

Extracts from 19th century newspapers relating to Tweed salmon fishermen

OPENING OF THE TWEED SALMON NET FISHINGS

- At midnight on Tuesday, the salmon net fishings on the Tweed opened for another season, which will extend to September 14, and the first day's produce was encouraging. With the morning's tide, the Berwick Salmon Company reported a fair start with 20 to 25 salmon, and a score of trout. The fish scaled up to 15 lbs. Last year the largest fish on the opening day weighed 16 lbs, while the total produce was less than this year. Messrs R. Holmes and Son, Bridge-street, had a very encouraging "first day" to report, the firm receiving 85 salmon and 56 trout from their fisheries, as compared with 80 salmon and 46 trout last year. All the fish were in capital condition, and came mostly from the upper stations. The price for salmon was 1s 8d per lb, and for trout 1s 4d. Last year the prices at the opening were 1s 10d for salmon and 1s 4d for trout.

Berwick Journal
16th February 1888

THE FIRST GRILSE caught this season was obtained on Wednesday at Sandstell Fishing Station, being about two months earlier than grilse generally appear. It weighed 1¾ lbs and was sold for 8s.

Berwick Journal
7th April 1860

THE FISHERMEN'S STRIKE - On Friday last the fishermen employed by the Company on the stations between the bridge and Norham, in all 45, struck for an advance on their wages, namely from 12 s to 14s per week. After remaining on strike up till Wednesday morning, upwards of 30 of them returned to their work on the former terms.

Berwick Advertiser
18th April 1846