

Tweed Trout and Grayling Initiative – Angler Survey for the River Tweed and Its Tributaries

Surveying the opinions, thoughts and expectations of anglers is of great importance to the Tweed Trout and Grayling Initiative. Firstly, because the anglers themselves are a vital source of local knowledge and secondly, because if we are to advise angling clubs on the management of their river we need to know two things, the health of the river and what the anglers want from their fishing.

To complete the form simply tick the relevant box, where indicated, or write in the boxes where appropriate. Once finished, seal the questionnaire in the envelope supplied (the contents of the questionnaires are treated in the strictest confidence). Completed questionnaires can be returned to where you got them, handed to a water bailiff, handed to a river watcher or mailed directly to the Tweed Foundation. Contact details for the Tweed Foundation are listed at the end of the questionnaire. Questionnaires downloaded from the web site can be e-mailed back.

Personal Details

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Age	U18 <input type="checkbox"/>	18-30 <input type="checkbox"/>	31-50 <input type="checkbox"/>	51-64 <input type="checkbox"/>	65+ <input type="checkbox"/>
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Gender	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
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Fishing Clubs (if any)	
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Address and/or e-mail address (optional, fill in if you want to receive a catch log book, Trout and Grayling Initiative news letter and the results of this survey)	
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How did you learn to fish? (tick box)	Self taught <input type="checkbox"/>	Family member <input type="checkbox"/>	Friend <input type="checkbox"/>	On a course <input type="checkbox"/>
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How long have you been fishing for? (to the nearest 5 years)	
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What type of angler are you? (tick boxes)	Beginner <input type="checkbox"/>	Social <input type="checkbox"/>	Nature lover <input type="checkbox"/>	Serious <input type="checkbox"/>
	Obsessed <input type="checkbox"/>			

How do you rate yourself as an angler? (tick box)	Beginner <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate, <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate, <input type="checkbox"/>	Expert <input type="checkbox"/>
		poor	good	

Why do you go fishing? (tick boxes)	To catch fish <input type="checkbox"/>	To improve your angling <input type="checkbox"/>	To be in the countryside <input type="checkbox"/>
	To socialise with friends <input type="checkbox"/>	To get quiet time to yourself <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify below) <input type="checkbox"/>

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Fishing Your Club Waters

How often do you go fishing? (tick box)	More than <input type="checkbox"/> once a week	Once a <input type="checkbox"/> week	One to three <input type="checkbox"/> times a month	Less than <input type="checkbox"/> once a month
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On average, how long do you fish for?	Under 1 <input type="checkbox"/> hour	1 to 3 <input type="checkbox"/> hours	3 to 5 <input type="checkbox"/> hours	6 hours + <input type="checkbox"/>
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When do you usually start fishing?	Morning <input type="checkbox"/>	Afternoon <input type="checkbox"/>	Evening <input type="checkbox"/>	Night <input type="checkbox"/>
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What is your favourite fishing method at each of the following times of year?	Spring -
	Summer -
	Autumn -

What other methods do you use? (tick boxes)	Dry fly <input type="checkbox"/>	Wet fly/nymph <input type="checkbox"/>	Czech nymph <input type="checkbox"/>
	Mixed <input type="checkbox"/>	Maggot <input type="checkbox"/>	Dead bait <input type="checkbox"/>
	Worm <input type="checkbox"/>	Spinning <input type="checkbox"/>	Live bait <input type="checkbox"/>

When fishing do you? (tick box)	Always fish the same beats <input type="checkbox"/>	Usually fish the same beats <input type="checkbox"/>	Vary the beats you fish, but return to favourite beats <input type="checkbox"/>
	Greatly vary the areas you fish <input type="checkbox"/>		

How far are you willing to travel for good fishing? (tick box)	Local area only <input type="checkbox"/>	Any where in Tweed catchment <input type="checkbox"/>	Outside of catchment <input type="checkbox"/>
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On average, how many takeable Trout do you catch per 4 hour fishing trip? (tick box)	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 - 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 - 4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5+ <input type="checkbox"/>
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On average, how many takeable Grayling do you catch per 4 hour fishing trip? (tick box)	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 - 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 - 4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5+ <input type="checkbox"/>
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Do you fish for? (tick boxes)	Wild Trout <input type="checkbox"/>	Stock Trout <input type="checkbox"/>	Grayling <input type="checkbox"/>	All <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other <input type="checkbox"/>			

Do you release the Trout you catch? (tick box)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Often <input type="checkbox"/>	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>
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Do you release the Grayling you catch? (tick box)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Often <input type="checkbox"/>	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>
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Do you use thigh or chest waders?	
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Do you eat the Trout you kill yourself? (tick box if appropriate) Yes No

Do you eat the Grayling you kill yourself? (tick box if appropriate) Yes No

If not what do you do with the fish you kill? (if appropriate)

Do you tie your own flies? (tick box) Yes No

Your Opinions

In an average 4 hour fishing trip, how many wild Trout/ Grayling do you estimate are caught in your club's waters per angler?	Trout	Grayling
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How many wild Trout/ Grayling do you think should be caught in your club's waters per angler?	Trout	Grayling
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What do you estimate is the average size of the wild Trout/ Grayling caught in your club's waters? (in cm or inches)	Trout	Grayling
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What do you think the average size of the rod caught wild Trout/Grayling should be? (in cm or inches)	Trout	Grayling
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At what size should you be able to kill a Trout or Grayling? (in cm or inches)	Trout	Grayling
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How many Trout or Grayling should you be able to kill per fishing trip?	Trout	Grayling
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What fishing method catches the most fish in your club waters at each of the following times of year? (e.g. dry fly, worm, spinning)	Spring – Summer – Autumn –
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Have you noticed any changes in Trout/ Grayling behaviour in your club waters during the time you've been angling? (e.g. less rising fish)

Estimate the abundance of large wild Trout (1 lb+) in your club's waters? (tick box)

Lots Some Few None

Would you rather fish in? (tick box)

Wild loch Wild river Stocked river Stocked stillwater

Do you prefer to fish for? (tick box)

Wild Trout Grayling Large Stock Trout Other

Do you get the same satisfaction from catching a stock Trout as get from catching a wild Trout? (tick box)

Yes No No difference

Can you have a good days Trout/ Grayling fishing without catching a Trout/ Grayling? (tick box)

Yes No

What else makes a good days fishing?

(The following 8 questions may not apply to younger anglers)

When compared to the past, estimate if your club waters have? (tick box)

More Trout Less Trout The same number of Trout

When compared to the past, estimate if your club waters have? (tick box)

More Grayling Less Grayling The same number of Grayling

When compared to the past, are the wild Trout in your club's waters? (tick box)

Larger Smaller The same size

When compared to the past, are the Grayling in your club's waters? (tick box)

Larger Smaller The same size

When compared to the past, has the fly life in your club waters? (tick box)

Increased Decreased Stayed the same

If you have noticed any other changes in fly life in your club waters then what were the changes and was there a specific time when the changes took place?	
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When compared to the past, does your club's stretch of river, including the bank side have? (tick boxes)	More deep water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less deep water	<input type="checkbox"/>	The same amount of deep water	<input type="checkbox"/>
	More trees	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less trees	<input type="checkbox"/>	The same number of trees	<input type="checkbox"/>
	More bank-side vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less bank-side vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	The same amount of bank side vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>
	More in-stream vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less in-stream vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	The same amount of in-stream vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>
	More bank-side collapse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less bank-side collapse	<input type="checkbox"/>	The same amount of bank-side collapse	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you recall any event which caused a marked decline in any aspect of Trout fishing in the Tweed catchment or a time period in which a marked decline in Trout fishing occurred?	
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Mix and Match for a Perfect Days Fishing

(Tick the boxes that make your perfect days fishing; you can tick more than one box per question)

Travel time	Up to 10 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Up to half an hour	<input type="checkbox"/>	Up to 1 hour	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Up to 2 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over 2 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Fishing Time	Up to 30 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Up to an hour	<input type="checkbox"/>	Up to 2 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Up to 4 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	All day	<input type="checkbox"/>	Night fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>

Company	Fish alone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fish with a friend	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fish as part of a group	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Access	Close to road <input type="checkbox"/>	Short walk from car <input type="checkbox"/>	Long walk from car <input type="checkbox"/>
	Easy paths <input type="checkbox"/>	No paths <input type="checkbox"/>	Wilderness <input type="checkbox"/>
	Always near facilities <input type="checkbox"/>		

Riverbank	Open banks for easy casting <input type="checkbox"/>	Reeds, rushes and tall grasses <input type="checkbox"/>	Trees and bushes, difficult casting <input type="checkbox"/>
	Many other anglers <input type="checkbox"/>	No other anglers <input type="checkbox"/>	With occasional anglers <input type="checkbox"/>

Fish	A few big fish <input type="checkbox"/>	Lots of big fish <input type="checkbox"/>	Lots of small fish and a few large fish <input type="checkbox"/>
	Size not important <input type="checkbox"/>	Grayling <input type="checkbox"/>	Trout <input type="checkbox"/>
	Wild <input type="checkbox"/>	Stockie <input type="checkbox"/>	Use any fishing method <input type="checkbox"/>
	Fly only <input type="checkbox"/>		

Bag limits	Catch and release <input type="checkbox"/>	1 - 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 - 5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	6 - 10 <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input type="checkbox"/>	

Size limits	10+ inches (25+ cm) <input type="checkbox"/>	9 inches (23cm) <input type="checkbox"/>	8 inches (20cm) <input type="checkbox"/>
	Under 8 inches (under 20cm) <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input type="checkbox"/>	

Aesthetics	Litter free riverbank <input type="checkbox"/>	Abundant wildlife <input type="checkbox"/>	Mountain views <input type="checkbox"/>
	Forest views <input type="checkbox"/>	Town views <input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural views <input type="checkbox"/>

How should you feel after a days fishing	Tired <input type="checkbox"/>	Stress free <input type="checkbox"/>	Happy <input type="checkbox"/>
	Relaxed <input type="checkbox"/>	Carefree <input type="checkbox"/>	Excited about going fishing again <input type="checkbox"/>

Finally if you have any evidence of changes in the River Tweed catchment (fish or habitat) please inform the Tweed foundation. Contact details are listed below. Old angling diaries and old photos of club waters are especially appreciated. All pictures/ documents will be hand collected, treated with care and hand returned.

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