

River Ythan Trust Biosecurity Plan – Marine Scotland comments

Many thanks. Could you please treat the following comments as the response from Marine Scotland.

1. It is a clear, useful, informative and well laid out document.
2. Boxes describing invasive non-native species. These could perhaps usefully include something to the effect that these are species which can invade ie spread and colonise new waters.
3. The plan's stated objectives are entirely ones to do with INNS. Perhaps the objectives might be widened slightly to encompass possible biosecurity issues not involving INNS.
4. Policy and Legislation. ILFA 2003 is correctly listed, but its provisions will shortly be replaced by new ones implemented under WANE 2011.
5. Current biosecurity Issues. Rainbow trout have to date not proved to be invasive in Scotland as they have not managed to establish any self-sustaining populations.
6. Page 21. The mention of Wildlife Liaison Officer should perhaps be Wildlife Crime Officer to match the stakeholder listing on p16.