**LOCHABER DSFB CLERK’S UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2020**

On behalf of the Board, the Clerk has been involved in the following issues since the last update –

There was a very noticeable increase in illegal fishing and poaching throughout the region in 2020. This was thought to be due to increase in wild camping/caravans and influx of those that are new to the area and, before that, some local people using the lockdown as an excuse to fish illegally without permission. The water bailiffs throughout the region were very busy this season. More directly I was involved in advising the bailiffs and talking to the police on legal matters concerning incidents on the Leven, Coe, Lochy and Morar region. It remains to be seen whether prosecutions will be brought. Well done all our bailiffs who all work (on a voluntary and unpaid basis) to protect our migratory fish stocks.