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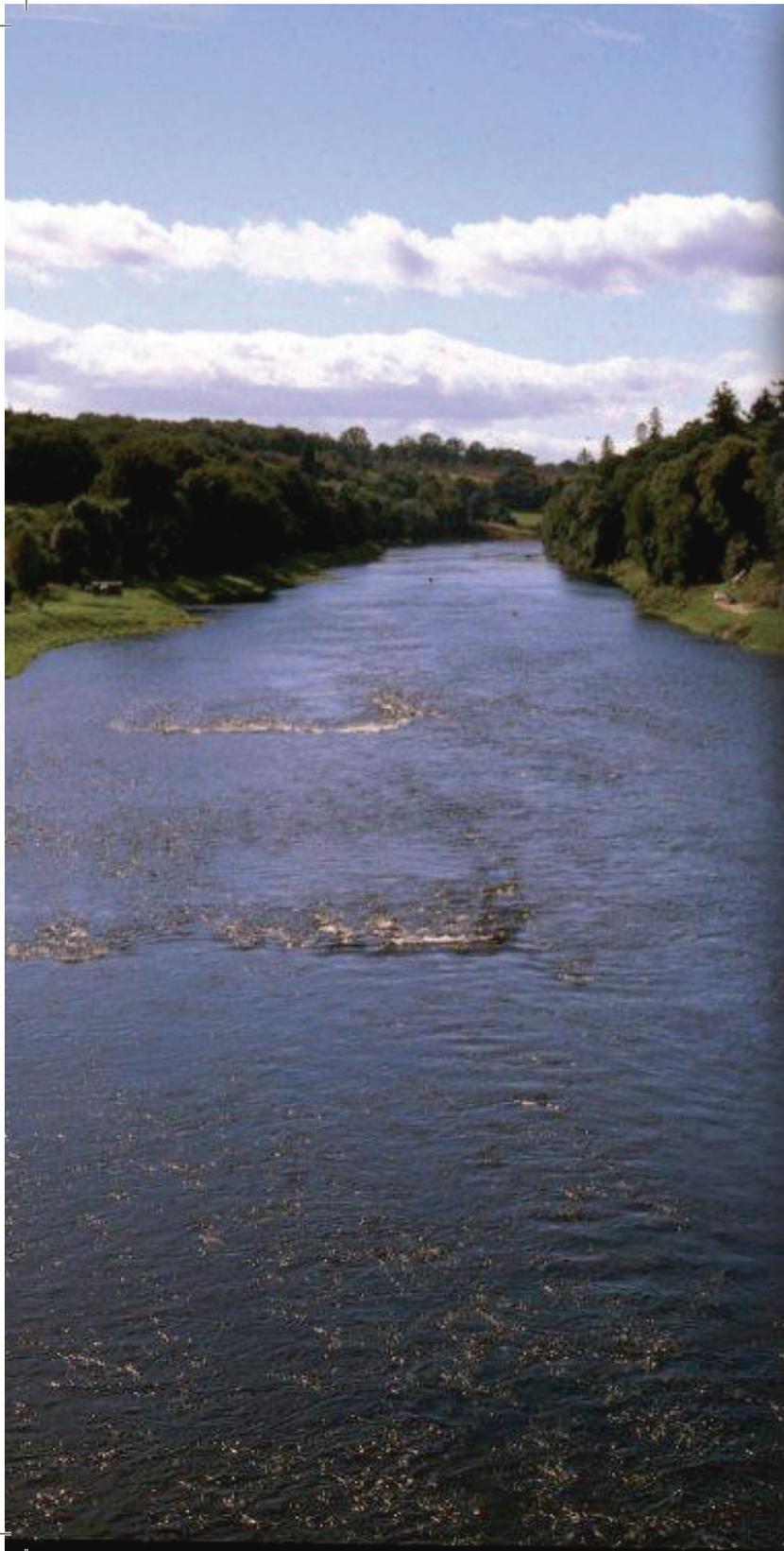


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Situated in beautiful Perthshire countryside the Cargill beat flows amidst spectacular scenery. These unspoilt and beautiful surroundings are the perfect setting for the sport provided by the migratory Atlantic salmon.

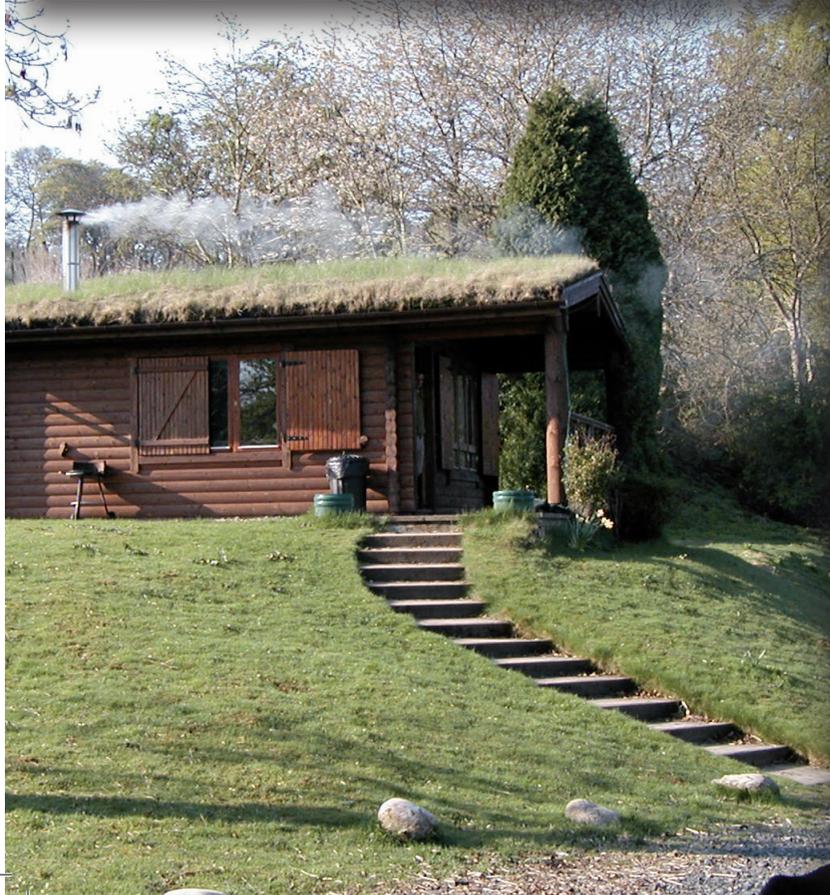
Cargill offers some of the most exciting Salmon fishing in Scotland producing numerous Salmon over 20lbs every season and for the second consecutive year landing the largest Salmon from the Tay a superb 40lb cock fish. The beat has a 5 year average catch of 349 Salmon which can be caught by fly fishing or spinning on this 1.2 mile prime salmon water. The beat is available on a daily or weekly let for up to six rods, anglers can fish from the bank, boat or by wading. We have our own Ghillies on the beat all of which are expert fly casters and tutors who will help our clients to learn all disciplines in Salmon fishing. They have all fished the Tay since a young age building a wealth of knowledge and understanding which is most valuable to our guests in helping them to catch their prize.

Cargill lies 9 miles north of the Fair City of Perth. Under an hours drive from Edinburgh, Glasgow and St Andrews.



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CARGILL BEAT DESCRIPTION

Cargill is one of the most productive and best known beats for salmon fishing on the river Tay. The beat is divided into two double bank beats, upper and lower Cargill which are fished on alternate days. There is one Ghillie on the beat until the end of May, from June onwards 2 Ghillies are in attendance. There is a well appointed luncheon hut on each beat with WC, cooking facilities, hot and cold running water and wood burning stoves to ensure cosy lunches and a wee dram all in a days fishing. The location of Cargill offers the fisherman privacy and seclusion. The Tay Salmon fishing season opens on the 15th January to 31st October. With Salmon entering the Tay system on a daily basis all year round there is always a chance that you will 'connect' with afresh run fish from the opening day to the last day of the season.



The character of Cargill starts on the upper beat with the Bridge Stream, this is ideal for fly fishing, a long stream which can be fished in almost any height of water. As there is deep water close in this stretch is easy to fish. Moving down the beat the water flattens out and flows over what might be best described as a shelf of sandstone rock which runs for nearly half a mile. This is highly deceptive though because under the apparently placid surface strong tongues of flow have worn deep holes in to the ledges of rock producing some of the most attractive lies for salmon on the Tay. Especially in lower water conditions salmon pack into this water and can be quite easily fished for by spinner or fly. Pools with such evocative names as the Pot Shot, Rumbling Stone, Cobble Croy, Clocksden and the Cradle have produced some of the greatest catches on the Tay.



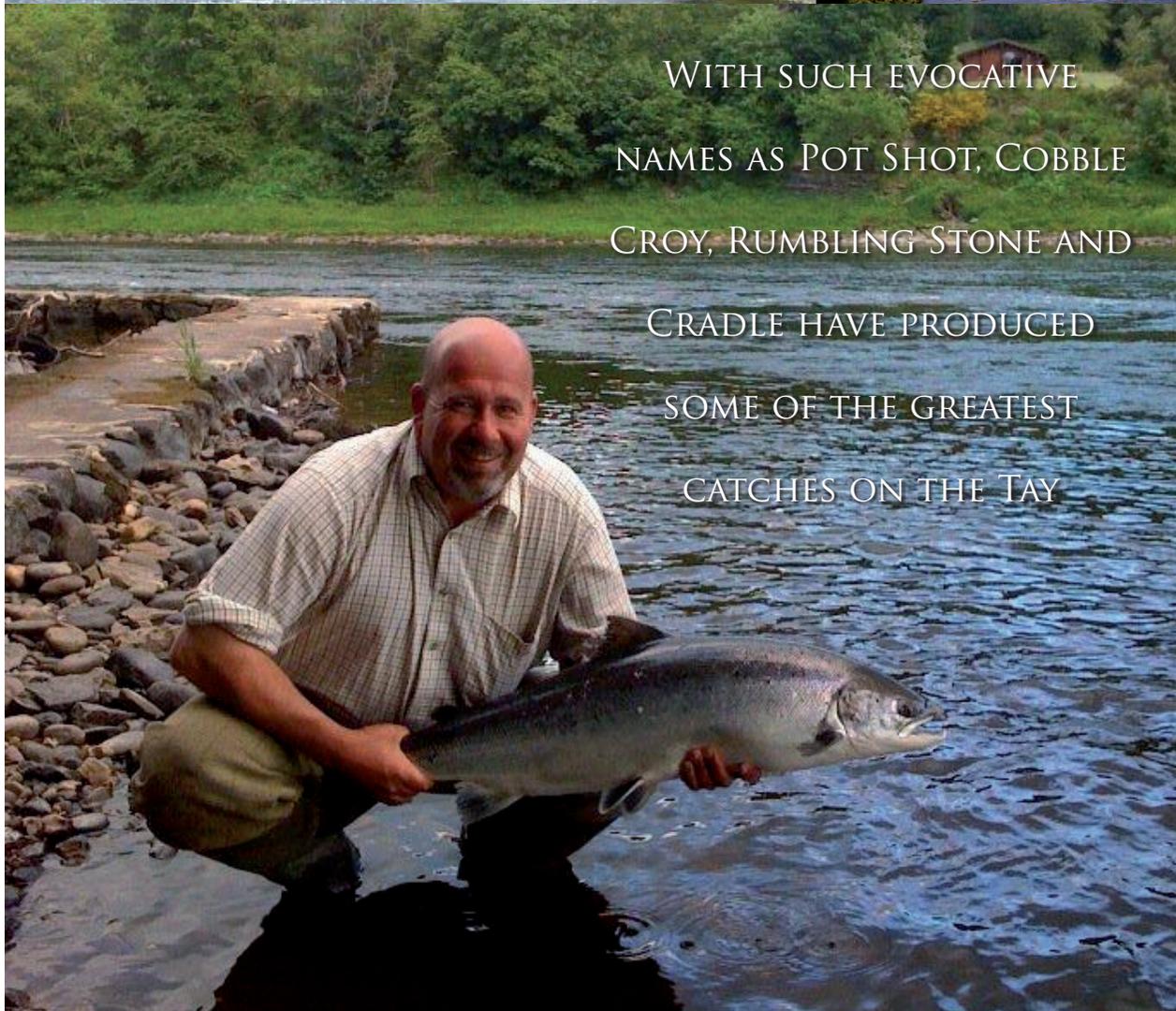


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CARGILLS MONSTERS



Weight	Date & Person/Location
40lb	September 1946, Upper Cargill
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42lb	September 1944, Lower Cargill
43lb	October 1926, Sir Stuart Coats
53lb	October 1923, Sir Stuart Coats
41lb	September 1906, Mr Arthur Moon
41lb	October 1948, Pot Shot
42lb	June 1958, Colin Leslie, Pot Shot
42lb	June 1959, Colin Leslie, The Cradle
42lb	September 1972, Colin Leslie, The Cradle
40lb	August 1973, Jim Pirrie, Cobble Croy
42lb	September 1974, Gordon McGregor, Cobble Croy
41lb	September 1975, George Taylor, Cobble Croy
40lb	July 1976, Colin Leslie, The Cradle
43lb	March 1983, Colin Leslie, Cobble Croy
34lb	October 2010, Alistair Sheach, Cobble Croy
33lb	June 2011, Hugo Greer, Clocksden
40lb	September 2011, David Rees, Pot Shot





SALMON FISHING COURSES/TUITION

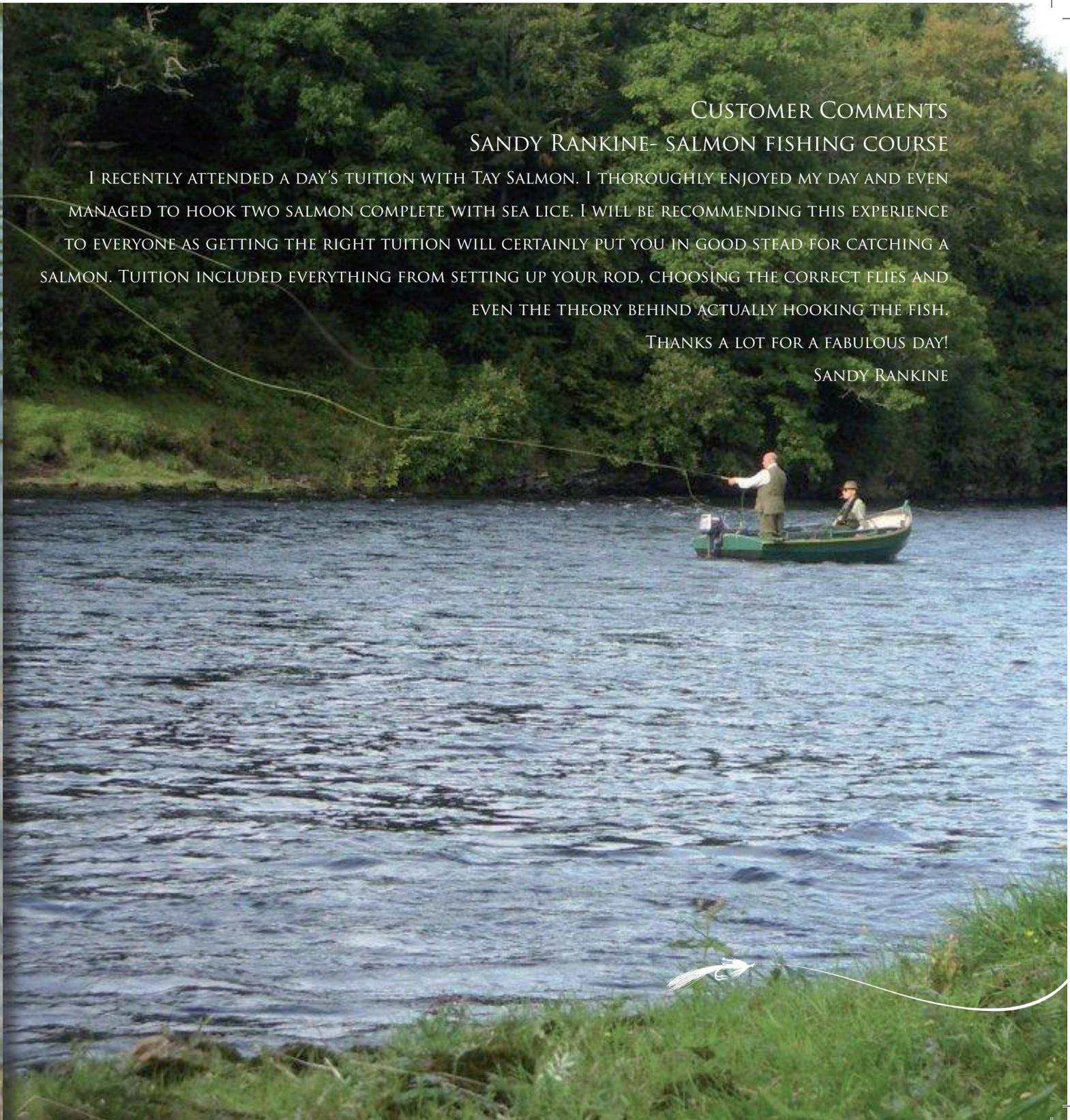
We are fortunate in owning one of Scotland's finest Salmon waters where we can offer first class salmon fly fishing courses. The beat is ideal for the purposes of instruction/tuition, providing easy access, excellent facilities and a good variety of water types without being unduly demanding.

The course is structured both to take complete novices and the more experienced fisher wanting technical help and intensive tuition, through a full programme of learning to Spey cast and how to fish for salmon with double-handed rods. On the course the emphasis is on teaching whilst there is always the chance of a fish.

One day course covers all aspects
of Salmon fly fishing;
Tackle selection
Setting up
Fly choice / Lines / Knots
All methods of casting
Watercraft
Safety & Etiquette

Casting tuition is also available for those
wishing to develop or brush up their
casting skills





CUSTOMER COMMENTS

SANDY RANKINE- SALMON FISHING COURSE

I RECENTLY ATTENDED A DAY'S TUITION WITH TAY SALMON. I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED MY DAY AND EVEN MANAGED TO HOOK TWO SALMON COMPLETE WITH SEA LICE. I WILL BE RECOMMENDING THIS EXPERIENCE TO EVERYONE AS GETTING THE RIGHT TUITION WILL CERTAINLY PUT YOU IN GOOD STEAD FOR CATCHING A SALMON. TUITION INCLUDED EVERYTHING FROM SETTING UP YOUR ROD, CHOOSING THE CORRECT FLIES AND EVEN THE THEORY BEHIND ACTUALLY HOOKING THE FISH.

THANKS A LOT FOR A FABULOUS DAY!

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THE TAY SALMON FISHERIES

HISTORY

Net fishing on the Tay started several hundred years ago and by the mid 1700's, had become a huge business with exports to several countries.

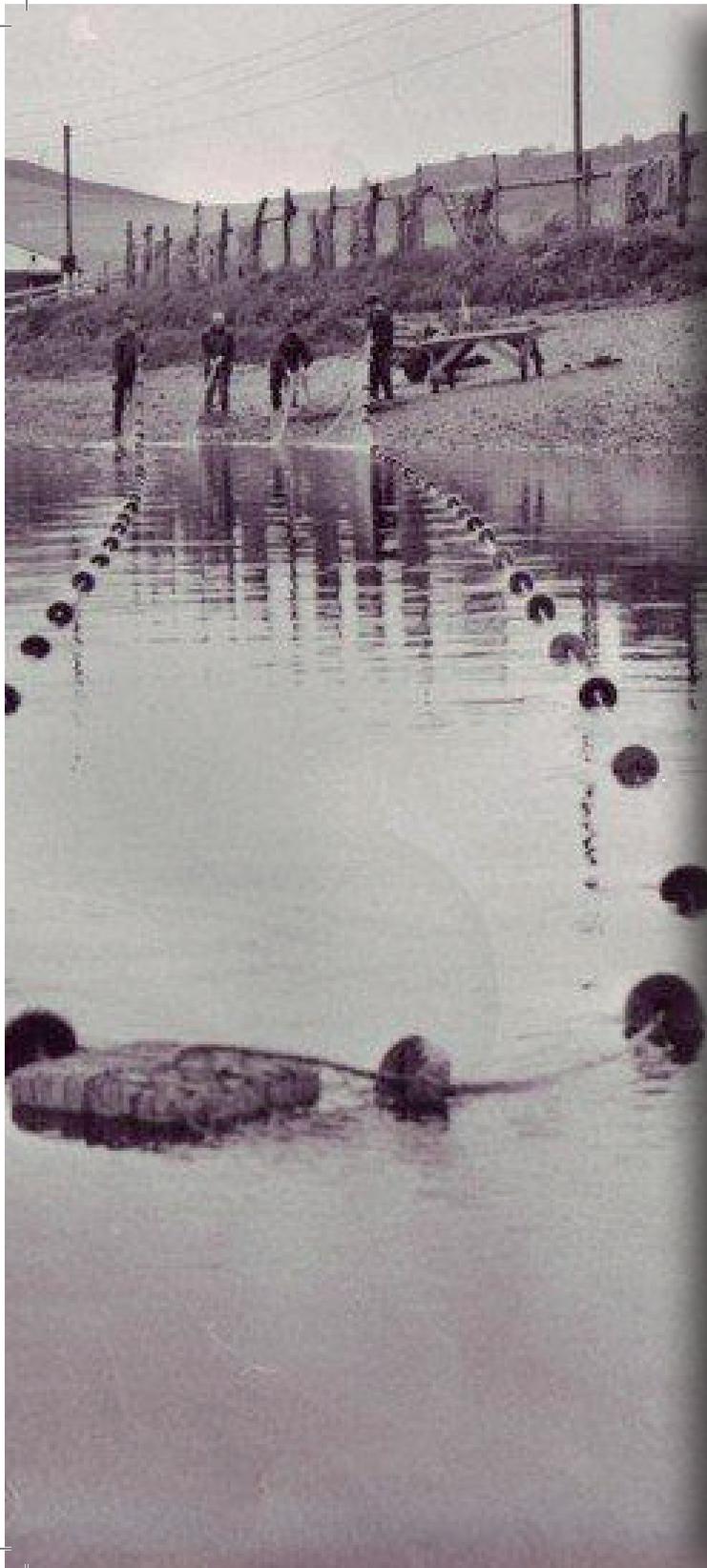
The Tay Salmon Fisheries Company was established in 1899 by P.D. Malloch who bought up the fishing rights along the river and estuary. By bringing them under one umbrella it became one of the biggest such operations in the country.

Malloch may be said to have gone further than any other man in explaining the life history of salmon and trout. His knowledge of the movement of these fish and of the flies and insects consumed by the latter, was vast. In his later years he became a great authority on all matters relating to salmon and trout.

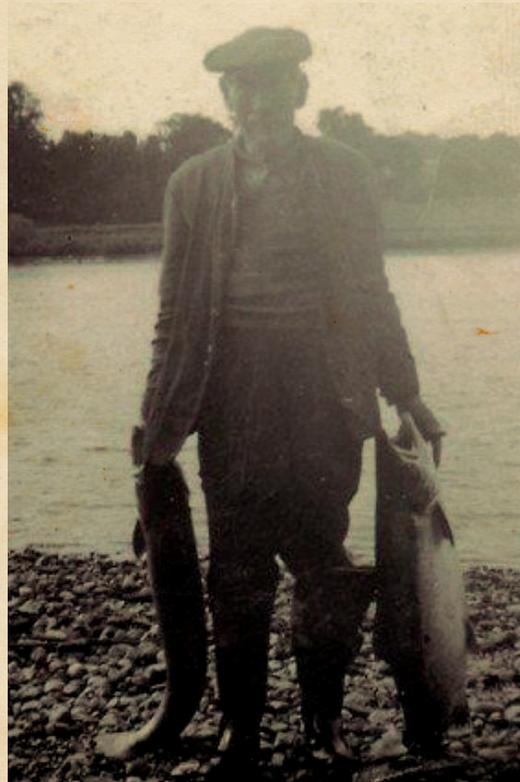
He was the first to study the importance of scale markings on salmon, and proved that every period passed in river or sea could be explained by markings on the scale themselves. With his encyclopedic knowledge of insect life, it is not surprising that he achieved much renown as a fisherman.

Today's Chairman David Clarke has also the Tay running through his veins. As a young lad he would help repair the nets and carry out routine work with his Granfather

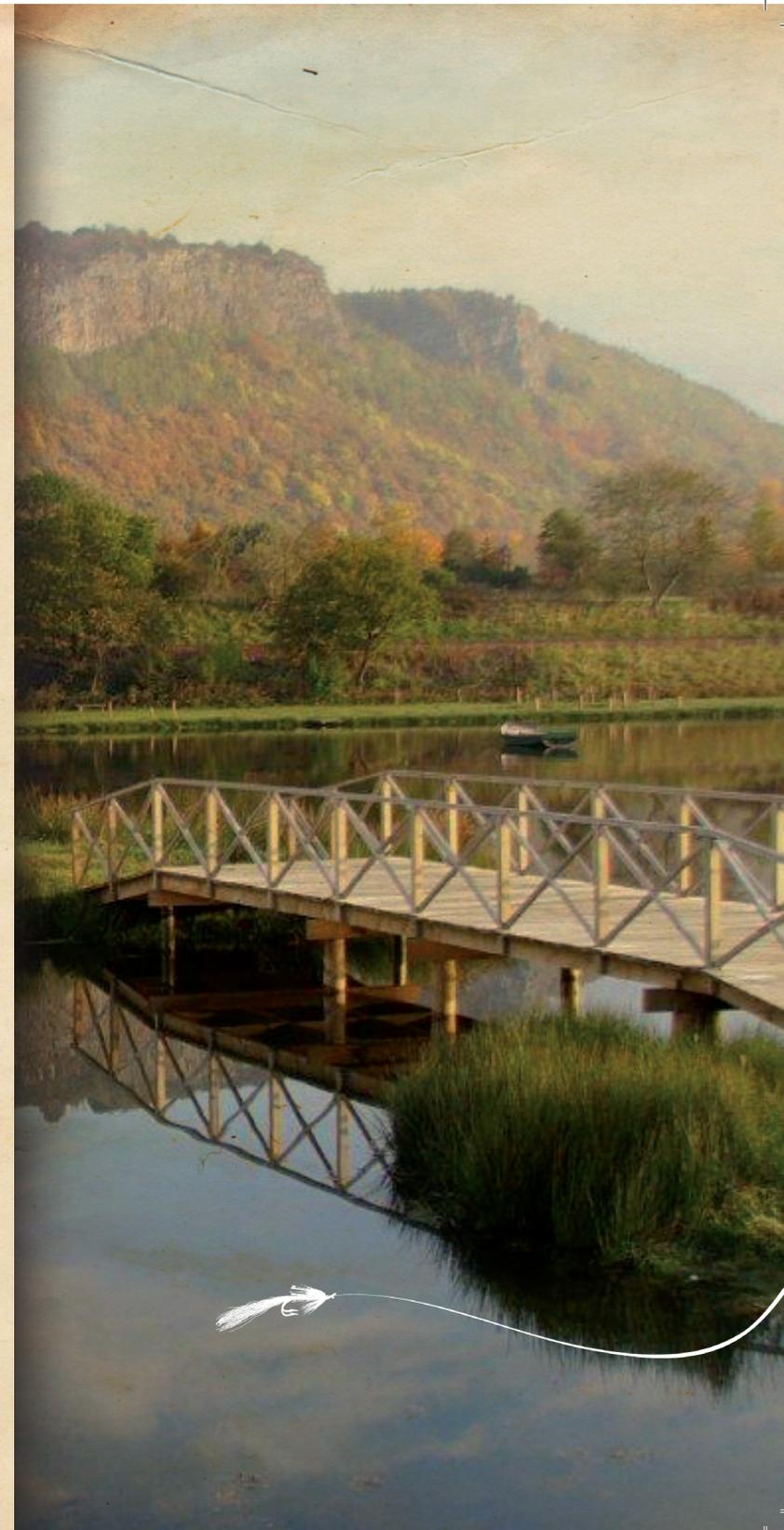




David Bissett who was Gaffer at the Flukie fishing station. After receiving his first wage packet from the company at the age of seven the passion would see him acquire The Tay Salmon Fisheries Company several decades later. With the netting now ceased on the Tay until 2096 it was clear that the habitats were being lost on the riverside due to no maintenance being carried out by the netsmen. It was at this point David Clarke turned his thoughts to ways of making the river sustainable - paying for itself by becoming an environmental / leisure / craft-based organisation.



David Bissett Grandfather and Gaffer



FISHING METHODS ON THE TAY

Fly Fishing

For flyfishing in the spring or autumn 15-18ft rods will be required coupled with fast sinking lines, but always bring the sinktip just in case of a mild dry day

In summer on the Tay a 15ft fly rod will still be necessary with floating line or sink tip.

A cross section of the flies we would use throughout the season are Long Monkey Tube, deadly for early season springers on copper and aluminium tubes. Holo cascade is a great Spring fly also good in early Summer for the Grilse, size 10 up to 4. Allys Shrimp is a good Summer and early Autumn



fly, size 10 up to 6. Golden Willie Gun is a top catching fly in Spring and late Autumn, size 8 up to 2. Ruby Francis is a good fly to be used on rested and resident fish, size 1/2 inch up to 2 inches. Temple Dog is a great producer in late Autumn, size 8 up to 4.

Spinning

Many anglers opt to spin in high water. A good 10ft spinning rod will be required with a large capacity fixed spool reel which must have a minimum capacity of 200 yds 15lb line ready for the Tay monsters.

Fishing with lures is not just a case of throw it out and reel in. Water height and depth is all taken into consideration to determine the angle, depth and speed of the spin. The Toby has been a proven winner and will always catch fish and should never be overlooked especially in high water. Favourites are silver, copper and the zebra,

The Flying C is also a popular lure, Black, red, or a combination of Black and yellow known as a wasp. These can have a silver or copper blade. Fresh running fish will go out of their way to intercept these type of lures as will resting fish be woken up and take chase.





Devon Minnow

There are two types sinkers and floaters, the sinkers are fished with same method as the Flying C. The floating minnow is the one which requires the most skill with it being light and buoyant it is sunk by a lead weight with varying lengths of trace line depending on the conditions. The trick is to bounce the weight down the river bed with the minnow spinning a few feet of the bottom of the river this enables you to fish deeper and slower with the Devon fluttering, spinning and moving in a more natural manor. Great sport

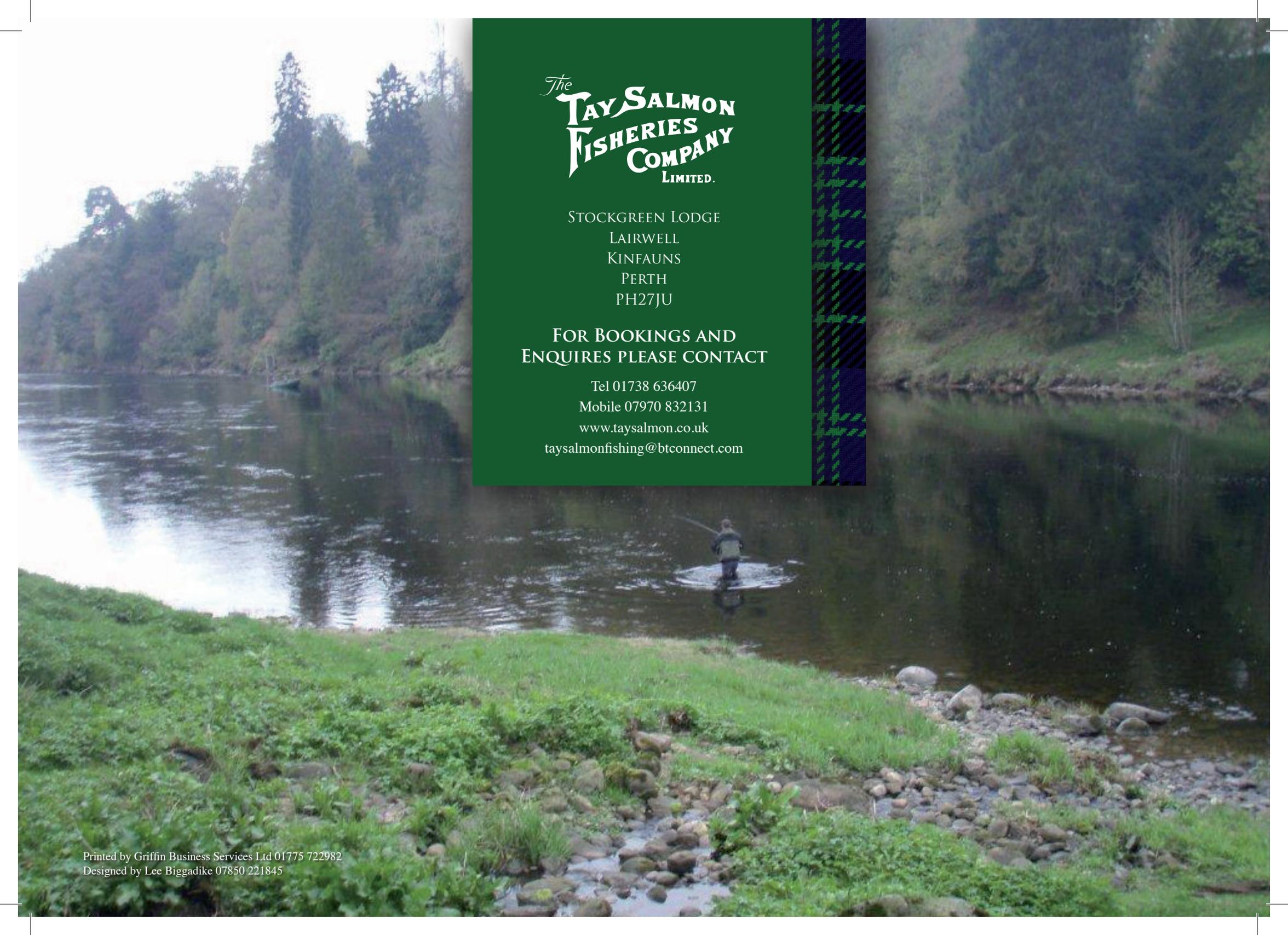
Harling

Harling is a method of fishing that has been used on the river Tay for over a hundred years. This enables lies to be covered that are out of reach to the bank angler. Our expert Ghillie will execute this method by presenting the lures over the fish by using the current. Up to four rods are fished, one out each side and two pokers out the back of the boat with two anglers tending them.

A relaxing and sociable way to fish.

All tackle, flies and lures can be hired or purchased on the beat.





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