# River Carron Catchment Scale Restoration Programme Phase IIa: Assessment of the Proportion of Offspring from the 2014 Carron Atlantic Salmon Broodstock among Smolts and Returning Adults. 

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## Background

Supplementary stocking - producing large numbers of offspring from broodstock in a captive hatchery and releasing them into the natural environment - has long been a tool in the management of salmon populations. Historically used to increase the number of adult fish available for harvest, more recently it has been applied with the aim of mitigating for human impacts that have increased population extinction risk. For example, supplementary stocking is believed to have aided in the early recovery of the River Tyne Atlantic salmon stock (Milner et al. 2004) and has been demonstrated to increase numbers of wild-spawning adults in other systems (Hess et al. 2012, Berejikian et al. 2008). Captive salmon broodstocks are maintained as 'gene banks' to preserve populations at danger of extinction in the wild (O'Reilly \& Doyle 2007), and carefully managed stocking programmes could be used to maintain the genetic diversity of declining wild populations (Hedrick et al. 2000).

Recently, however, supplementary stocking has become less accepted as a management action for wild salmon. This is because of mounting scientific evidence that, in many cases, it may not benefit the target population and has potential to cause harm. Captive breeding and rearing, particularly over multiple generations, is expected to select for fish that are better adapted to the captive environment than to the wild (Araki et al. 2007, Milot et al. 2018), and this might be accelerated if genes from escaped domesticated salmon are accidentally introduced into a broodstock (Hagen et al. 2019). Reflecting this, and other hatchery effects, salmon stocked as juveniles are less likely to return as adults, and produce fewer offspring compared to their wild compatriots (Jonsson et al. 2003; Christie et al. 2014, Milot et al. 2018). At the same time, introduction of hatchery-spawned juveniles may reduce the survivorship of wild-spawned fry and parr (Peery et al. 2004, Imre et al. 2005), meaning that stocked fish may constitute a high proportion of adult returners despite their overall lower survivorship. Removal of wild adults for use as broodstock parents also reduces the total wild breeding population. For these reasons, supplementary stocking could even reduce the number of adults returning to the river in comparison to a no-stocking scenario (O'Sullivan et al. 2020). Correspondingly, some large Atlantic salmon supplementary stocking programs have been found to have minimal effects on population recovery (e.g. Griffiths et al. 2011; Romakkaniemi 2008). Simultaneously, because broodstock are often founded from, and maintained with, relatively small numbers of breeding adults they are often less genetically diverse then the recipient populations (Wang \& Ryman 2002). Supplementary stocking can therefore both introduce hatchery-adapted genes and reduce the overall genetic diversity of the wild population, which may reduce the probability of wild population persistence after a stocking programme is discontinued.

While it is now accepted that supplementary stocking programmes can have negative effects on wild salmon, these do not necessarily outweigh the potential positive effects on populations threatened with extinction (Naish et al. 2007). The balance of threats and benefits is likely to be population specific and depend on how the stocking programme is managed. To date, relatively few supplementary stocking programmes have been evaluated to assess the contribution of hatchery
released fish and subsequent genetic effects in the wild populations (Kitada 2018). Of the studies that have been done, some have demonstrated no reduction of genetic variation despite multiple generations of supplementary stocking (Heggnes et al. 2006, Hess et al. 2012), while others have shown negative genetic effects (Hagen et al. 2021). More of these studies are needed.

## The River Carron Atlantic salmon stocking programme

The River Carron on the west coast of Scotland is 17 km long and prone to spate flooding. This flooding has occurred frequently in recent years consistent with the increased frequency of high intensity rainfall events predicted under climate change (Chan et al. 2018). The river supports a breeding population of Atlantic salmon. Salmon catches declined from a high of 200+ fish in the mid 1970s-80s to a 1996-2001 average rod catch of 10.3 fish per year. The reasons of this progressive decline are uncertain: redd washouts by concurrent spates has been proposed as a cause, however the decline was mirrored in salmon rivers throughout Scotland. Because the declining salmon population was considered at risk of extinction, the Carron riparian owners (collectively the River Carron Conservation Association, RCCA) instituted a complete catch-and-release policy and initiated a supplementary stocking programme. Due to the low numbers of adults, it was considered necessary to develop a captive broodstock; this was started in 1995 using gametes from seven wild-caught females. The broodstock has been maintained to the present day, supplemented annually by returning adults from the Carron rod catch. Since 2000, up to several hundred thousand hatchery-produced juveniles (eggs fry, parr and smolts) have been stocked into the Carron each year. Following the initiation of this supplementary stocking programme, the Carron Atlantic salmon population rebounded. Recorded catches are now higher than those at the previous peak in the $80 \mathrm{~s} / 90 \mathrm{~s}$. The continued spate flooding of the Carron, and the low numbers of salmon returning to adjacent west-coast rivers, raises the question of whether wild salmon would have persisted in or naturally re-colonized the Carron without this intervention. It is not known whether the observed increase in numbers of returning adults is a result of the stocking programme, nor whether the stocking has changed the characteristics of the Carron Atlantic salmon population in other ways.

The Carron salmon population and the supplementary stocking programme has been monitored by various methods over the past 25 years, including detailed cross and stocking records, enumeration of juveniles, smolts and adults, and coded wire tagging of stocked juveniles to monitor survivorship to adulthood. The Rivers and Lochs Institute previously partnered with the Carron riparian owners in Phase I of the River Carron Restoration Programme, which used monitoring data collected up to 2014 to assess the reasons for the population decline and rebound. Results of this project showed a strong correlation between the number of juveniles stocked and the number of adults returning to the river. While demographic modelling showed that a similar population rebound could have been possible with natural spawning alone (Curran et al. 2014), the RCCA consider it unlikely that sufficient wild adults were returning or straying into the Carron to enable such a natural rebound. Since 2011, tissue samples have been collected annually from the broodstock parents, as well as from stocked juveniles and fish caught at various life stages in the river by electrofishing, smolt trapping and angling. This enables the use of genetic tools to assess the impact of the supplementary stocking programme on the Carron population. By using suitable genetic markers and having samples from all broodstock parents, stocked fish can be discriminated from wild-spawned fish by matching them to their parents, a method know as 'parentage-based tagging' (PBT). This can be used in the same way as physical tagging of juveniles to investigate such questions as the relative survival to adulthood of stocked and wild fry. The advantages of PBT over physical tagging include lower costs (there is no need to tag large numbers of juvenile fish, most of which will not survive to adulthood), reduced physical burden to fish, and larger sample sizes (all stocked juveniles are 'tagged' by their unique genotypes). The genetic markers applied for PBT can simultaneously be used to monitor trends in genetic diversity of
the broodstock and wild populations and potentially investigate the presence of genetic material from escaped aquaculture fish.

## Study Objectives

The proposed Phase II of the River Carron Restoration Programme will combine the above information with suitable statistical and modelling approaches to ask i) whether the observed increase in adult returns is the direct result of the stocking programme; ii) whether the stocking programme has altered the genetic composition of the Carron Atlantic salmon population; and iii) whether certain stocking strategies can be recommended over others in terms of population abundance and genetic health. The ultimate aim is to integrate the results of the Phase II study with other information sources to develop an adaptive framework for future management of the River Carron that conserves its native wild Atlantic salmon population.

This report presents the results of Phase IIa, an examination of how stocked fish from a single year of broodstock crossings (2014) have contributed to the returning adult catch.

## Samples

RLI was provided with the following tissue samples by the River Carron Conservation Association (Table 1): fin clips from broodstock used for brood pairings in 2014; fin clips from smolts collected in the River Carron smolt trap in 2016 and 2017, and fin clips from rod-caught adults that returned to the river in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Three separate sets of breeders were used to produce stocked juveniles in 2014: 'Attadale' - females from the captive Carron broodstock kept at Attadale, plus wild-caught males crossed with these females; 'Uist', captive Carron broodstock kept at North Uist; and 'Wild' adults returning to the Carron that had been caught and retained for breeding. Tissue samples were either stored in tubes in ethanol (Attadale \& Wild broodstock, smolts, 2017-19 returning adults) or frozen (Uist broodstock, 2018-19 returning adults). Ethanol samples had pre-existing RLI sample numbers and frozen samples were assigned RLI sample numbers on receipt. RLI was also provided with the following sample metadata: Attadale and Wild broodstock - fish sex and recorded crosses; Uist broodstock - fish sex for half of the individuals (sex was not available for the rest because labels had become detached from samples); frozen adult samples - all recorded data, which could include sex, weight, catch date and location; adult samples in ethanol - catch year and whether the individual was retained as a brood fish; smolt samples in ethanol - catch year and likely smolt age ( $1 \mathrm{yr} / 2+\mathrm{yrs}$ ). RCCA subsequently provided additional metadata about individuals that were found to be sampled more than once (see below), and Uist crosses.

## DNA extraction and genotyping

All samples were processed in 96 -well plates with three 'blank' control wells (containing no salmon tissue) on each plate. DNA was extracted from approximately $2 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ of each fin clip using HotSHOT alkaline lysis (Truett et al. 2000). DNA concentration was measured by spectrophotometry using the QiaExpert system and diluted with 10 mM Tris to a standard concentration of $10 \mathrm{ug} / \mu 1$ using a QIAgility liquid handling robot. For each sample, 20-31 microsatellite loci (total 101 loci, Bradbury et al. 2018) were amplified in four separate multiplex PCR reactions containing the following: $1.75 \mu 12 \mathrm{x}$ Qiagen Type-IT multiplex master mix, $0.35 \mu \mathrm{l}$ primer multiplex mix at a concentration of $1 \mu \mathrm{M}$ per primer, $1.4 \mu 1$ diluted DNA. Thermocycling conditions were: $95^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for $15 \mathrm{~min}, 25 \mathrm{x}\left[94^{\circ} \mathrm{C} 30 \mathrm{~s}, 57^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ $\left.3 \mathrm{~min}, 72^{\circ} \mathrm{C} 30 \mathrm{~s}\right], 72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 10 min . The four sets of PCR products were pooled for each sample and diluted 40 x with water. Three 96 -well plates were combined for each DNA sequencing run. Samplespecific forward and reverse index combinations and Illumina sequencing tags were added to each of the 288 samples (including 9 blanks) in $5 \mu$ I PCR reactions using the following protocol: PCR mix -
$2.35 \mu \mathrm{l} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 0.5 \mu \mathrm{l} 10 \mathrm{x}$ buffer, 0.25 U Taq DNA polymerase, $0.1 \mu \mathrm{l}$ dNTPs $(10 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{each}), 1 \mu \mathrm{l}$ forward and reverse index mix ( $1 \mu \mathrm{M}$ per index); $1 \mu 1$ diluted multiplex PCR product; thermocycler conditions $98^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for $2 \mathrm{~min}, 20 \mathrm{x}\left[98^{\circ} \mathrm{C} 10 \mathrm{~s}, 62^{\circ} \mathrm{C} 30 \mathrm{~s}, 72^{\circ} \mathrm{C} 15 \mathrm{~s}\right.$ ], 7 C for 10 min . Product for all 288 samples was pooled into a single library, and purification and fragment size selection was performed using Agencourt AmPure XP beads. The concentration of the pooled library was measured using a KAPA library quantification kit on the Agilent AriaMX RT-PCR system and standardized. Each pooled library was single-end sequenced on an Illumina MiSeq using Illumina V3 sequencing chemistry ( 150 cycles), with sequence reads demultiplexed to individual samples on the basis of their sample-specific indices and output in fastq format.

## Statistical analysis

The program MEGASAT (Zhan et al. 2017) with user-provided input, was used to call genotype at each of the 101 targeted microsatellite loci for each individual based on the DNA sequence information in the fastq file. Nine microsatellite loci were immediately removed from the dataset on the basis of known previous poor performance (low genotyping success, poor repeatability of genotype scoring or other problems). Samples with missing genotypes at $>30 \%$ of the remaining 92 loci were excluded from the dataset on the basis of having too much missing data; each of these initially excluded samples was run through the complete genotyping process a second time with the aim of improving genotyping success. Brown trout or first-generation trout-salmon hybrids in the dataset were identified from a known combination of non-amplification of certain microsatellite loci with brown-trout specific alleles at other loci. The package rubias (Moran \& Anderson 2018) was used in R 4.0.3 (R Core Team 2020) to identify genetically identical samples (i.e those taken from the same individual fish), and these were combined into a single sample. A further six microsatellite loci were removed from the final dataset due to having $>30 \%$ missing data over all individuals, leaving 86 loci to be taken forward to statistical analysis.

Genetic diversity and inbreeding: we estimated expected heterozygosity $\left(\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{e}}\right)$ and allelic richness $(\mathrm{R})$ rarefied to the smallest sample size (both measures of genetic diversity) and $\mathrm{F}_{\text {is }}$ (an estimator of inbreeding) using the hierfstat package in R (Goudet 2005). We calculated these indices for seven different groups: 2014 Attadale, Uist, and Wild broodstock; the identified offspring of these three different broodstocks (smolts and returning adults); and all other smolts and returning adults.

Parentage reconstruction: the software COLONY 2.0.6.6 (Jones \& Wang 2010) was used to identify smolts or returning adults that were the offspring of genotyped 2014 broodstock fish. The following parameters were applied: probability of allele drop out 0.05 and other errors 0.01 for all loci; allele frequency not updated; diecious parents; polygamy for both sexes; full sibship not scaled; weak sibship prior with an average maternal and paternal sibship size of 3 ; unknown population allele frequency; combined pairwise likelihood and full likelihood (FLPS) algorithm with medium run length and medium precision. Because sex information had been lost for half of the Uist broodstock samples, a pilot Colony run was performed with only the Uist samples as potential parents and each one allowed to be either mother or a father by specifying parents as monoecious. Information about parental combinations from this pilot analysis was used to infer the sex of the individuals with missing sex information, allowing them to be included in the correct single-sex parent group for the full analysis. Because the Carron Atlantic salmon population is small and has been intensively stocked, it is possible that a large amount of inbreeding is present in the population, which can affect the inference of offspring-parent relationships. Therefore, we ran four repeat Colony analyses: two allowing inbreeding to be present in the population, and two not allowing inbreeding to be present, and compared the results.

COLONY was also used to estimate sibling relationships among the 2014 broodstock individuals, using the same parameters as above but with no sibship prior and no inbreeding.

Genetic material from aquaculture fish: the presence of genetic material from Norwegian-ancestry aquaculture fish (the predominant type used throughout Scotland) was assessed using the program STRUCTURE (Pritchard et al. 2000), which can be used to infer the ancestral contribution of different genetically distinct groups to a focal individual. To do this, we combined the Carron genetic dataset with equivalent genetic datasets from two other groups: 1) several different broodstock lines of Norwegian aquaculture salmon, and 2) wild parr collected from the Arkaig, Shiel, and Ness River systems. We ran STRUCTURE specifying two ancestral groups with the following parameters: admixture model with correlated allele frequencies, no prior population information, 20,000 burn-in followed by $50,000 \mathrm{MCMC}$ reps; all other parameters default. Accurate quantification of ancestral proportions is statistically difficult task, particularly when using small numbers of non-diagnostic genetic markers such as microsatellites (Pritchard et al. 2007) and when the distinct groups hybridized $>2$ generations in the past (Pritchard et al. 2016). For the purposes of this study, therefore, we considered any fish with an estimated mean Norwegian ancestry > $10 \%$ to contain genetic material from escaped aquaculture fish.

## Results

Genotyping success: Table 1 shows the number of Atlantic salmon tissue samples put through the genotyping process, the number excluded at different quality control steps, and the number taken forward to statistical analysis. Ninety-eight percent of broodstock samples, $96 \%$ of returning adult samples and $100 \%$ of smolt samples were considered to have been successfully genotyped (i.e. < $30 \%$ missing data). The presence of genetically duplicate samples in the rod catch collections showed that $10.7 \%$ of returning adults were caught and/or fin-clipped more than once (Table 2).

Genetic diversity and inbreeding: Estimators of genetic diversity and inbreeding are provided in Table 3.

Parentage reconstruction: the four replicate COLONY analyses relating 2014 broodstock parents to fish sampled in the river between 2016-2020 gave nearly identical results, independent of whether or not inbreeding was specified as present. The 560 smolts and returning adults analysed were estimated to be the offspring of 486-490 distinct parents, of which 25 were genotyped 2014 broodstock males and $80-81$ were genotyped 2014 broodstock females. Of these 560 fish, 90 ( $16 \%$ ) had two parents identified among the 2014 broodstock, always from the same broodstock group (Attadale, Uist, or Wild) and nearly always a recorded cross. Depending on analysis replicate, a further 68-72 smolts/adults had a mother but not a father identified among the 2014 broodstock, and a single adult had a father identified among the broodstock but not a mother (Table 4). Reconstructed pedigrees of fish with at least one identified broodstock parent are shown in Fig, 1, and inferred parent-offspring pairs are provided in Appendix 1. Twenty six of the 133 returning adults with at least one 2014 broodstock parent were retained as brood fish in 2017-2019.

Estimated relatedness of broodstock parents: as might be expected for a captive brood line, the Attadale and Uist broodstocks included a large number of closely related individuals (Fig. 2). However, the crossing scheme for these stocks avoided sibship matings, with only three recorded or identified 2014 crosses involving inferred full-sibs (Attadale ICB868 \& ICB869 x ICB870).

Genetic material from aquaculture fish: results of the STRUCTURE analysis indicated that several 2104 broodstock parents, smolts and returning adults had recent ancestry from Norwegian aquaculture fish (Figs 1-3). There was no clear difference in levels of aquaculture ancestry between the smolts and adults that were the offspring of the 2014 broodstock and the smolts and adults that were not (Fig. 3).

## Discussion

Our results support the conclusions of previous physical tagging studies showing that fish stocked into the Carron as juveniles survive to return as adults. Considering fish with both broodstock parents identified, $35.6 \%$ of $20172+$ year old smolts - most of which are expected to have been spawned in 2014 - were stocked fish. Of the adult returners in 2017-2019, up to $27.7 \%$ per year originated from the 2014 broodstock - as expected from the most common life history of 2 yr smolting followed by 1 yr at sea the highest proportion was seen in 2018. Since adult returners in any one year include fish spawned in three or more years, total contribution of stocked fish to the adult catch can only be estimated by genotyping additional years of broodstock; however, fish stocked in the Carron clearly survive to adulthood and make a substantial contribution to the fishery. We observed no major differences in measures of genetic diversity and inbreeding between the three broodstocks, their offspring, and other fish trapped in the river; thus, there is no indication that the 2014 stocking presented a risk to the genetic diversity of Carron Atlantic salmon as a whole.

Numerous smolts and returning adults had only one identified parent in the 2014 broodstock. A particularly large number of individuals were assigned a mother, but not a father, from the genotyped Attadale broodstock. This is not unexpected, as a substantial proportion of Attadale females used as brood parents in 2014 were also used, crossed with different males, in 2013 and 2015; thus these 'single-parent' fish are likely derived from non-2014 Attadale crosses. The 2014 Uist broodstock parents were used only in that year and therefore four missing Uist parents are likely to be individuals that were not sampled (e.g. two containers in the Uist collection did not contain fin clips) or failed genotyping quality control (Table 1). Wild broodstock parents were caught in the river and returned to it after stripping, so additional wild spawnings are another potential source of missing parents in this broodstock category.

Based on our working definition, genetic material from Norwegian aquaculture fish was identified in varying amounts in the broodstock parents, the smolts, and the returning adults. Although we did not observe any elevated aquaculture ancestry in the 2014 broodstock offspring compared to the population as a whole, we note that many of the other smolts and returning adults tested are likely to be stocked fish from other years. Therefore, at this time we cannot draw any conclusions about whether the supplementary stocking is maintaining or increasing the amount of Norwegian aquaculture material in the wild population.

## Future work

These results from Phase IIa of the River Carron Restoration demonstrate how parentage-based tagging using genetic markers can both reveal the fate of juveniles stocked in the Carron and examine how the stocking programme may be impacting the wild salmon population in terms of genetic diversity and genetic material from aquaculture escapees. Thus far we have only examined a single broodstock year and focused on the returning adult life stage. A more complete assessment how the stocking programme is contributing to the health and maintenance of the Carron Atlantic salmon population requires using this approach to follow the fate of stocked vs. wild spawned fish over multiple years and life history stages and combining this with appropriate statistical analysis and mathematical modelling. Results of such an analysis will provide a firm basis for future management of the Carron to maintain the security and integrity of the wild fishery.

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Table 1: Genotyping success and quality control.

|  |  | Removed |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \# samples <br> genotyped | Trout or <br> hybrids | $\mathbf{> 3 0 \%}$ <br> missing | Duplicates | \# samples <br> analysed |
| 2014 Broodstock - Attadale | 87 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 86 |
| 2014 Broodstock - Uist | 44 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 40 |
| 2014 Broodstock - Wild | 58 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 56 |
| 2016 1 Year Old Smolts | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 2017 2+ Year Old Smolts | 59 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 |
| 2017 Adult Returners | 121 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 103 |
| 2018 Adult Returners | 193 | 2 | 5 | 20 | 166 |
| 2019 Adult Returners | 256 | 2 | 14 | 23 | 217 |
| Total | 833 | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | $\mathbf{6 0}$ | $\mathbf{7 4 2}$ |

Table 3: Expected heterozygosity (He), alleleic richness (R) corrected for a minimum sample size of 40 individuals; and Wright's inbreeding coefficient (Fis, ranges from -1 to +1 , with larger values indicating more inbreeding).

| Category | n | He | Fis | R |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Attadale 2014 Broodstock | 86 | 0.558 | -0.018 | 4.482 |
| Uist 2014 Broodstock | 40 | 0.522 | -0.043 | 3.889 |
| Wild 2014 Broodstock | 56 | 0.577 | -0.002 | 4.921 |
| Attadale 2014 Offspring | 72 | 0.551 | -0.025 | 4.390 |
| Uist 2014 Offspring | 45 | 0.503 | -0.087 | 3.734 |
| Wild 2014 Offspring | 44 | 0.564 | 0.001 | 4.676 |
| Other fish | 400 | 0.582 | 0.009 | 4.874 |

Table 2: Returning adults caught and/or sampled more than once.

| Fish_ID | Catch1_date | Catch1_notes | Catch2_date | Catch2_notes | Catch3_date | Catch3_notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ICI970_ICJ024_ICJ037 | 31/07/2017 | 3.5 lb cock, Seat Pool | 2017 | Grilse cock, broodstock | 2017 | Grilse cock, broodstock |
| ICE641_ICJ025_ICJ038 | 2017 | 12lb cock, Rock Pool | 2017 | Salmon cock, broodstock | 2017 | Salmon cock, broodstock |
| ICE635_ICE642 | 06/06/2017 | 12lb hen, Rock Pool | 08/06/2017 | 10lb hen, Rock Pool | na | na |
| ICE639_ICE645 | 07/06/2017 | 12.5 lb hen, Cruives Pool | 14/06/17 | 12.5lb hen, Big Ann's | na | na |
| ICE640_ICJ034 | 07/06/2017 | 9.51 lb hen, Rock Pool | 2017 | Salmon hen, broodstock | na | na |
| ICE643_ICI980 | 09/06/2017 | 9 lb cock, McClean's Pool | 31/07/2017 | 81b, Below Chisholm's Pool | na | na |
| ICE644_ICJ046 | 10/06/2017 | 12lb hen, House Pool | 2017 | Grlise hen, broodstock | na | na |
| ICI959_ICJ040 | 06/07/17 | 11lb hen, Bridge Pool | 2017 | Salmon hen, broodstock | na | na |
| ICI979_ICJ020 | 31/07/17 | 71b, Chisholm's Pool | 2017 | Salmon hen, broodstock | na | na |
| ICI993_ICI996 | 18/08/2017 | 6 lb hen, Brabourne's Pool | 25/08/2017 | 5.5 lb hen, House Pool | na | na |
| ICJ017_ICJ029 | 2017 | Salmon cock, broodstock | 2017 | Salmon cock, broodstock | na | na |
| ICJ026_ICJ039 | 2017 | Salmon cock, broodstock | 2017 | Salmon cock, broodstock | na | na |
| ICJ043_ICJ047 | 2017 | Salmon cock, broodstock | 2017 | Salmon cock, broodstock | na | na |
| ICJ059_ICJ132_ICO005 | 19/06/2018 | 10lb hen, Rock Pool | 12/09/2018 | 6 lb hen, Bridge Pool | 2018 | 7lb hen, broodstock |
| ICJ063_ICY727f | 22/06/2018 | 6 lb hen, Railway Bridge | 2018 | 6 lb hen, Railway Bridge | na | na |
| ICJ067_ICJ090 | 21/07/2018 | 61b, Bridge Pool | 09/08/2018 | 5 lb cock, below Seat Pool | na | na |
| ICJ073_ICOO29 | 02/08/2018 | 31b, Big Ann's | 2018 | 6 lb cock, broodstock | na | na |
| ICJ077_ICJ133 | 04/08/2018 | 61b, Rock Pool | 13/09/2018 | 5lb cock, Whin Pool | na | na |
| ICJ078_ICJ128 | 04/08/2018 | 4lb, Big Ann's | 31/08/2018 | 3lb hen, King Run | na | na |
| ICJ080_ICJ123 | 28/07/2018 | 4lb McNair's | 28/08/2018 | 4lb cock, McNair's | na | na |
| ICJ089_ICY727c | 09/08/2018 | 51b hen, General's Pool | 02/10/2018 | 5 lb hen, Power Lines | na | na |
| ICJ098_ICJ122 | 07/08/2019 | 6 lb , House Pool | 28/08/2019 | 61b, House Pool | na | na |
| ICJ103_ICJ120 | 20/08/2018 | 3.5 lb hen, House Pool | 23/08/2018 | 31b, House Pool | na | na |
| ICJ107_ICY727b | 21/08/2018 | 4 lb hen, Rock Pool | 04/10/2018 | 3lb cock, Rickety Bridge | na | na |
| ICJ110_IC0027 | 23/08/2018 | 10lb hen, Big Ann's | 2018 | 10 lb hen, broodstock | na | na |
| ICJ114_IC0016 | 25/08/2018 | 111b hen, Big Ann's | 2018 | 10lb hen, broodstock | na | na |


| ICJ130_IC0011 | 10/09/2018 | 12lb cock, McNair's | 2018 | 12lb cock, broodstock | na | na |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ICJ137_IC0014 | 14/09/2018 | 5lb hen, above Rickety Bridge | 2018 | 4lb hen, broodstock | na | na |
| ICO004_ICY702 | 2018 | 7lb hen, broodstock | 18/02/2019 | 6 lb hen, kelt, Cruives | na | na |
| ICO023_ICY700 | 2018 | 12 lb hen, broodstock | 27/02/2019 | 15 lb hen, kelt Big Ann's | na | na |
| ICO063_ICY514_ICY690 | 2019 | 10lb hen, broodstock | 06/06/2019 | 12lb hen, Rock pool | 01/02/2020 | 15lb hen kelt Big Anns |
| ICO055_ICY509 | 2019 | 7lb cock, broodstock | 01/02/2020 | 4 lb cock, kelt, Cruives | na | na |
| ICO065_ICY532 | 2019 | 5lb cock, broodstock | 2019 | 41 b | na | na |
| ICO084_ICY541b | 2019 | 4lb cock, broodstock | 08/10/2019 | 4 lb cock, McNair's | na | na |
| ICO087_ICO088 | 2019 | 5 lb cock, unused broodstock | 2019 | 8lb cock,, unused broodstock | na | na |
| ICY516_ICY543 | 2019 | 3 lb cock, (2nd clip) | 18/10/2019 | 5 lb cock, House Pool | na | na |
| ICY527_ICY572 | 2019 | 3lb Avenue | 26/09/2019 | 3 lb grilse, Avenue | na | na |
| ICY528_ICY545 | 2019 | 91 b Generals Pool | 18/10/2019 | 12lb cock, Junction Pool | na | na |
| ICY530_ICY687 | 2019 | None | 03/07/2019 | 3 lb hen, Seat Pool | na | na |
| ICY717_ICY731 | 06/10/2018 | 5 lb cock, Junction | 24/10/2018 | 4 lb hen, Cruives | na | na |
| ICY503_ICY704 | 21/02/2019 | 6lb hen, kelt Cruives | 01/02/2020 | 6 lb hen, kelt Cruives | na | na |
| ICY541g_ICY614a | 10/07/2019 | 31b McNairn's | 23/10/2019 | 4lb cock, McNair's | na | na |
| ICY592_ICY614b | 10/07/2019 | 3 lb hen, Corver Pool | 08/09/2019 | 4 lb cock, Power lines | na | na |
| ICY540b_ICY677 | 15/07/2019 | 3.51 b hen, MacClean's | 28/10/2019 | 3.5 lb hen, Lodge | na | na |
| ICY581_ICY640 | 24/07/2019 | 5lb cock, Rickety Bridge | 16/09/2019 | 5lb cock, above Rickety Bridge | na | na |
| ICY526_ICY634 | 01/08/2019 | 12lb cock, Bridge Pool | 23/08/2019 | 12lb hen, Bridge Pool | na | na |
| ICY506_ICY533c_ICY684 | 02/07/2019 | 5 lb hen, Pawson | 20/08/2019 | 5 lb hen, Pawson | 01/02/2020 | 3 lb hen kelt Cruives |
| ICY599_ICY615 | 23/08/2019 | 10lb cock, Narrows | 06/09/2019 | 10lb cock, above Rickety Bridge | na | na |
| ICY557_ICY590 | 11/09/2019 | 6 lb cock, Rock Pool | 12/10/2019 | 71b Rock Pool | na | na |
| ICY501_ICY5411_ICY570 | 28/09/2019 | 4lb cock, Power Lines | 25/10/2019 | 4lb cock, Chishoun's | 01/02/2020 | 4lb cock kelt Cruives |
| ICY541e_ICY551 | 04/10/2019 | 6 lb cock, above Rickety Bridge | 14/10/2019 | 3 lb cock, House Pool | na | na |
| ICY536_ICY541h | 24/10/2019 | 4lb cock, above Rickety Bridge | 06/11/2019 | 4lb cock, House Pool | na | na |

Table 3: Number of fish with one or both parents identified within the 2014 broodstock.

|  |  |  | Attadale 2 |  | Uist | 2014 |  | 2014 | All Bro $21$ | dstock <br> 14 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Class | Possible broodstock years | Analysed | One parent | Both parents | One parent | Both parents | One parent | Both parents | One parent | Both parents |
| 2016 1yr smolt | 2013, 2014 | 15 | 1 (6.7\%) | 1 (6.7\%) | 0 (0.0\%) | 0 (0.0\%) | 0 (0.0\%) | 1 (6.7\%) | 6.7\% | 13.3\% |
| 2017 2+yr smolt | 2014, 2015 | 59 | 2 (3.4\%) | 4 (6.8\%) | 1 (1.7\%) | 9 (15.3\%) | 1 (1.7\%) | 8 (13.6\%) | 6.8\% | 35.6\% |
| 2017 adult | 2012, 2013, 2014 | 103 | 6 (5.8\%) | 0 (0.0\%) | 1 (1.0\%) | 0 (0.0\%) | 0 (0.0\%) | 0 (0.0\%) | 6.8\% | 0.0\% |
| 2018 adult | 2013, 2014, 2015 | 166 | 5 (3.0\%) | 11 (6.6\%) | 6 (3.6\%) | 15 (9.0\%) | 2 (1.2\%) | 20 (12.0\%) | 7.8\% | 27.7\% |
| 2019 adult | 2014, 2015, 2016 | 217 | 34-38 (15.7-17.5\%) | 4 (1.85\%) | 4 (1.8\%) | 9 (4.1\%) | 5 (2.3\%) | 8 (3.7\%) | 21.2\% | 9.7\% |
| Total |  | 560 | 51 (9.1\%) | 20 (3.6\%) | 12 (2.1\%) | 33 (5.9\%) | 8 (1.4\%) | 37 (6.6\%) |  |  |
| Retained as brood fish |  |  | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 4 |  |  |

Figure 1: reconstructed pedigrees of all fish inferred to have at least one parent from the genotyped 2014 broodstock. Parental fish are shown at the top and connected by lines to their identified offspring shown at the bottom. Offspring in the same full-sibling family are stacked together. Different sexes and fish groups are shown by different shapes and colours as explained in the key. Red squares indicate fish with an estimated aquaculture ancestry $>10 \%$.

## Attadale 2014 offspring



Uist 2014 offspring


Wild 2014 offspring

Sex

- Female
- Male
- Unknown

Type

- Attadale
- Uist
- Wild
- Unknown

Offspring_type :

- 2016_Smolt
- 2017_Smolt
- 2017_Adult
- 2018_Adult
- 2019_Adult


Figure 2: reconstructed sibling relationships among Attadale, Uist and Wild broodstock fish. Red squares indicate fish with an estimated aquaculture ancestry $>10 \%$. Note that the A


Figure 3: Estimated proportion of ancestry of from Scottish (blue) and Norwegian aquaculture fish (orange). Each column represents an individual fish.


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