1, his fish weighed in with 3,5kg (7.7lb)

Also Håkan Norling has been fishing with us for two days and he lost during his short stay two fish on our Beat D1 – one of the fish Håkon reported, was a very large fish that took high up in the pool and was not moving for exciting 5 minutes, but got lost shortly afterwards. Another fish took the fly right at the tail out of the pool and was enormously powerful and eventually broke his line. No doubt, this was a big fish. Some new catch reports came in today, also fresh medium sized fish, so hopefully the last days of our salmon season on the Gaula will be as good as the backend of the last season. We will keep you updated soon.

**End of a mediocre season on the Gaula – we are looking forward to the 2010 season!**

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The final days of the season were not as good as we have become accustomed to in recent years. However, some of our anglers had a productive last week landing salmon on the NFC beats up to 12.2kg / 26.9lb.



Joachim Sackel with his first-ever salmon – 12,2kg (26.9 lb)! Not many of us have such a spectacular start as salmon fly fishers!

Per Heikkilä did well, catching 5 salmon and 1 sea trout during the week. He landed 2 fish on the Bogen Söndre Beat – the first weighed an estimated 6kg / 13.2 lb and was carefully released, whilst the second was 3 kg / 6.6lb. His other fish were caught late in the evenings including a fine fish on one of our Free-for-All pools, weighing approximately 9kg /20lb taken on a riffling hitch, one of an estimated 5kg/11lb on Beat A1 plus a grilse and a sea trout from the same pool.

Henry Giles from England succeeded after quite a fight in catching and releasing his first Gaula salmon – a fresh-run fish of some 4,5kg (10lb).





Henry plays his fish on Beat B2



Henry Giles with his first Gaula salmon – approx. 4,5kg (10lb)





...releasing his fish

Our first time visitor Joachim Sackel caught his first-ever salmon on Beat C2. This well-conditioned fish weighed in at 12,2kg (26.9 lb).

Our guests Herman and Jan De Muyt from the Netherlands were also successful with a grilse and a very fresh and beautiful salmon of approximately 6,5kg (14lb) from our Bogen Sondre Beat.



..not the best picture – but a beautiful fish! Jan De Muyt holds his fish of approx. 6,5kg (14lb).



In addition our German guest Lars Doerries had a good week - landing 2 grilse and 2 medium-sized salmon of 5,5kg (12.1lb) and 6,1kg (13.4lb). Grilse were also taken by Joachim Ruthmann and Daniel Stephan.

The season ended with unsettled weather conditions. Although the final figures are not ready yet, it is clear that this was a mediocre season for the Gaula generally and for the beats of the NFC in particular. News from other Norwegian rivers indicates that Norway as a whole has had an alarmingly poor season. We have just received a newsletter from Norske Lakseelver, the organisation of Norwegian riparian owners and they report that well known rivers like Alta og Lakselv in Finnmark seem to have achieved only 50 % of last season's catch. Salmon numbers in rivers such as the Reisa, Orkla, Surna, Etne, Otra and Numedalslågen were fairly low and there is little doubt that commercial salmon farming is responsible. We will publish more detail on the 2009 season shortly. In the meantime we would like to thank all regular visitors to our website and our guests from whom we have obtained all the pictures that enable us to update our website on a regular basis during the season.

It is worth remembering that next year we should see further benefits of the buy-out of the bag nets in the Trondheim Fjord which were accounting for 80% of all the area's net-caught fish. A remarkable indicator has been the number of spawning redds counted by helicopter in one particular section of the Gaula. In 2004, the last year before the buy-out, there were 250 spawning redds counted. In 2005, the first year with the buy-out in effect, the number increased to 500. And in 2008 the number of spawning redds had jumped to over 1000!

The five year salmon cycle from 2005 should be reflected in next year's runs. Accordingly we have high hopes for the 2010 season!

Booking for next season has now started and we very much hope that you will be able to join us. The earlier you contact us, the better the chance of procuring fishing during your preferred week(s).

Sincerely,

Your team of the Norwegian Flyfishers Club