



So, let's talk
about beavers....

Beavers – pros and cons

Pros

- They are unique environmental engineers that will transform the riparian habitat of our burns and streams
- They reduce the risk of floods and support other animal species in and around the ponds they create
- They are a draw for tourists and locals alike, generating income through ecotourism

Cons

- They are unique environmental engineers that will transform the riparian habitat of our burns and streams
- They degrade and destabilise riverbanks, risking flooding
- They fell mature trees that provide shade and protection and can target farmers crops
- The dams they create prevent adult and juvenile salmonid migration
- They have no natural predators in Scotland and so their population will not be controlled
- The damage and destruction to date has cost millions of pounds to remediate



What is the Loch Lomond Fisheries Trust position on beavers?

The Trust believes that beavers, like it or not, are here to stay in Scotland and the relatively recent sightings of beaver in the Leven and lower Endrick show that these animals will naturally extend their range into the Lomond system

The Trust will not consider supporting the acceleration of this range extension, as proposed by the RSPB, without the following conditions being met:

1. The RSPB commission an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on the release of beavers in the lower Endrick. This EIA should include input from the Trust relative to the current state of fish populations on the Endrick and its tributaries, as well as the wider Lomond catchment.
2. Upon receipt of the EIA the RSPB / NatureScot should other undertake a meaningful consultation exercise that seeks to engage all stakeholders, including the angling community – need to generate trust within the wider community / stakeholder population.
3. The RSPB / NatureScot should also confirm what funds will be made available to compensate for mature riparian tree protection, riverbank repairs and crop destruction – after all, with rights come responsibilities!

No tree cover, no salmon.....
Endrick Water, August 2022,
water temperature 23.5c,
potentially fatal to salmonids

Are we introducing one
iconic species to the
detriment of another?



FRANKLY MY DEAR



I DON'T GIVE A DAM

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The last
word,
should
though go
to the
beavers.....