

2009 Salmon Report

The season of 2009 will be remembered as one of the worst of all time with unofficial figures indicating that the catch on the Usk is down by 50% to 60%. This serious situation is not confined to the Usk alone but it is nationwide with many rivers reporting even greater reductions and all showing a very worrying crash in rod catches.

At a recent meeting of the Wye and Usk Foundation the situation was discussed at length with the consensus of opinion favouring the theory that the problem almost certainly lies at sea and that the probability is that for some unknown reason the food chain failed with a catastrophic result.

The fact is that the Salmon quite simply were not there this year and we can only hope that the situation rectifies itself and that future runs return to a more normal level. The excellent work of the Wye and Usk Foundation continues and hopefully the fruits of their labours (which is still all at sea) has not been affected and will start to return over the coming years.