

Successful season start on the Gaula and the first fish from the NFC Beats

June 2nd, 2021

After the conditions at the start of the season last year were anything but perfect, the Gaula showed itself at its best this year. At midnight it was 263 m³ / second at the Gaulfossen. The watercolor was also ideal. During the day the water level even dropped to 215 m³ / second at Gaulfossen and so it was only a matter of time before the first fish could be landed on the NFC beats.



Eirik Fjellidal with the first salmon from the NFC beats in 2021.

It was Eirik Fjellidal who got a good pull in E1 and, after an exciting fight, landed the first salmon on the NFC beats. His fish was 84 cm long and Eirik estimated the weight to be about 6 kg/13 1/2lb. After a quick photo, he released the fish carefully.

The first day on the Gaula was also in general very successful. So far 60 fish with a total weight of 474.53 kg have been reported. The largest fish so far was landed at the Gaulfossen and was 122 cm long and weighed approx. 18.7 kg.

Due to very warm temperatures (28.4 degrees) the water level went up to 351 m³ / second at Gaulfossen during the night and is now dropping again. For the next few days, maximum daily temperatures of up to 27 degrees are predicted in Støren. As soon as the temperatures drop again at the weekend, there is a good chance that the first fish can pass the Gaulfossen.

Unfortunately, there are no news about the rules to enter Norway. We will inform you here as soon as there is something new.

If you are interested in fishing the Gaula on the water of the Norwegian Flyfishers Club this season, please contact us at info@internationalflyfishersclub.com or phone: 0049- (0) 40-5892302. We will then let you know when the Norwegian government gives green light and sort out all details.

Good conditions on the Gaula and the first fish were caught on the NFC beats above the Gaulfossen

June 15th, 2021|

The conditions on the Gaula have been ideal in the last few days. The water temperature was between 9 and 13 degrees Celsius at the Eggafossen and the water level at the Gaulfossen is currently 109 m³ / second. This means that the salmon have been able to pass the Gaulfossen without any problems for a few days, and so it was only a matter of time before the first salmon have been caught on the NFC beats above the Gaulfossen.



Alastair Dunbar mit seinem ersten Lachs der Saison 2021 von den NFC Strecken.

Alastair Dunbar caught his first salmon of the season on June 2nd. on beat E1. His fish was 77 cm long and weighed approx. 4.7 kg (10,3 lb). Alastair carefully released this fish after a quick photo.

Sven Fugger landed the next fish, also on Beat E1. After nothing happened the previous evening, Sven got a nice pull in the lower part of Beat E1 the next morning and after an exciting fight Sven was able to land a nice salmon of 84 cm and 7.4 kg (16,3 lb).



Sven Fugger with his fish of 84 cm from beat E1.

Mortan Carlsen landed the first salmon from the NFC Beats above the Gaulfossen on Beat B2. His fish was 96 cm long and weighed approx. 9.1 kg (20,0 lb). Mortan released his fish carefully after a quick photo.



The first salmon from the NFC beats above Gaulfossen, which Mortan Carlsen was able to land on Beat B2.

In the afternoon it was Alastair Dunbar again who landed his next salmon. Alastair caught his first fish above the Gaulfossen at the Lodge Pool. His fish was 84 cm long and Alastair released this fish after taking a quick photo.



Alastair caught this beautiful salmon of 84 cm at our Lodge Pool.

Unfortunately, the rules for getting into Norway have not changed so far. Entry for tourist purposes is still not possible. The digital vaccination passport, which is now available faster than we thought, gives some more hope. The number of infections also continues to decline. There is hope that entry from 1.7. will be possible again. As soon as there are news from Norway, we will let you know.

A total of 542 salmon with a total weight of 2553.61 kg have been landed on the Gaula so far (as of June 14, 2021). The largest fish was caught with the fly near Lundamo on June 7th, 2021 and weighed

an impressive 20.9 kg (46,07 lb). The average weight of the 10 largest salmon caught on the Gaula so far is an impressive 17.11 kg (37,7 lb) and will get even higher as the season progresses. The latest report from the research nets showed a very gratifying increase in salmon currently migrating into the Trondheimsfjord towards the Gaula.

Norway allows entry for tourists and some large fish have been landed on the NFC beats.

June 28th, 2021|

The last few days have been a bit hectic for us because Norway opened on June 24th. its borders for vaccinated people from Austria, Bulgaria, Belgium, Cyprus, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Croatia, Iceland, Poland and Latvia. We can now provide you with detailed information. The fishing on the Gaula has been quite good since the season start on June 1st. So far (until 28th June) a total of 1528 salmon weighing 9.778 kg/ 21,560 lbs. was caught. This breaks down in 534 large salmon, weighing 5.083kg/ 11,208 lbs. + 897 medium sized salmon weighing 4.533 kg/ 9,995 lbs. + 97 grilse weighing 161 kg/ 355 lbs. Of these fish 40% were released.

The fishing in the past two weeks has not always been easy, but some of the very few privileged long distance travelling fishermen who were allowed to fish the Gaula in the early season had some fantastic hours on the water. After the fish passed the Gaulfossen, the fishing on the upper beats got very good and now there is a good head of fish spread into the middle and upper reaches of the Gaula. Árni Baldursson from Iceland landed his first Gaula salmon of the 2021 season on Beat B2. His salmon weighed about 9 kg and Árni released his fish carefully after a quick photo.



Árni Balsursson with his beautiful salmon from Beat B2.

His good friend Mortan Carlsen from the Faroese Islands, a regular rod on the Gaula, was also successful in the same session on Beat B2 and landed a salmon of 97 cm and approx. 9.5 kg. Mortan also released his salmon carefully after a quick photo.



Mortan with his salmon of 97 cm from beat B2.

Juha Kaartinen caught the next fish on Beat BS1. His fish was 84 cm long and weighed 5.5 kg.



Juha Kaartinen with his salmon of 5,5 kg from Beat BS1.

In the same session his friend Juhani Tuohimaa caught a beautiful salmon of 97 cm and 8.8 kg.



Juhani Tuohimaa with his salmon of 97 cm from beat BS1.

Alastair Dunbar had a great day. He caught three salmon within a few hours. Two of them in the Lodge Pool and one on Beat B1. Alastair's fish were 98 cm, 99 cm and 100 cm long. Alastair released all fish carefully.



Alastair with the biggest of his three fish. This one was measuring 100 cm.

Then it was Mortan Carlsen again who landed his next fish. This time Mortan fished the Beat BS1 when he got a good bite in the upper section. After lifting the rod it was immediately clear that it had to be a really good fish that took his fly. After an exciting fight, Mortan was able to land a beautiful fish weighing 14.1 kg. Mortan released this fish carefully after a quick photo.



Mortan with his beautiful salmon of 14,1 kg from the Beat BS1.

The next fish was landed again by Alastair Dunbar. He landed a really beautiful fish. His fish from the Lodge pool weighed approx. 13.9 kg. Alastair also released this fish carefully after taking a quick picture.



Alastairs beautiful fish of approx. 13,9 kg from the Lodge Pool.

Nic Schwerdtfeger was also able to land his first salmon on the NFC beats this season. His fish from Beat BS1 was 88 cm long and weighed approx. 6.5 kg. Nic also released this fish after a quick photo.



Nic Schwerdtfeger with his salmon of 88 cm from Beat BS1.

Then it was Mortan Carlsen again who landed the next big fish. This time Mortan was successful on Beat A1 and landed a nice fish of 12 kg. Unfortunately, the fish was bleeding so that Mortan had to keep the fish.



Mortan with his salmon of 12kg from Beat A1.

Manfred Raguse was also successful on Beat BS1 and landed a nice salmon of almost 5 kg on Beat BS1.



Manfred Raguse with his first salmon of the season with almost 5 kg from Beat BS1.

The next session, which he will probably not soon forget, had Alexander Basikov. He landed two beautiful fish in a row at the lodge pool. Alex hooked the first fish on the upper Beat M. The fish immediately felt very heavy and after an exciting fight Alex was able to land a salmon of 114 cm and approx. 14.1 kg. Just a short time later, another big fish took his fly, this time in the lodge pool, directly below the lodge. Alex was also able to land this fish successfully. The second fish was 109 cm long and weighed approximately 12.8 kg. He released both fish carefully.



Alex with his beautiful salmon of 114 cm and 14,1 kg.



The smaller of the two fish that Alex was able to land on the Lodge Beat was “only” 109 cm long.

Thies Reimers was also able to land his first salmon of the season. His fish from Beat C2 was 83 cm long and weighed approx. 5.5 kg. Thies also released his fish.

Ulf Myrbo also started the new week successfully and landed a beautiful fish of 103 cm and approx. 10.8 kg on Beat A1 on Monday morning. Ulf also released his fish after a quick photo.



Ulf's fish of 103 cm from Beat A1.

Low water and high water temperatures make for difficult conditions on the Gaula, but some nice fish were caught on the NFC Beats.

August 4th, 2021|

The 2021 season on the Gaula has not been easy so far. Both from a fishing point of view and from the point of view of all parties involved in the salmon fishery. At first it was not possible to enter Norway, then Norway opened its borders to tourists and since July 5, unvaccinated people with the correct papers have also been allowed to enter Norway. The number of corona cases in Europe gradually rose again and for more and more countries it is no longer possible for people who are not fully vaccinated to enter Norway (e.g. France, the Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland). That makes planning very difficult. Then there is a dry summer in Norway and relatively high temperatures. In the past few days, the level at the Gaulfossen has only been 5.7 cubic meters per second. The water temperature rose to just over 20 degrees. This in turn led to the river management deciding to stop fishing on the Gaula for 3 days. Despite all these not exactly easy circumstances, some nice fish were landed on the NFC Beats, which we would like to present to you here.



Mac with his salmon of 98 cm from Beat M.

Mac Meyer visited the NFC Beats on the Gaula for the first time and after a long time without fish contact he landed two nice fish. The first fish was 86 cm long and weighed about 6 kg. Mac caught this fish at the upper part of the Lodge Pool.



Mac releasing his first Gaula salmon.

The next day the water had risen a bit and Mac fished the Lodge Pool again, but this time the lower area below the lodge. Mac saw some new fish coming into the pool and just a short time later he got a good bite. After an exciting fight Mac landed a nice Gaula salmon of 98 cm and about 9 kg. He released both fish carefully.

Manfred Raguse landed a salmon of about 6 kg on Beat A1 and a sea trout of about 3 kg on Beat B2.

As we have seen in recent years, when the water level is low, the Beats on the lower Gaula are particularly productive again, so it was not surprising that more and more fish were landed on the E Beats in Kval as the water levels dropped. For example, Werner Brinker landed a salmon measuring 73 cm and approx. 3.5 kg. Johan Bstieler also landed a grilse of around 1.6 kg on Beat E1. Hans Wolf had a successful fishery at the Lodge Pool the next evening. First Hans landed a nice salmon of 92cm and about 8kg and only a short time later he landed another fish of 79cm and about 5kg.

Mac Meyer was also successful again on the Lodge Pool and landed his third fish of the week with 70 cm and approx. 3.5 kg.

Johan Bstieler caught his next salmon on Beat BS1. His grilse of 60 cm and approx. 2.1 kg took a shrimp pattern.

Hans E. Wolf was also able to land his third fish of the week. This time it was a grilse of approx 2.5 kg.

Bernd Kuleisa then experienced a real moment of glory. Early in the morning Bernd landed three salmon weighing 5.5 kg, 3.5 kg and 1.0 kg on Beat E2 and shortly before midday a really good fish took his fly on Beat C2. After an exciting fight, Bernd landed his fourth salmon of the day, which was also the biggest at 100 cm and about 10 kg. Bernd carefully released all fish.



Bernd Kuleisa with his salmon of approx. 10 kg from Beat C2.

Fabrice also started successfully into the new week and landed a beautiful salmon of 107 cm and approx. 13 kg.



Fabrice and Nathalie with the fish from Fabrice which measured 107 cm and was landed on Beat A1.

Francois Deloup also started his week successfully and landed two salmon of 83 cm and 85 cm on Beat B1. Both fish took a banana tube fly.



Francois with one of his salmons from his session on Beat B1.

His fellow fisherman Francois Truffandier landed another grilse of about 1.5 kg in the same session.

Thomas Mahnke was also successful and landed a grilse of about 2 kg on Beat C2.

Nathalie then caught the next fish on Beat C2. She was fishing on the surface with a small hitch fly when suddenly a big fish came up and took her fly. It was immediately clear that it was a big fish, but how big the fish really was only became apparent after landing it. It was a beautiful salmon of 117 cm and approx. 16.3 kg.



Nathalie with her salmon of 117 cm from Beat C2.

Stefan Ludwig caught the next fish on a Riffing hitch fly, also on Beat C2. His grilse was 60 cm long and weighed approx. 2.5 kg.

Fabrice Bergues also landed another salmon of 73cm and 4kg on Beat C1.

Timo Järvinen landed his first fish of the week on Beat M1. His salmon of 70 cm and approx. 3 kg took a Sunray Shadow.

Stefan Ludwig landed his next fish of the week on Beat A1. This grilse of 60 cm and approx. 2.1 kg was also caught with the riffing hitch.

Julien Sindou landed a 61 cm grilse on Beat E2 and Yoshinobu Toide landed a 60 cm grilse on Beat E3. His fish took a Green Highlander.

Francoise Deloup was successful on the upper Beat M and landed two salmon of 76 cm and 83 cm.

Jens Nielsen landed a salmon of 83cm on Beat E3 and Poul Dörup Olsen also landed a grilse of 62cm on Beat E2. Francois Deloup landed another 90cm salmon on the upper Lodge Beat. All fish were carefully released.

Gerard Dilasser was also successful on the E Beats and landed two salmon. A grilse of 60 cm on Beat E3 and a salmon of 70 cm on Beat E1A.

Manfred Raguse experienced a successful morning on Beat BS1 and landed two nice salmon of 86 cm and 79 cm. He carefully released both of them.



Manfred with one of his salmon from Beat BS1.

Stefan Jonas caught a salmon of 71 cm and approx. 4.0 kg on Beat E1. Peter Gnehm landed a grilse of 54 cm and approx. 1.1 kg on Beat C1.

Peter Berik landed a nice salmon of 83cm and approx. 6kg on Beat C2. His fish took a hitch.

Manfred Raguse landed another salmon of 84 cm and approx. 6 kg on Beat BS1. He also released this fish after taking a quick photo.



Manfred Raguse with his salmon of 84 cm and approx. 6 kg from Beat BS1.

Attilio Biesuz landed a grilse of 58 cm and approx. 1.5 kg on Beat E1.

Stefan Jonas landed his second salmon of the week on Beat C2. This fish of 87 cm and approx. 6 kg took a bomber from the surface!



Stefan Jonas with his salmon of 87 cm and approx. 6 kg from Beat C2, which took a Bomber.

Despite the difficult conditions, Antonio Scrosone landed a nice salmon of around 10 kg on Beat E2 and his fellow fisherman Pietro Broglia landed a grilse of around 2.5 kg on Beat C2 and a salmon of around 4 kg on Beat A1. All fish were carefully released.

Difficult backend of the season on the Gaula

October 20th, 2021|

Last August was anything but easy on the Gaula. Low water, high water temperatures and fewer fish in the pools made fishing difficult, especially in the first half of August. But as the water started raising on the 15th of August to 676 cubic meters per second on the Gaulfossen the fishing got a bit better. For example, Rene Didßun landed a nice salmon of approx. 11.4 kg on Beat A1 and a grilse of approx. 2 kg on the same day. Jarle Haukvik, Harri Jäntti and Thies Reimers also landed a grilse of approx. 2 kg each that day.



Sami Markus with his beautiful salmon of 12 kg from Beat B1.

When the water started to drop significantly the next day, the fishing got even better. Sami Markus first landed a grilse of approx. 2.5 kg on beat B1, then it was a much larger fish that took his fly on the same beat. After an exciting fight, Sami was able to land a nice salmon weighing approx. 12 kg. He released both fish carefully.

On the same day, Stein Erik Lid landed two salmon weighing approx. 7.0 and 4.0 kg and a grilse weighing approx. 1.5 kg. Stein Erik released all three fish carefully.



Stein Erik with his beautiful salmon of approx. 7 kg from Beat B1.

Rene Didbun landed a grilse of approx. 2,8 kg and a salmon of approx. 7,3 kg.

Thies landed another salmon on the Lodge Beat weighing approx. 8 kg.

Jarle Haukvik started the next day with a salmon of 6.5 kg and Rene Didbun also landed another salmon of approx. 3.9 kg. Harri Jäntti also landed two more fish of approx. 4.0 and 5.9 kg.

Manfred Raguse also landed a cock salmon of 87cm and approx. 6.8 kg on Beat BS1 and Thies was able to land another salmon of approx. 5.6 kg on Beat BS1. Also these fish were all carefully released.

The next day it was again Stein Erik Lid who landed two beautiful salmon of approx. 8.0 and 5.0 kg. Jarle Haukvik was also successful again and landed a salmon of approx. 7.5 kg.

Manfred Raguse landed a 95cm long strong cock fish of approx. 8.8 kg on Beat BS1. He released his fish carefully.



Manfred Raguse with his salmon of 95 cm and a approx. 8.8 kg from the Beat BS1

Harri Jäntti was also able to land another nice salmon of approx. 6 kg on Beat BS1.



Harri Jäntti with his salmon of approx. 6 kg from Beat BS1.

Then the water rose overnight again to 614 cubic meters per second at the Gaulfossen and it took until the next day until the next fish were landed on the NFC Beats.

Jacob Vigerust landed the first fish of approx. 2 kg. Then it was Henrik Mortensen who landed a salmon weighing approx. 4 kg.



Dedicated young Norwegian anglers visited Manfred Raguse in the former NFC headquarters: From left to right: Christoffer Jordal, Jacob V. Farstad and Magnus Kalleklev, right Manfred Raguse.

Magnus Kalleklev also landed a nice salmon weighing approx. 8.8 kg at the Lodge Pool.



Magnus Kalleklev with his beautiful salmon of approx. 8,8 kg from the Lodge Pool.

Rene Didbun also landed his next fish of the week at the Lodge Pool. His fish weighed approx. 6.4 kg.

Harri Jäntti landed the last fish of the day on Beat BS1. His fish weighed approx. 6 kg.



Harri Jäntti with his salmon of approx. 6 kg from Beat BS1.

The next day Henrik Mortensen and Rene Didßun fished the Beat A1. First, Rene landed a salmon weighing approx. 6.3 kg. Shortly afterwards, Henrik hooked a really good fish. After an exciting fight, Henrik landed a dream fish weighing approx. 16.2 kg.



Henrik with his large salmon of approx. 16,2 kg from the Beat A1.

After Henrik released his fish, he landed another salmon of approx. 3.4 kg a little bit later. Magnus Kalleklev caught the next grilse at the lodge pool. His fish weighed approx. 2.7 kg.



This grilse of approx. 2,7 was caught by Magnus at the Lodge Pool.

Henrik Mortensen landed two more fish of approx. 3.0 and 5.7 kg and his fellow fisherman Rene Didßun also landed 3 more salmon of approx. 3.7 kg, 5.5 kg and 7.0 kg. Tobias Cordes caught a female salmon of 99cm on a black Temple Dog Tube on Beat C2.



Tobias Cordes with his salmon of 99 cm from Beat C2.

Thies Reimers caught another salmon of approx. 8.7 kg on Beat B1 and Thomas Mahnke landed a nice salmon of approx. 8 kg on the same beat. All fish were carefully released.



Tobias Cordes fishing the Beat B1.

Despite the difficult conditions, a total of 5052 salmon with a total weight of 24,483.75 kg/ 53,987 lb were reported. Of these, 1593 were grilse up to 3 kg, 2371 medium-sized salmon between 3 and 7 kg and 1088 large salmon over 7 kg. The average weight of the 10 largest salmon is an impressive 19.49 kg or 42,98 lb.

We assume that the corona situation will be much better until the coming season and that normal travels to Norway will be possible again. If you are interested in fishing on the Gaula, please do not hesitate to contact us, we will put together a suitable offer for you.