

Season 2019 On The Gaula

After a very warm April and a quite cold May, the temperatures in the night of the season start have been just a bit above 0 degrees. Even on the higher mountains in the Storen area we had some new snow. These conditions didn't make the fishing easier. On the 1st and 2nd of June each day one fish got lost in the E-Beats.



Sacha Puetz with his beautiful salmon from beat E6.

One fish got lost after a serious fight at the rocks in E2 by cutting the line and the second fish bend the size 6 hook. So we had to wait until the 3rd June, until Sacha Puetz managed to land at 1 pm the first salmon on NFC water. It was a dream of a fish, measuring 114 cm and weighing approx. 15,3 kg / 33 ¾ lb. After a quick picture Sacha released the fish carefully.

The next fish was also caught on Beat E6, this time it was Gray Struznik who caught his first Atlantic salmon. After an exciting fight in the very fast water he was able to land a salmon measuring 111 cm and weighing approx. 14 kg / 31lb. As well his fish was completely fresh with sea lice covering his back. Gray also released his fish carefully.



Gray Struznik with his salmon of 111 cm.

The weather soon improved, and the air temperature went up to 29 degrees.

The next fish on the NFC Beats was landed by Christian Petuya on beat E3. His fish was 103 cm long and he estimated the weight of approx. 10 kg/ 22 lb. Also he released his fish carefully.

The first fish on NFC water above the Gaulfossen was landed by Johannes Kahrs on the 05.06. Johannes fished a black fly in the lower part of beat B1 when he got a nice take in very shallow water. After an exciting fight he landed his first salmon of the 2019 season. His fish was 102 cm long and weighted approx. 11 kg/ 24 ¼ lb. He released his fish carefully after a quick picture.



The first landed fish from the NFC Beats above Gaulfossen.

Maurizio Restaino managed to land the next salmon on Beat E2. His fish shows that we already have some medium size fish in the river. His salmon was 83 cm long and weighed approx. 6 kg. It took a Banana fly and was carefully released after a quick picture.



Maurizio Restaino with his first salmon of the season from beat E2.

Also, Thies Reimers managed to land his first salmon of the season on beat E6. His fish was 94 cm long and weighted approx. 8 kg. He released his fish after taking a quick picture.



Another fresh and silver salmon from beat E6, this time caught by Thies Reimers.

The next fish was caught by Kristof Reuther from Germany, who managed to land his very first Atlantic Salmon on beat E3. His fish was 96 cm long and he released it carefully after taking a nice picture. We will see later some film footage about this, as filmmakers Danie Goez and Anton Hamacher were filming.



Kristof Reuther and Anton Hamacher with Kristof's first Atlantic Salmon.

Johannes Kahrs managed to land his second fish of the season on Beat E6. This fish weighed approx. 6 kg, but was as silver and fresh as they get in early June. Johannes also released this fish carefully.

The next fish was landed by Heiner Bueschen, as well on beat E6. His fish was 91 cm long and weighed 6,5 kg. Sadly, his fish was bleeding badly and couldn't be released.

The water level on the Gaulfossen went up to 494 m³/second but already dropped to 108 m³/second last night. This means that the salmon can pass the Gaulfossen without any problems. We are curious how the next days will be and hope to be able to present you more catches soon. We expect every moment that more salmon arrive on the NFC beats above the Gaulfossen. Also, the fishing on the NFC beats below the Gaulfossen seems to be getting better again. The numbers of the research nets in the Trondheim fjord look very promising in terms of the number of large salmon. These fish are examined and tagged and are released afterwards. This will ensure f. ex. more knowledge about the origin of these fish which were born in one of the rivers draining into the Trondheimfjord. Of these rivers the Gaula is the largest and approx. 1/3rd of all salmon that enter the fjord are heading for their home river Gaula.

Overall, the first days on the entire Gaula were quite successful. A total of 463 salmon with a total weight of 4,064 kg were landed by June 12th. Of these, 371 fish weighed over 7 kg / 15 ½ lb (large salmon) and weighing in total 3,634 kg. In addition to the large salmon, 76 medium-sized salmon weighing between 3 and 7 kg / 5 ½ - 15 ½ lb and 16 grilse were landed. 43% of the caught salmon have been released. 51% of them caught by fly, 27% on worm, 17% on spoon and 3% on wobbler.

The water level went up and down because of the snow melt and rain. There are 5 warmer days in the forecast for the next days but already at the beginning of next week is the temperature expected to drop again. In every case are the water temperatures between 11 and 13 ½ °C at an ideal fly-fishing level. Now there is despite a lot of rain and higher temperatures at times, some snow left in higher mountain reaches in the North-East.

There are a few rods available during the next weeks. If you are interested in fishing at the Gaula, then you are welcome to contact us at any time by email: raguse@t-online.de or by phone at 0049 (0) 40 589 23 02.

The conditions are improving, and some nice salmon have been caught on the NFC Beats. 27.06.2019

The conditions are getting better from day to day. The water temperature is rising and the water level on the Gaulfossen dropped to 61 m³/second. So, the salmon are able to pass the Gaulfossen rapids without any problems and therefore also the catches on the NFC Beats on the middle and upper river improved. But also, the fishing on the lower Gaula has been good. Eric Ottens managed to land a silver salmon of 101 cm on beat E6. Just some time before he already lost one fish and the day before he lost a really big salmon which sadly decided to leave the pool.



Eric Ottens with his beautiful salmon of 101 cm from beat E6.

Also regular guest Bruce Lindley from the UK managed to land his first fish of the week on the same beat. His fish weighed approx. 6,5 kg/ 14 ½ lb. and he released it carefully after taking some pictures.



Bruce with his salmon of 6,5 kg/ 14 ½ lb. from beat E6.

As well Heiner Büschen landed a nice fish in beat E6. It looks like this beat improved even more during the last year and it seems like this beat is fishing now in basically all water levels.

Also David Swain, who returned to the NFC water after some years again, had a good week, landing three fish. David landed his first salmon of 90 cm in beat G1. The next salmon he got was 103 cm, from Beat E1. The last fish of the week measured 83 cm from beat BS1. David released all fish carefully.



David Swain with his salmon of 90 cm from beat G1.



Davids second fish of 103 cm from beat E1.

Also Fergus Kelly landed his first fish after some tough days fishing. His beautiful fish from beat G1 measured 97 cm. Also Fergus released his fish carefully.



Fergus with his beautiful salmon of 97 cm from beat G1.

Also Thies Reimers was able to land another fish. This time from beat C1, even if the water level was too high. His fish was 97 cm long and weighed approx. 9 kg. Also Thies released his fish carefully.

Manfred Raguse landed two nice fish and released them both carefully. The first fish from beat E7 measured 97 cm, the second one from beat C2 measured 93 cm.



Manfred with his salmon from beat E7.



... and the second one from beat C2.

Also Jean Luc Verstraeten managed to land his first Gaula salmon of the season. His very powerful fish of 100 cm took his fly in beat G1 and was landed after a hard fight all the way down in the pool below.



Jean Luc Verstraeten with his salmon of 100 cm from beat G1.



Also Jean Luc released his fish carefully.

Gerald Schimetta from Austria had also a very good start into his week. He landed his first fish of approx. 9 kg/ 20 lb, on beat BS2.



Gerald with his beautiful salmon from beat BS2.

Just a little bit later also Thomas Mahnke hooked his first salmon on Beat BS1. After a very exciting fight he managed to land a nice fish of 97 cm. After a quick picture he released his fish carefully.



Thomas with his salmon of 97 cm from beat BS1.

Also Guttorm Kringlen from Norway landed a nice salmon of approx. 7 kg/ 15 ½ lb. on beat BS1 and in the session afterwards Rolf Spjelkavik from Norway landed a beautiful salmon of 102 cm.



Rolf Spjelkavik with his beautiful salmon of 102 cm from beat BS1.

Gerald Schimetta managed to land another salmon. This time it was a nice salmon of approx. 9 kg/ 20 lb. from Beat C2. Also he released this fish carefully.



Gerald Schimetta with his beautiful salmon of 9 kg from Beat C2.

The conditions are looking promising for the next few days. The water level rose from 61 m³/second on the Gaulfossen to 270 m³/second and we are sure we can show you some more pictures very soon.

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Still difficult fishing on the Gaula but the average weight is still high. Update 05.07.2019 02.08.2019

Since our last update the water level dropped constantly, and the fishing got a bit easier. We have been able to take the heavy sinking lines off the reels and the much lighter lines have been a much better choice for many of the NFC Beats. After we experienced some very good fishing on the NFC Beats in the Storen area it was only a question of time until these fish will reach the beats in Kotsoy. And so, it was not surprising that a good amount of fish has been recorded from the Beat BS1 in the following days.



Andreas Grass with his salmon of approx..9,5 kg/ 21 lb measuring 97 cm, from Beat BS1.

Andreas Grass and Ulli Dorfner fished together in BS1 and both lost a nice fish. After some time, Andreas hooked another fish and after an exciting fight he managed to land his first salmon of the week. It was a beautiful fish of 97 cm and approx. 9,5 kg/ 21 lb. He released his fish carefully after taking a quick picture.

Then it was Thomas Mahnke and Poul Petersen who had a really good session on Beat B1. First it was Poul, who was able to land a nice salmon with a weight of approx. 8 kg/ 17 ½ lb. A little bit later also Thomas landed another salmon of approx. 8 kg. Both fish were carefully released.

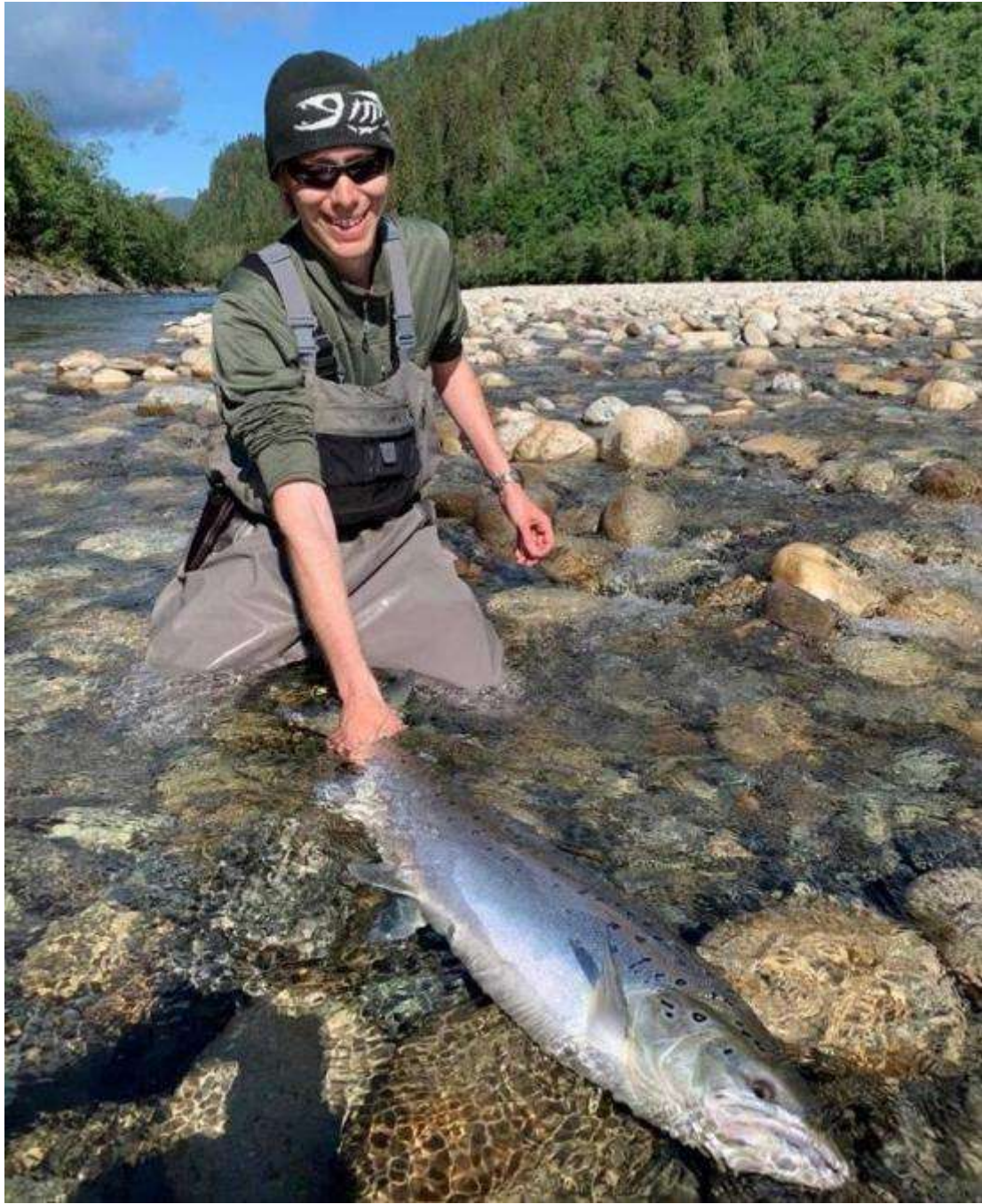


Poul Petersen with his salmon from Beat B1



Just a little bit later Thomas Mahnke managed to land another nice fish of approx. 8 kg/ 17 ½ lb on Beat B1.

Thies Reimers caught a nice salmon of approx. 10 kg/ 22 lb on Beat D2. After a quick picture he released the fish carefully.



Thies Reimers with his salmon from Beat D2.

Also Fabrice Bergues from France took advantage the chance of the dropping water level and managed to land his first fish of the week in Beat G1. His fish was 101 cm long and weighted approx. 11 kg/ 24 ¼ lb. Also, he released his fish carefully after taking a quick picture.



Fabrice Bergues playing his fish on Beat G1.



Fabrice Bergues with his fish of approx. 11 kg/ 24 ¼ lb from beat G1.

Also, Gerald Schimetta managed to land another salmon. This time it was on the Beat G1 where he managed to land a nice salmon of 85 cm and 5,8 kg/ 12 ¾ lb.



Gerald Schimetta with his salmon from Beat G1.

Also Trond Wise Hansen landed a nice salmon of 91 cm in Beat BS1.

The next day, the water started to rise quickly due to heavy rain. The Gaulfossen went up to 313 m³/second at 17:15 and despite the high-water level some beautiful salmon were landed.

Thies Reimers caught the first fish during the high water in Beat B1. His fish was 101 cm long and weighted approx. 11 kg.

The next fish was caught by Birger Nordberg on Beat G1. His fish was 94 cm long. Also, Trond Wise Hansen landed another salmon. His fish from Beat G1 was 90 cm long. All fish have been carefully released.

The following day Dieter Brede managed to land a nice salmon of 91 cm and 7,5 kg/ 16 ½ lb on Beat B1.



Dieter Brede with his salmon from Beat B1.

With the dropping water level, but still 160 m³/second at the Gaulfossen it was Maurizio Restaino who managed to land the next salmon. It was a grilse of 60 cm from Beat A1. Also Alexander Basikov took the opportunity and landed a nice fish of 93 cm and 8 kg/ 17 ½ lb on Beat C2.

The next fish was caught by Tom Lee. He took the chance in his first session on Sunday evening at Beat G1 to catch his first Gaula salmon. His fish was 104 cm long and weighed approx. 12 kg/ 26 ½ lb.



Tom's dream of a fish from Beat G1.

The next fish was landed by Mortan Carlsen after an exciting fight at Beat BS1. His fish was 105 cm long and weighted approx. 11 kg/ 24 ½ lb.



Mortan Carlsen playing his fish at Beat BS1.



Mortan Carlsen with his beautiful salmon from Beat BS1.

Also Johan Bstieler managed to land two nice fish. His first fish, a grilse from Beat E1 weighed approx. 2,1 kg/ 4 ½ lb and his second fish from E6 weighed approx. 6,3 kg/ almost 14 lb. He released both fishes carefully.

Christian Pauli caught another fish in the E Beats. His fish from Beat E7a weighed approx. 6,3 kg/ almost 14 lb. He released his fish carefully.

Reto Suremann landed a very special salmon. His fish of 110 cm and approx. 13,8 kg/ 30 ½ lb took his fly at the Bua Bridge Pool. He released his fish as well.

After that it was again Johan Bstieler who landed two more fish. The first one of approx. 4,6 kg/ 10 lb on the Beat BS1, the second fish of 8,4 kg/ 18 ½ lb on Beat E2. He released both fish carefully.

Also Gerhard Wiese landed a nice fish of approx. 5 kg/ 11 lb on Beat C2.

David Wilkinson had only a few days time to fish the Gaula and already on the first evening he landed his first fish of approx. 4,5 kg/ 10 lb from Beat BS1.

The next salmon was caught by Takuo Noda on Beat E1A. His fish was 105 cm long and weighted approx. 11,5 kg/ 25 ½ lb. After a quick picture he released the fish carefully.



Takuo Noda with his fresh Atlantic salmon from Beat E1A.

Also Mortan Carlsen managed to land another salmon, this time from Beat B1. His fish was 103 cm long and weighted approx. 11 kg/ 24 ¼ lb. Also this fish was carefully released after a few quick pictures.



Mortan Carlsen with his salmon from Beat B1

The next day Mortan Carlsen caught another salmon of approx. 3,5 kg/ 7 ¾ lb on Beat E1A and Luca Versti landed his first Gaula salmon of 88 cm and approx. 7,3 kg/ 16 lb on Beat B1.



Luca Versti with his salmon from Beat B1.

The air and the water temperature dropped dramatically in the last few days. This did not make the fishing easier, but the guests still managed to catch some nice fish, which we will be showing you in the following update.

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Difficult fishing due to high water temperature and temporary closure of fishing on the Gaula 30.07.2019 03.08.2019

After the coldest start to the month of July since 1902 in parts of our region Trondelag an astonishing turnaround on very warm weather took place. Meanwhile, the heat wave from Europe has the Gaula under control. Even if the water level is still at 21 m³ / second on the Gaulfossen, the water temperature has already risen to over 20 degrees. This has led the river administration to stop fishing on the Gaula at 12 noon on Friday 26th July. As soon as the water temperature drops, the fishing on the Gaula continues.



Julien Sindous fish from Beat E1A.

This kind of fishing stop is very rare on the Gaula.

It is very surprising that despite the high water temperature and the relatively low water level, a good number of fresh fish is still coming into the Gaula. In difficult conditions due to warm weather, Especially the E Beats in the lower Gaula are producing most of the fish. Here is a brief overview of the catches before the closure.

The first fish after our last update was caught by Julien Sindou on Beat E1A. His fish weighed approx. 3,5 kg and he released it carefully after taking a quick picture.

Also, Andre Scholz is back on the Gaula and landed his first fish of the week on Beat G1. His fresh fish weighed approx. 3,5 kg and was carefully released.

Karl-Peter Ingber was successful on Beat E1A. His fish measured 94 cm and was carefully released after a quick picture.



Karl-Peter Ingber with his salmon of 94 cm from Beat E1A.

Andre Scholz landed a real exceptional fish at the Bua. It was a perfect sea trout of exactly 70 cm, which took his fly. The fish was carefully released after a quick photo.



Andres sea trout of 70 cm from the Bua.

Bob Colson managed to land a very nice fish on Beat E2. After an exciting fight, in which his fly line caught got caught behind a few stones in Beat E3, he landed a salmon of 90 cm. After a quick photo he released the fish carefully.



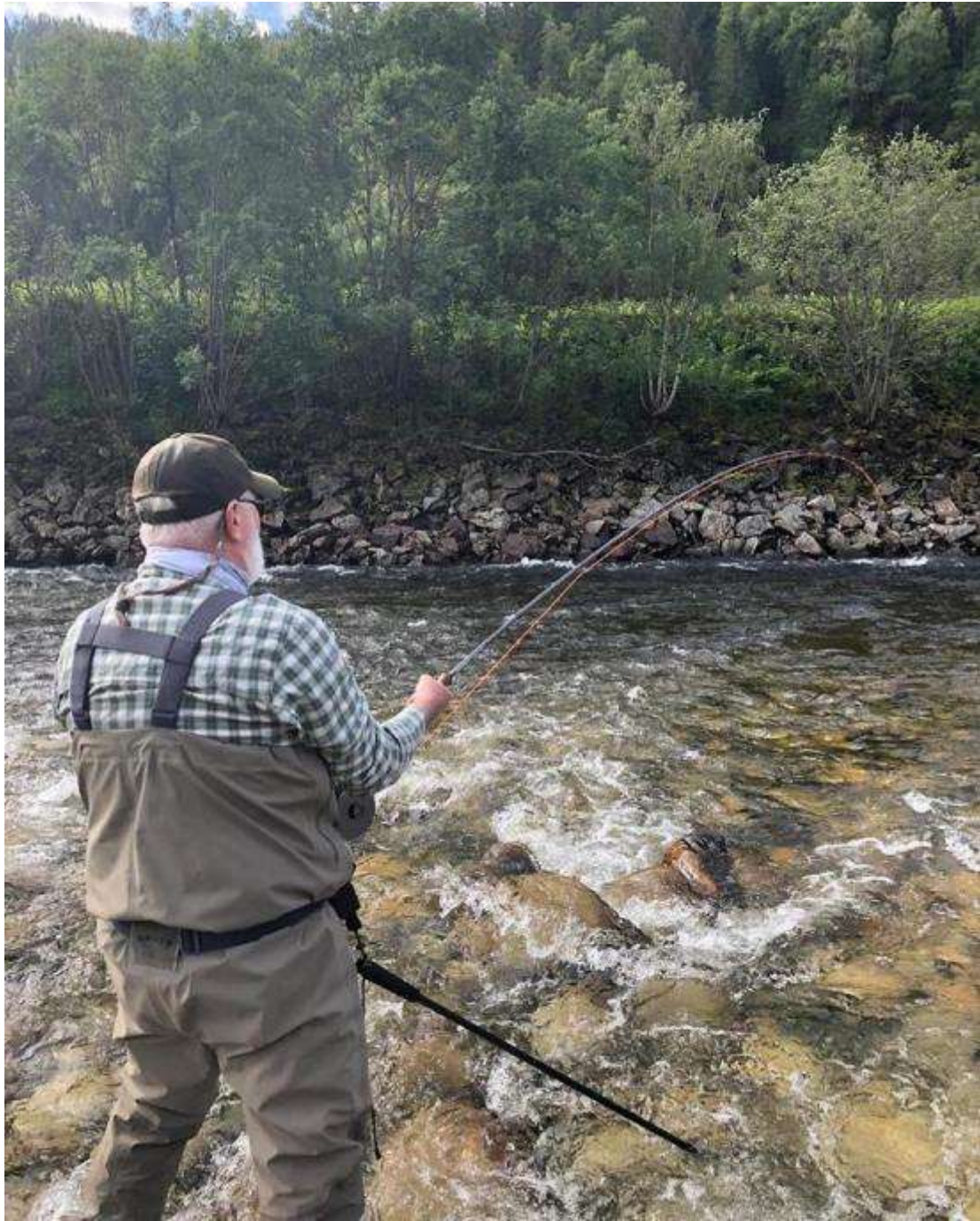
Thies measuring Bob fish.

Aleksandr Gyurdzhan landed a nice fish of 79 cm at the Bua Beat. Also, this fish was carefully released after taking a quick photo.

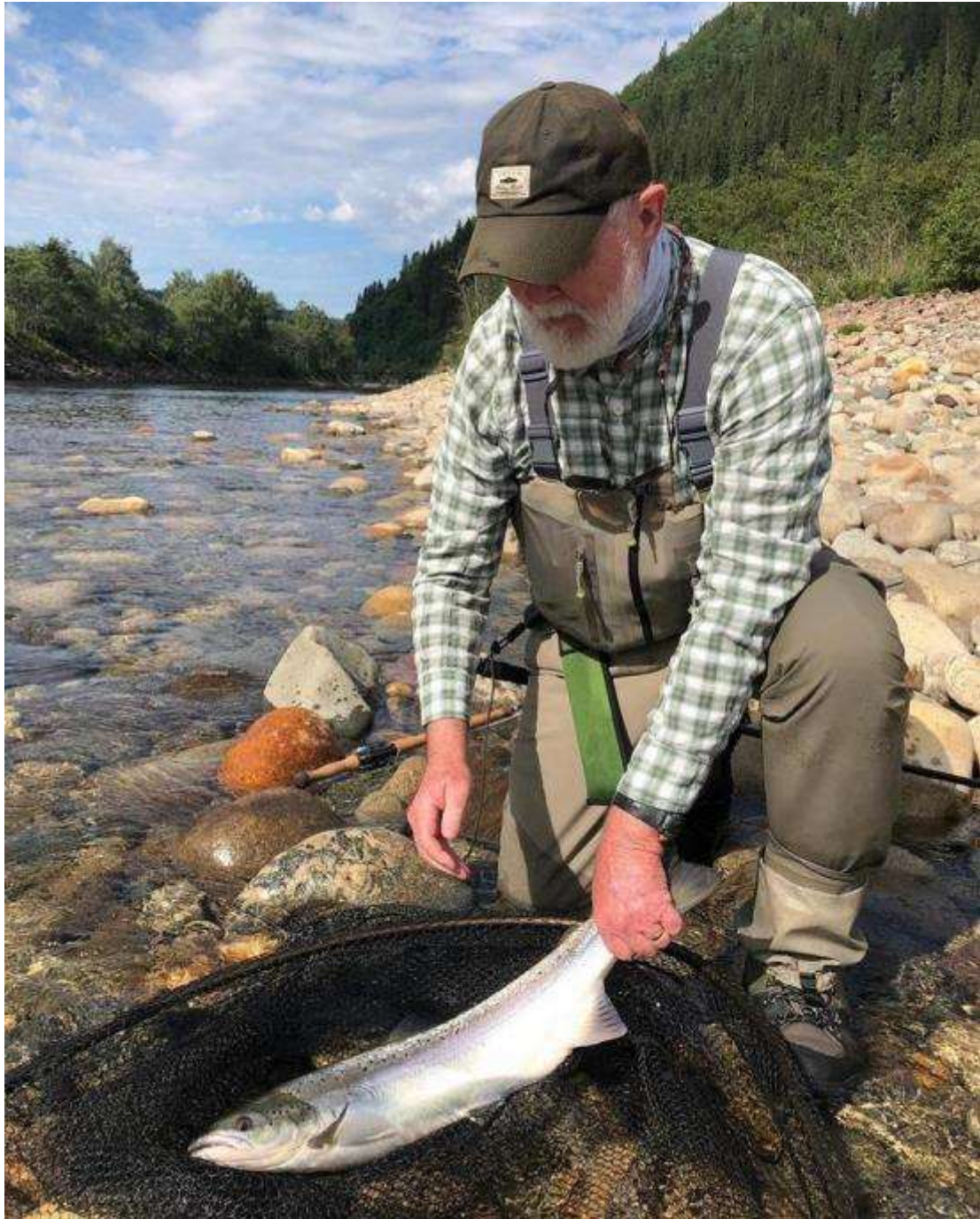


Aleksandr Gyurdzhan and Nick with Aleksandrs fish from the Bua.

Also Earl Tester, who only fished 3 days at the NFC Beats experienced some good fishing. He hooked 3 fish, but sadly managed only to land one. The two other fish got away during the fight. His fish of 74 cm from Beat M2 was released by Earl carefully after a quick picture.



Earl Tester playing his fish at Beat M2.



Earl with his salmon from Beat M2.

Andre Scholz managed to land two more salmon. One fish of 89 cm and approx. 7 kg from Beat E1 and a grilse of 2,5 kg from Beat G1. He released both fish carefully.



Andre Scholz with his salmon from Beat E1.

A real dream of a fish was caught by Alan Cochran on Beat E1a. In his first session of the week he managed to land a beautiful fresh salmon of 99 cm. He released his fish carefully after taking a quick picture.



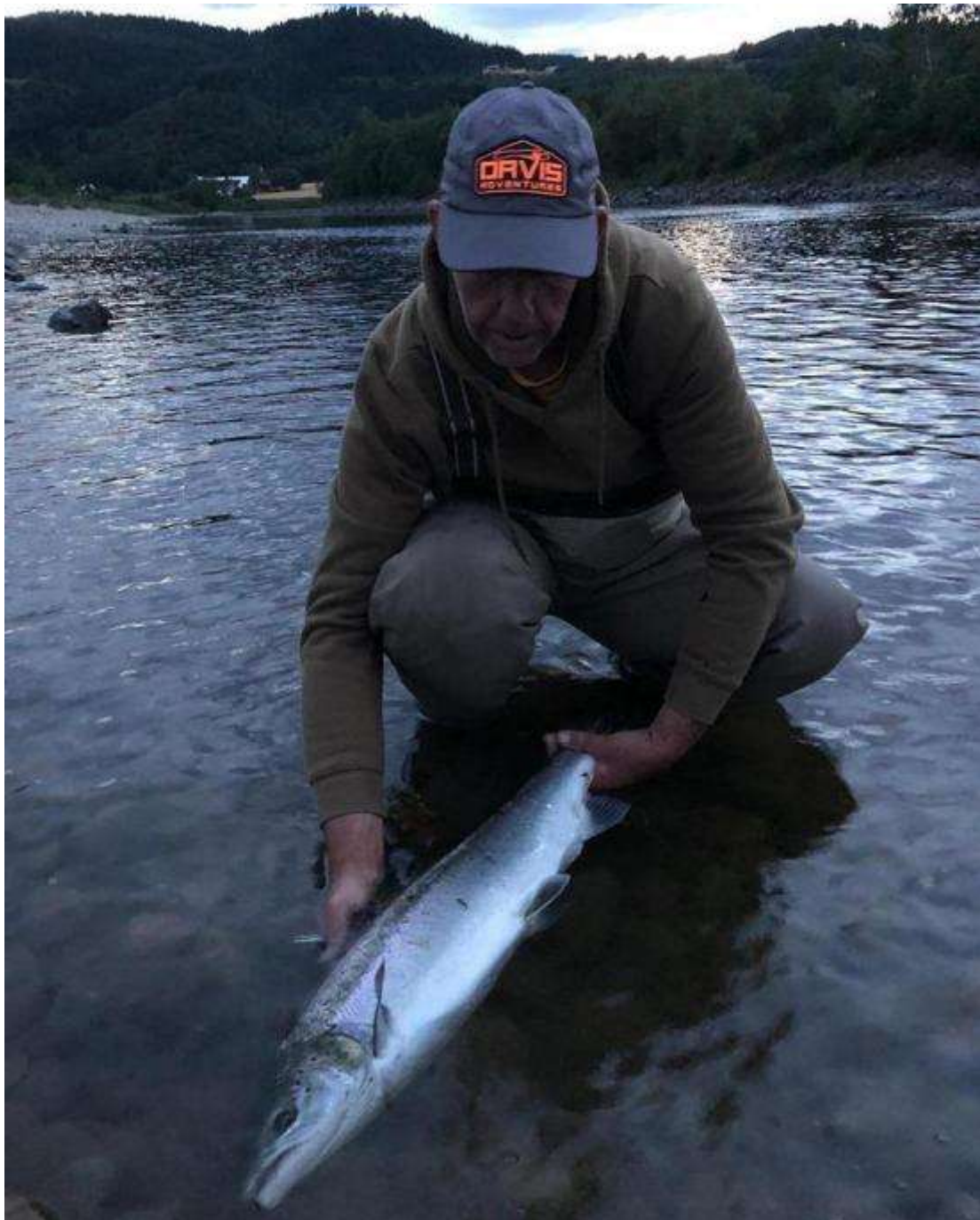
Alan Cochran with his salmon of 99 cm from Beat E1A.

The Norwegian weather forecast predicts 4 more days with over 30 degrees for Storen. Thereafter, however, the

temperatures should drop to around 20 degrees. We will keep you updated on this website and will post it here as soon as we know when the fishing on the Gaula can continue. In the last year, the rain came faster than expected and immediately we experienced a sensational fishing. The chance that this will be repeated shortly is not bad. In the latest report, the research nets reported an improved catch of salmon migrating into the Trondheim fjord. So it might be worth it to have a look on our website and check the weather forecast and then get to the Gaula at short notice.

There are a few rods available during rest of the season. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to fish the Gaula during this season, or if you want to secure your space for next season (1st June – 31st August). You can reach us by email: info@internationalflyfishersclub.com or by phone: 0049 (0) 172-4266036.

After the Gaula was closed for almost 14 days, everyone hoped for an August like last year. But also after a significant increase of the water level, the fishing was still very tough in August. Of course, some fish were caught on the NFC Beats, but compared to last year, the fishing remained difficult until the end of the season. We can only guess for what reason. There was less fish in the river this year, but also the higher temperatures until the last days of August did not make the fishing easier. Here is a short summary of the catches until the end of the season:



Simon Kitcher with a salmon of approx.. 5 kg from Beat E2.

When the water rose from 21 m³ / second at the Gaulfossen to 52 m³ / second on the 9th of August, we were sure that after almost 2 weeks without fishing, some good fish would be caught on the first day. This was unfortunately not the case. The only salmon was caught by Kennett Gundersen on Beat B1. It was a grilse of about 1.5 kg, which he released carefully. The next day, the fishing improved. The next fish was caught by Simon Kitcher on Beat E2. His fish of 80 cm and about 5 kg took a black-green tube fly in fast water. Simon released his fish carefully after a quick photo. Also Per Arneberg was successful on Beat C1 and landed a grilse of about 1.2 kg. Tom E. Jebsen also landed a grilse of about 1.3 kg on the Free for All Beat right at the lodge. Jonah Finkelstein had a good session on Beat B1 and landed two grilse. Jonah estimated both salmon to about 2.0 and 2.5 kg. All fish have been carefully released.



Jonah Finkelstein with his second Grilse from Beat B1.

Jonah was also successful on Beat M1 and landed a beautiful salmon of approx. 6 kg. He also released this fish carefully.



Jonah Finkelsteins salmon of approx. 6 kg from Beat M1.

Also, Alexander Basikov took advantage of the better conditions and fished Beat C2. After he had already lost two fish he was able to land the third fish after an exciting fight. His fish was 80 cm long and weighed approx. 5 kg. Alex released this fish carefully after taking a quick picture.



Alex Basikov with his salmon of approx. 5 kg from Beat C2.

Just a few minutes after Alex Basikov landed his salmon on Beat C2, Hernan Garcia hooked a good fish on Beat B1. It was immediately clear that it was a larger fish and after an exciting fight, in which he had to follow the fish all the way down to the Beat B2, he managed to land a beautiful salmon of 106 cm and approx. 13 kg. Hernan released the fish carefully after a quick photo.



Hernan Garcia with his salmon of 106 cm from Beat B1.

Also Per Arneberg was successful again and landed a nice salmon of 94 cm and approx. 8 kg on Beat E7. Per released his fish carefully after a quick photo.



Per Arnebergs fish of 94 cm from Beat E7.

After Per landed this fish, he decided to drive up to the Bua. This decision was right, because after only a few casts, he landed his second salmon of the day. This time the fish was a bit smaller with approx. 5 kg. He also released this fish carefully.

Also, Henrik Fredriksen landed a really nice fish on Beat C2. Henrik estimated the fish to weigh approx. 11 kg. After a quick photo, he released the fish carefully.



Henrik Frederiksen with his salmon of approx. 11 kg from Beat C2.

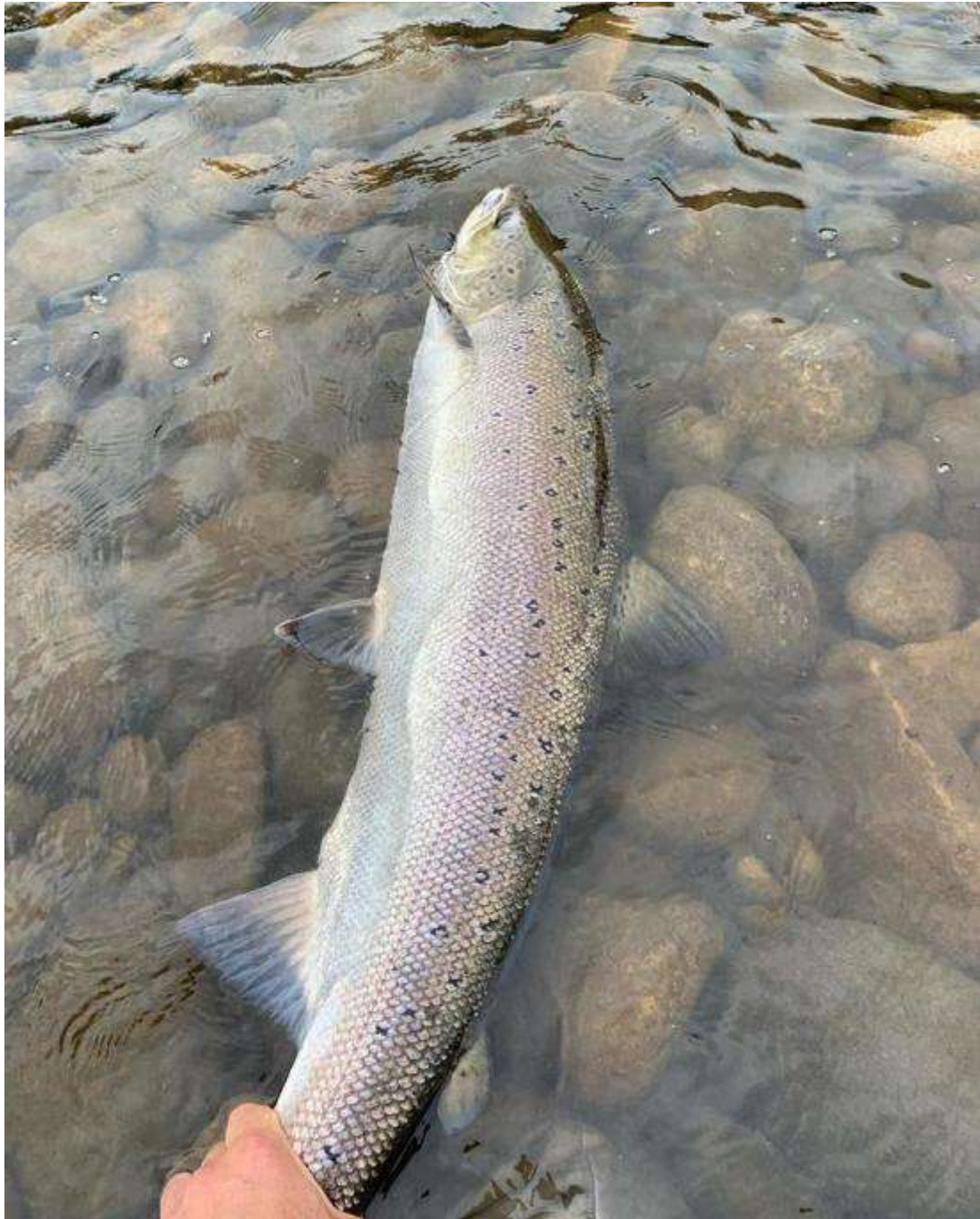
Thies Reimers also landed a salmon on Beat C1. His fish was 90 cm long and weighed approx. 7 kg. After a quick photo, he released the fish carefully.



Thies Reimers with his salmon of approx. 7 kg from Beat C1.

In the meantime, also some nice sea trout between 1 and 2 kg were caught. It seems that the sea trout stock is recovering a bit. When we dived through the pools at the end of July, we saw some nice fish.

After that it was Daniel Stephan who was able to land two fish on Beat A1. Daniels first fish weighed approx. 2.5 kg, the second fish was much bigger. After an exciting fight, Daniel landed a beautiful salmon of 106 cm and approx. 11 kg. He released both fish carefully.



Daniels salmon of 106 cm from Beat A1.

Jonah Finkelstein also landed two more salmon. First, he caught a salmon of 5.5 kg on Beat B1 and a second one of approx. 4 kg on Beat E2. Jonah released both fish carefully.

Antti Lehto was also successful at the E Beats. He landed in his first session of the week a beautiful salmon of 88 cm on Beat E1. Also Antti released his fish carefully.



Antti Lehto with his salmon from Beat E1.

Simon Kitcher had some good fishing and landed three salmon in three days. The first salmon of approx. 5 kg he landed on Beat G1. The second salmon of 105 cm and 11.4 kg he managed to land after an exciting fight on Beat BS1 and the last salmon of approx. 3.3 kg was on Beat M1. Simon released all fish carefully.



Simon Kitcher with his beautiful salmon of 105 cm from Beat BS1.

Jim Perz landed the next nice salmon on Beat C1. His fish was 97 cm long and weighed approx. 9 kg. Jim carefully released his fish after a quick photo.



Jim Perz with his salmon from Beat C1

Gordon Wilkinson was successful on Beat E1a. He landed a nice salmon of approx. 4.5 kg and released the fish carefully. George Lawrence was also successful on Beat E1a and landed a salmon of approx. 4.5 kg. George also released his fish carefully.

The last salmon of the season 2019 was landed by Olivier Sonmen on Beat BS1. After an exciting fight he was able to hold a nice salmon of approx. 5.5 kg in his hands. After a quick photo he released the fish carefully.



Olivier Sonmen with his salmon from Beat BS1.

The current result for the Gaula is 3906 landed fish with a total weight of just over 21 tons. These numbers will change a bit in the next few weeks, because several fish will be registered as usual after the end of the season.

Even though it was a difficult season on the Gaula, we had a very nice time and can not wait to pack our bags in less than 9 months and return to this beautiful river. We are already starting to book people in for the 2020 season, and if you are thinking of fishing on the Gaula next year: now is the time to secure one of the last free rods. A few weeks in prime time are already almost fully booked and even the few free rods will fill up quickly. If you are interested, please send us an email to info@internationalflyfishersclub.com or call us: 0049 (0) 40 589 23 02.