

Season 2020 On The Gaula

Difficult conditions on the Gaula but the first fish were caught on the NFC Beats from June 17th 2020 05.08.2020

Many of you might wonder why we still have not published any pictures of catches. This is, of course, primarily due to the fact that most of the guests usually come from abroad and this has not been possible so far due to Covid 19.



Alex with the first salmon 2020 from the NFC Beats.

Unfortunately the long-lasting flooding of up to 900 cubic meters per second at the Gaulfossen has exposed some clay fields, making the water in the lower Gaula extremely murky. The visibility was often only 15-20 cm and unfortunately made fishing on the E Beats almost impossible. In Lundamo on Beat L1, the water is also murky, but the visibility is significantly better here. Manfred Raguse was able to hook a large fish there on June 12, but lost it after about 5 minutes.

Yesterday the water level was finally low enough and the first two NFC fish were landed on Beat L1. After an exciting fight, Alexander Barsikow landed the first fish of the season on the NFC Beats in the fast water of the Beat L1. His salmon of 81 cm, weighing about 5.0 kg/ 11 lb. took his red fly in the upper area of the channel. After a quick photo, Alex released the fish carefully.



An Atlantic salmon as fresh as they can be, with long tail sea lice.



Alex released his fish carefully.

Just a short time after Alex released his fish, Thies was able to catch his first salmon of the season in the upper area of the Beat L1. His fish decided to leave the pool and so the fish was landed in the beat below. This fish, a beautiful fresh male, was 97 cm long and weighed approx. 9 kg7 close to 20 lb. Thies also released his fish carefully after taking a quick picture.



Another beautiful fish from Beat L1.

The water temperature has now risen significantly to over 10 ° C and we saw the first fish on the surface. The next few days will be unusually warm with temperatures of up to 30 degrees. This will make the river rise again a bit, but it looks like a lot of the snow has already melted. As soon as the temperatures will drop again, as expected from next Monday, the water level should drop significantly. Hopefully, this will result in the water in Kval clearing up again and that the fish can pass the Gaulfossen in the near future.

A few large fish have already been landed at the Gaula. The largest fish to date weighed 21.2 kg and was caught in the lower Gaula on worms. In addition, a 17 kg salmon was landed on the fly at Gaulfossen. So there are also some big fish in the river. So far, a total of 325 salmon have been caught with a total weight of 2,539 kg. 47% were caught on fly, 42% on worm, 7% on spoon, 2% on wobbler. 45% of the fish caught were released.



The water colour during the last days in the lower Gaula. Unfortunately it is still too murky to fish successfully with the fly.

There is also some news for tourists entering Norway: The Norwegian government has decided that from June 15, tourists from Denmark and Finland will be allowed to come to Norway. Only tourists coming from the island of Gotland are allowed to enter from Sweden. At the moment it looks like as July 20 could be the earliest date on which more detailed information may be available on whether and when tourists from Germany and other EU countries are allowed to travel to Norway. We hope that more information will come from the Norwegian government in 14 days.

We will keep you updated and will keep you informed about the current situation. If you would like to come to the Gaula this season, please let us know. Due to the numerous cancellations due to Covid-19, we will probably have enough vacant rods available. In this case, please contact us ideally by email info@internationalflyfishersclub.com or Tel. 0049 172-4266036.

The fishing has improved significantly and the fish have been passing the Gauffossen *05.08.2020*
from 01.07.2020

In the last few weeks, the weather on the Gaula has been characterized by very warm temperatures and bright sun. The thermometer partly rose to over 30 degrees, which is absolutely unusual for Norway in June.



Jimmy Jakobsen with his salmon of 2,2 kg from Beat E2.

This heat wave caused intensive melting of the snow in the mountains and this caused a very high water level for three weeks. In the early afternoon, the melting snow made the Gaula rise and during the night the river started to drop again due to reduced temperatures, an everyday Yoyo effect. It is unbelievable how a natural river, that is not developed for hydro electricity generation, varies in the water flow. During the Easter days, the Gaulfossen measured $40 \text{ m}^3 / \text{sec.}$ and in the first half of June the river went up to almost $1000 \text{ m}^3 / \text{sec.}$ This did not make fishing any easier because the lower Gaula remained extremely coloured and was almost unfishable for a long time. Depending on how the water mixed at the bridge in Kval, there was still the chance to catch a fish, especially with a slightly higher water level. This was demonstrated, for example, by Jimmy Jacobsen with his grilse of approx. 60 cm from Beat E2.

On June 23, the water level on the Gaula dropped so much that the salmon could finally pass the Gaulfossen. It took just under 24 hours for Thies to land the first salmon above Gaulfossen on Beat B1. His fish was 92 cm long and weighed approx. 7.5 kg/ 16 ½ lb. Just a few minutes after Thies released this salmon, he was able to land another fish after an exciting fight. This fish was 93 cm long and weighed 6.8 kg/ 15lb.



Thies with his first salmon above the Gaulfossen from Beat B1.

Also Daniel Stephan was able to land his first fish of the season on Beat A1. His fish was 81 cm long and weighed approx. 5 kg/ 11lb. Alexander Barsikow landed another fish of 90 cm and 6 kg/ 13lb on Beat BS2.



Alex with his salmon of 90 cm from Beat BS2

In the evening Daniel Stephan caught another fish on Beat A1. This time it was a 97 cm and 9 kg /almost 20lb. After a quick photo, Daniel released the fish carefully.



Another Beautiful salmon of 97 cm for Daniel from Beat A1.

Thies managed to land another salmon on Beat BS2. He released this female salmon of 86 cm carefully after taking a few pictures.



Another fresh salmon from Beat BS2.

Cato Holmengen also landed a nice salmon on Beat BS2. His fish was 72 cm long and weighed approx. 3.5 kg/ 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Mortan A. Carlsen was also successful on Beat BS1 and landed a fresh salmon of approx. 4 kg /almost 9 lb. Mortan released his fish carefully.

On Sunday it was Thies again who landed a beautiful 98 cm and 9.5 kg/ 21 lb salmon on Beat C2 on a banana fly. Thies also released this fish carefully.



A beautiful fresh salmon of 98 cm from Beat C2.

Truls Pedersen had just arrived on Sunday afternoon and was able to land his first fish of the week on Beat BS2 in the early evening. His fish was 91 cm long and weighed approx. 8 kg/ 17 ½ lb. After a quick photo, he carefully released his fish.



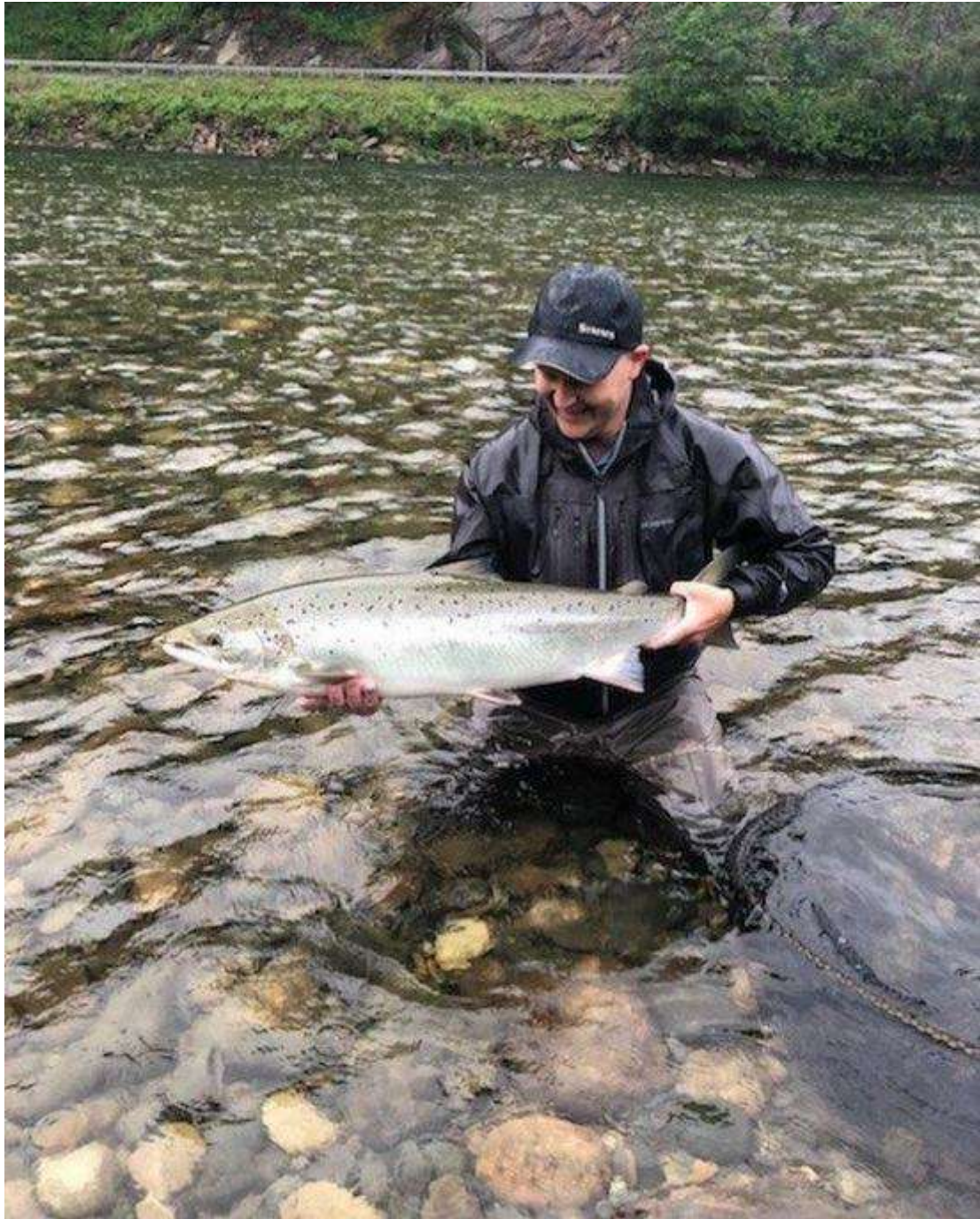
Truls Pedersen with his first fish of the week from Beat BS2.

Petter Geelmyeden was also successful on his first day and landed two beautiful salmon. He landed the first fish of 66 cm and approx. 2.5 kg/ 5 ½ lb on Beat B2 and the next afternoon he caught another salmon of 98 cm and approx. 9.3 kg/ 20 ½ lb on Beat B1. Petter released both fish carefully.



Petter Geelmyeden with his second fish of the week from Beat B1.

Joachim Stromsnes was also directly successful and landed a beautiful fish of 105 cm and approx. 11.5 kg/ 25 lb on Beat BS1. He also gently released his fish after a quick photo.



Joachim Stromsnes with his perfect Gaula salmon of 105 cm from Beat BS1.

The water temperature had already risen to 18.5 degrees at times but has cooled down to 14.1 ° C in the past few hours due to significantly lower temperatures and occasional rain showers. The weather forecast for the next 10 days looks very promising. The temperatures remain relatively low and the sun should shine much less often in the coming days. The conditions are still very good now and we should be able to present you the next catches very soon.

In addition, the signs for traveling to Norway are now looking much more positive. The Norwegian government will announce on July 10 which countries are allowed to enter Norway from July 15. If the Covid-19 infections in Germany do not increase significantly, there is a chance that Germans will soon be able to fish at the Gaula again. As soon as we have news about this we will inform you immediately. If you are interested in coming to the Gaula this season, please contact us as soon as possible via email info@internationalflyfishersclub.com or Tel. 0049-172-4266036.

**Norway is opening the borders for tourists and still good fishing on the Gaula From
31.07.2020**

18.08.2020

Finally, Norway has opened the borders for tourists from many EU countries, including Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium and the Netherlands, from July 15, 2020. In addition, the almost tropical temperatures in Norway have now been gone for about 14 days and the river offers excellent conditions for fly fishing.



Eirik with a real Gaula Monster of 119,5 cm from Beat B2.

Due to constant rain showers and rather low temperatures, the water level is currently around 100 m³ per second in Gaulfossen and is dropping very slowly. There are more rain showers in the forecast for the coming days. The water temperature is not too high either, it is currently between 10 and 13 degrees.

The relatively promising conditions have also led to some very good catches in the last few days. In the first weeks of the season the larger fish, weighing far more than 10 kg, have been missing, it seems they have now finally found their way into the river. In the past few days, some impressive fish have been caught on the NFC Beats, including a female salmon of 119.5 cm and approx. 17 kg from Beat B2.

Mortan Carlsen, who just flew home for a week to the Faroe Islands, caught again some nice fish, including a salmon of 111 cm and approx. 13.5 kg on Beat BS1.



Mortan with his salmon of 111 cm from Beat BS1.

There was also a beautiful salmon of 112 cm and approx. 14 kg landed at the Bua Bridge Pool. In addition to some large fish, many fish between 6 and 10 kg were caught, but also some grilse were among the catches.



Thomas Kroman with his father Claus and a nice salmon of approx. 8.5 kg almost 19 lb from Beat A1.

As you can see, fishing on the Gaula is good at the moment and the weather forecast indicates that the coming days should also be very promising. There are still a few rods vacant in the next few weeks until the end of the season on August 31st. So if you want to fish on the Gaula this year, you should contact us now to secure your rod.

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Good run on the Gaula with big numbers of grilse From 31.07.2020

18.08.2020

A lot has happened on the Gaula since our last update. The weather conditions are excellent for fishing. The lowest water level so far was 50 m³ / second (Gaulfossen) and frequent rain showers have caused the Gaula to rise again and again. In the last week the river rose to 306 m³ / second on the Gaulfossen.



Manfred Raguse with a salmon of 101 cm weighing approx. 10 kg/ 22 lb from Beat A1.

The weather forecast for the coming days is also very promising. The temperatures are usually between 14 and 22 degrees. Also one or the other rain shower will ensure that the river will maintain a very good water level. There is no indication of low water like in previous years at the moment!

At the moment there are mostly grilse which are caught by the guests on the NFC Beats. But there are always a few big fish. Manfred Raguse landed a good salmon of 101 cm and approx. 10 kg/ 22 lb in Beat A1. After a quick photo, he released the fish carefully.

Thies also landed a beautiful salmon of 103 cm and approx. 11.5 kg/ 25 ½ lb on Beat B2. He also released his fish carefully after taking a quick picture.



Thies caught this beautiful salmon of 103 cm on Beat B2.

This fish is another sign that the Beat B2 developed significantly positively due to the long and powerful flood in May / June 2020. In the Beat B2 (Renna) some Grilse and medium-sized salmon have been caught in the last few days.

The Beat C2 also developed positively in it's upper part due to the flood. Kim Kjetil Groesland managed to land here a beautiful salmon of 92 cm and approx. 7 kg/ 15 ½ lb. Kim carefully released his fish after taking a quick photo.



Kim-Kjetil Grøslund with his salmon of approx. 7 kg /15 ½ lb from Beat C2.

Manfred Raguse proved that the Grilse run has improved this year. He landed 5 grilse between 57 and 68 cm (about 1.8 to 3.3 kg) in one day. Manfred landed one fish in Beat C2, the other 4 in Beat A1. He carefully released all of them.



Manfred Raguse with one of his 4 Grilse from Beat A1.

Daniel Stephan also landed some nice fish. In one day he first caught a nice salmon of 97 cm and approx. 9 kg / almost 20 lb on Beat C1. In the evening he landed two grilse of 1.0 kg and 1.8 kg on the new Bua Beat.



Daniel with his salmon of 97 cm from Beat C1

Shortly after his arrival Jeff Leopold was able to land a nice salmon of 92 cm and approx. 7 kg/ 15 ½ lb on Beat C2. Jeff carefully released his fish after a quick photo.



Jeff Leopold with his salmon of 92 cm from Beat C2.

Since Norway opened the borders to many European countries on July 15, more guests from abroad are now coming to the Gaula. Among others, Juan Salgado came up and had good fishing on the NFC Beats. In addition to a few grilse, he also landed this fresh 80 cm salmon on Beat BS1. He released his fish after taking a quick picture.



Juan Salgado with his fresh salmon of 80 cm from Beat BS1.

Rene Didbun also had a successful week and landed 9 fish, including a salmon of 90 cm and approx. 7 kg / 15 ½ lb from Beat A1. In addition, Rene caught a salmon of 72 cm and approx. 4.0 kg/ almost 9 lb and a grilse of 61 cm and approx. 2.1 kg on the new Bua Beat. Rene released all of his fish carefully.

This is just a brief summary of the catches since our last update. Many more grilse were caught in all beats, which we do not want to list individually here.

The total catch at the Gaula is currently 24,995 kg among 5216 fish. The three largest fish landed on the Gaula weighed 23.0 kg / 50 ¾ lb, 21.2 kg/ 46 ½ lb and 21.0 kg/ 46 ¼ lb. The 10 largest salmon are all over 17 kg/ 37 ½ lb. A very impressive result. With the given circumstances, it is most likely that the Gaula will experience the best season since some years.

The conditions for August are looking promising, because the water level is almost perfect and even a good weather period with high temperatures is not in sight at the moment. This is your chance in the coming weeks to get to know the exclusive fishing on the NFC beats for a relatively small amount of money and in first class conditions.

Prices including accommodation: Week 32 = € 1.348, week 33 = € 1.301, week 34 = € 1.208 and week 35 (8 nights) = € 1.348. These prices are converted as of July 31, 2020.

There are still a few rods vacant in the next few weeks until the end of the season on August 31. So if you want to fish at the Gaula this year, you should contact us now to secure your rod.

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A difficult end of the season finalizing an overall good season on the Gaula

22.10.2020

Now the 2020 season on the Gaula is already over. It was an unfamiliar situation for all of us, because of the extremely strict travel restrictions of the Norwegian government. A normal season, as we know it, was simply not possible. Even when the Norwegian government re-opened the borders for many EU countries on July 15, they gradually closed the borders again, so that nobody could really plan their vacation.



Eirik Fjellidal with the biggest salmon (119,5 cm und 17 kg (37.4 lb)) from the NFC Beats.

The NFC Lodge was closed all season and the guests were accommodated in country houses. Due to the significantly increased amount of snow and the late spring flood, fishing was practically impossible in the first week of the season and in the second week it was anything but easy. In addition to the very high-water level, the colored water in the lower Gaula made fishing difficult.

When the fish were finally able to pass the Gaulfossen in the last week of June, the guests on the NFC Beats experienced first-class fishing. Even if the really big fish were not around yet, there were many salmon between 95 and 98 cm. Then more and more medium-sized salmon and the first grilse were running the Gaula, which caused further action among the fishermen. Fishing with the riffing-hitch technique and dry fly have been very interesting.

Fishing in August turned out to be even more difficult. There were not that many fresh fish entering the river and the old fish did not seem to really move either. But even now, with a little effort, you could experience some good fishing. It was just a matter of staying motivated and spending as much time as possible on the water. It was less about fishing continuously, but more about watching the fish and waiting for the right moment for a few effective casts.

The fishing was relatively good in the first week of August. Martin Sunde caught 4 beautiful fish in one day. First, he landed two salmon of 98 cm and 95 cm on Beat BS1. Then he fished the Beat A1 and landed another fish of 67 cm. In the evening

Martin decided to return to the Beat BS1 again, which quickly turned out to be the right decision, because he was able to land another 76 cm salmon.



One of four fish Martin was able to land, this one was caught on the Beat BS1.

Lauri Aho and Sami Markus from Finland were also successful. Lauri landed a grilse of approx. 2.3 kg (5 lb) on Beat B2 and Sami caught a grilse of 2.5 kg (5,5 lb) on Beat B1. Both fish were carefully released. Thies also landed another salmon of approx. 3 kg (6,6 lb) on Beat A1, which he also released carefully. Daniel Stephan, Markus Hietala and Sami Markus each caught a grilse on Beats A1, B1 and B2. Sami Markus caught the next big fish on Beat A1. His fish was 95 cm long and weighed approx. 9 kg (19,5 lb). Sami released his fish carefully after taking a quick picture.



Sami Markus with his beautiful salmon of 95 cm from Beat A1.

Shortly after Sami released this beautiful fish, he caught another salmon of approx. 3.5 kg (7,7 lb), which he also released carefully. Lauri Aho was also able to land a beautiful fish of 96 cm and approx. 9 kg (19,8 lb) on Beat B1. He also released his fish carefully.



Lauri with his fish of 96 cm and approx. 9 kg (19,8 lb) from Beat B1.

Thies also caught two more fish. First, he landed a salmon of 83 cm and approx. 5.5 kg (12,1 lb) on beat A2 and the next morning he landed a salmon of 78 cm and approx. 4.7 (10,3 lb) kg on beat C2. Thies also released both fish carefully.



A beautiful salmon of 83 cm and approx. 5,5 kg (12,1 lb), which Thies landed on Beat A2.

Manfred Raguse also caught two more fish on Beat C2. First he landed a salmon of 66 cm and 2.8 kg (6,1 lb) and a short time later a second salmon of 89 cm and approx. 7.0 kg (15 ½ lb). Manfred carefully put back both fish.



Manfred Raguse with another salmon of 89 cm and approx. 7 kg (15 ½ lb) from Beat C2.

Henrik Mortensen also started successful into his week. He landed two fish with a dry fly on Beat C2. His first fish was 63 cm and weighed approx. 2 kg (4,4 lb), the second fish was a nice fish of 100 cm and approx. 10 kg (22 lb)– what an amazing fish on a dry fly!



A very nice fish of 100 cm that Henrik was able to land with a single-handed rod and a dry fly on Beat C2.

Peter Gran also caught a nice salmon of 82 cm and approx. 5.5 kg (12,1 lb) on Beat C2. This fish also took a fly from the surface, but this time it was a Riffing Hitch, not a dry fly.



Peter Gran with his salmon of approx. 5.5 kg (12,1 lb), which he could catch with the riffling hitch technique on Beat C2. Trevor Malloch landed two grilse in the same session.



Trevor with one of his two grilse from Beat C2.

Henrik Mortensen and his wife Mette were also successful on Beat C2. Henrik first landed a salmon of 67 cm and approx. 3 kg (6,6 lb) and his wife Mette landed a salmon of 74 cm and approx. 4 kg (8,8 lb). Both fish were carefully released.



Mette with her salmon of 74 cm from Beat C2.

The next fish was caught again by Henrik Mortensen. He fished the Beat C2 with a dry fly and a single-handed rod when a large fish came from the bottom and took his dry fly. After an exciting fight Henrik was able to land an exceptional fish of 115 cm and approx. 16 kg (35,2 lb). After a quick photo, Henrik released the big female carefully.



Henrik with his exceptional fish of approx. 16 kg (35,2 lb), which he was able to land on Beat C2.

Peter Gran also landed two more fish. This time it was a fish of 64 cm on Beat C2 and a grilse of 61 cm on Beat BS1. He released both fish carefully. Henrik Mortensen landed two more fish of 61 and 67 cm on Beat BS2, which he both released carefully. His wife Mette was also successful again and landed a grilse of 65 cm and approx. 2.5 kg (5,5 lb) on Beat C2. She also released her fish carefully.



Mette with her Grilse, which she landed on Beat C2.

Thies was also able to land some nice fish in the meantime. Including a salmon of 80 cm and approx. 5.0 kg (11,0 lb), which he was able to catch on Beat B2 with the single handed rod and the Riffing Hitch technique.



A beautiful fish, which Thies managed to land on a single handed rod on Beat B2.

Jonah Finkelstein also visited the NFC Beats on the Gaula again this year and caught two Grilse measuring 54 cm and 64 cm. He landed both fish on Beat E2 and released them carefully.

Tobias Cordes landed his first Gaula salmon on Beat E2. After he had a few bites during the week, a 59 cm and approx. 2.0 kg (4,4 lb) grilse got finally hooked. Tobias released his fish carefully.

Rene Didbun used the higher water level and landed a beautiful male salmon of 97 cm and approx. 9 kg (19,8 lb) on Beat BS2. Rene also released this fish carefully.



Renes fish of 97 cm already wore beautiful autumn colors.

Sven Oliver Spethmann also landed a nice salmon of 75 cm and approx. 4 kg (8,8 lb) on Beat E2. His fish was still pretty silver. Sven Oliver released his salmon carefully after taking a few pictures.



Sven Oliver with his salmon of approx. 4 kg (8,8 lb) from Beat E2.

After his grilse from Beat E2, it was now a really good fish Tobias Cordes landed on Beat E1A. His fish was 100 cm long and weighed approx. 10 kg (22 lb). Tobias also released this fish carefully after taking a quick picture.



A successful end for Tobi. Catching a fish weighing 10 kg (22 lb) on your first salmon holiday does not happen to everyone.

Thies Also managed to land two more Grilse on Beat A1.

Henrik Mortensen caught the last fish of the season in the Bua with a dry fly. Even if it was "only" a grilse, these catches give hope for an exciting dry fly fishery in the Bua next year.



A Grilse took Henriks dry fly in one of the many smaller pockets in the Bua river.

As these catches show, despite difficult conditions, August can be quite successful on the Gaula. You can book a week of fishing in August in the exclusive rotation Beats from € 1.240 through the International Flyfishers Club!

During season 2020 a total of 6.692 salmon with a total weight of 29.952,16 kg/ 60,518 lb were landed on the Gaula.

Of the 6.692 salmon caught, 1.571 were over 7 kg (15 lb), 2.006 were between 3 and 7 kg (between 6,6 lb and 15 lb) and 3.115 weighed less than 3 kg (6,6 lb). The proportion of grilse was particularly high this year, which gives hope for a good run of medium-sized salmon in the coming year. The three largest salmon of the season all weighed over 20 kg (44 lb) (23.0 kg (almost 51 lb), 21.2 kg (46,7 lb), and 21.0 kg (46,3 lb)). The average weight of the 10 largest salmon caught on the Gaula is an impressive 18.97 kg (41,8 lb)! On the entire river, 67% of the salmon caught were released.

We are looking forward to the 2021 season, which will hopefully be "normal" again. If you are interested in fishing the Gaula then you should be fast. Since most of the guests were rebooked from the 2020 season to the 2021 season, many prime-time weeks are almost fully booked now. If you are interested, you should contact us as soon as possible at E-Mail info@internationalflyfishersclub.com or +49-172-4266036.