



2021 Whiteadder and Blackadder Trout & Grayling Catches Summary

Catch logbooks are an important resource for monitoring the number of fish caught, catch rates and size distribution of Trout in different parts of the catchment. However, the results are only as good as the data collected, and at the time of writing, the statistics presented are from just four anglers for the Whiteadder and Blackadder, which consists of four catch logbooks. The more logbooks returned, the more confidence we can have in the results. If you have any logbooks or fishing diaries from 2021 or previous years and would not mind sharing your catches, please could you get in touch with The Tweed Foundation

2021 Catch per unit effort summary

Anglers fishing for Brown trout in the Whiteadder catchment logged 14 trips for a total of 38 hours, catching a total of 55 Brown trout smaller than 25cm (10") and 22 Brown trout larger than 25cm (10"). The catch per unit effort in 1 hour was 1.77, which is just below the average for both Whiteadder and Blackadder since the logbooks began in 2006. No anglers reported fishing specifically for Grayling in 2021 in the Whiteadder or Blackadder. The catch rates since 2006 are shown in the graph below.

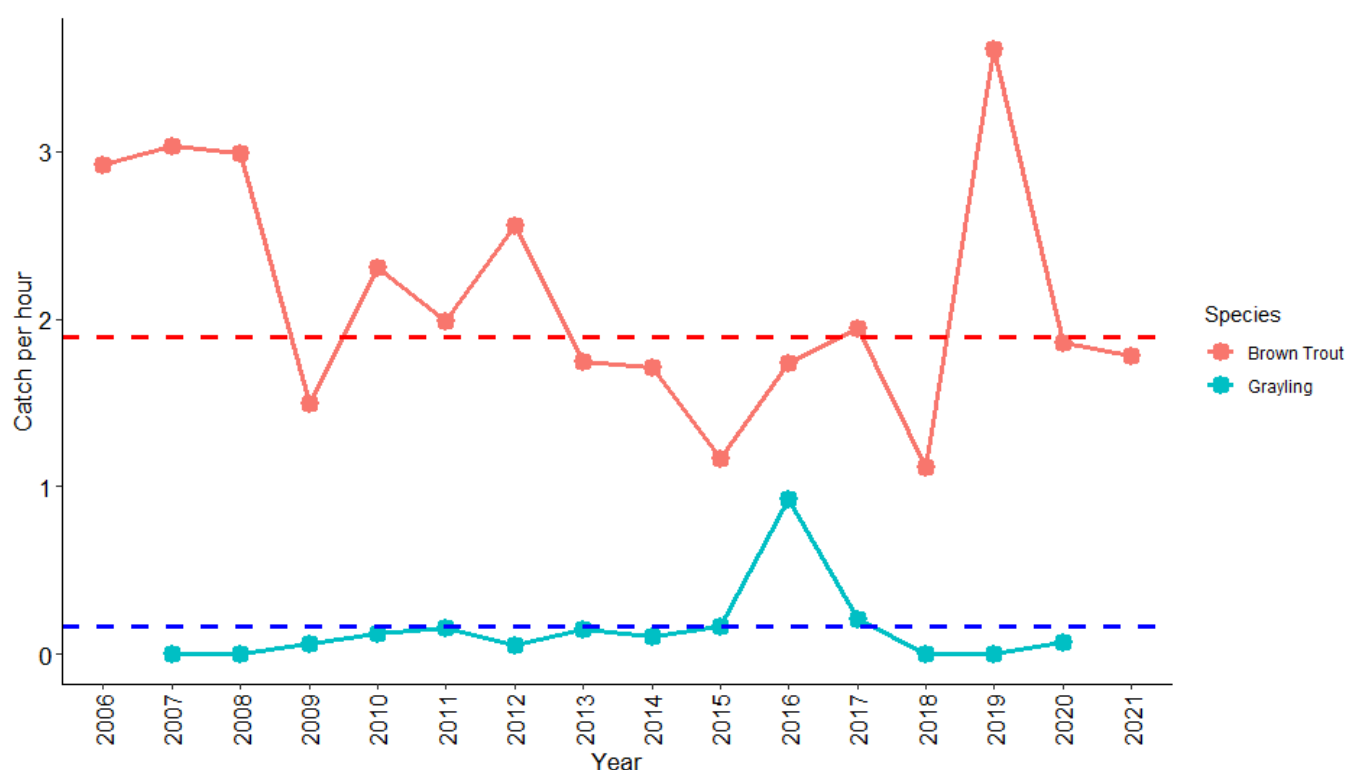


Figure 1 Shows the catch per unit effort for 1 hours of fishing for Brown trout (Red Dots) and Grayling (Blue Dots). Red-hashed line is the average catch rate per unit hour for all years for Brown trout and the blue-hashed line is the average catch rate per unit hour for all years for Grayling.



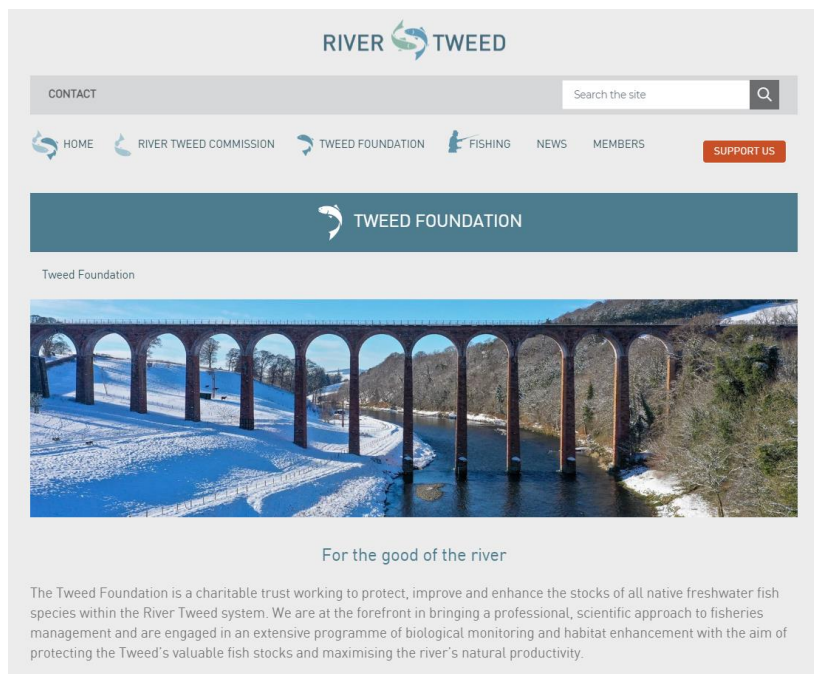
Catches of Brown trout for all sizes of Brown trout and fish over 25cm in 2021 was 0.39 per hour, which is close to Whiteadder and Blackadder average of 0.24 catch per hour. The average size of Brown trout over 25 cm (10") was 30.50cm, which is average for the Whiteadder and Blackadder. The best fishing for Brown trout was the middle of June. No Brown trout or Grayling were reported to be killed in 2021 in the Whiteadder catchment. To summarise, catch rates are variable between years but the overall trend suggests that catch rates are stable for both Brown trout and Grayling fisheries.

Change of staff at the Tweed Foundation

Our Trout and Grayling biologist, Kenny Galt, who has been a champion of the Tweed Brown trout and Grayling over the past 19 years, has moved to the Galloway Fisheries Trust. We also saw the retirement of our head biologist, Ronald Campbell, in 2021. Their contributions towards the fisheries of the Tweed have been immense and we wish them the best in their new endeavors. Jonny Archer, a new employee at The Tweed Foundation, has now taken on Kenny's responsibilities with a new set of skills, ideas, and enthusiasm that will enable us to continue our work to monitor, maintain, and improve the Brown Trout and Grayling fisheries within the catchment.

A new Tweed website

To communicate our work more effectively, a new website for The River Tweed Commission and Tweed Foundation is now live and can be found at rivertweed.org.uk



Brown trout and Grayling catches from the Tweed catchment can now be reported through our [online survey](#) form