

Colliford

Our current Newsletter describes the partnership between the FRA and SWW which helps us to achieve environmental and financial benefit. We now have an agreement between SWW and the EA and based on the OFWAT/SWW PR14 programme. This has four main elements:

1. Hatchery and monitoring of success;

Funding has been agreed for the establishment of a new hatchery (site yet to be determined). £30K per annum has been identified for operating costs and monitoring success rates.

2. Habitat work, eg gravel restoration

Salmonid spawning gravels in the St Neot catchment need restoration, costing £12k per year until 2020. The bulk of this spend will be towards the end of the plan period. There will be gravel improvement in 10 sites along the river.

3. Flow changes.

Banking the compensation flow at Colliford and Siblyback and adding this compensation water to the Colliford fisheries bank. This will enable controlled increased flows for short periods to encourage fish to run the river.

4. Investigation of possible reduction in damaging high summer flows using the pipeline.

Extend the existing pump storage pipeline to permit releases direct to the Restormel Water Treatment Works.

The cost of pipeline and infrastructure would be in the region of £4 million. However, the Fowey Fisheries Resources Group (FFRG), SWW and EA have agreed that this option requires further investigation to help inform the need for the pipeline to modify the existing flow regime. This investigation is likely to cost in the region of £15K.