



I know your right it isn't pretty at 42 inches long and taking this male Salmon's Kype into consideration an estimated weight when it first entered the river would have been around 26lbs of gleaming silver, yes for sure a thing of real beauty and an anglers dream, possibly a life time's best for most!

Sadly not all Atlantic Salmon make it back out to sea after taking part in their spawning ritual. Still that's better than the Pacific Salmon which all die after going through the same sort of thing. Expert biologist will however tell you that the Pacific fish then pass on much needed nutrients to the likes of bears eagles and all other kinds of wild creatures so their passing is certainly not in vain. The eggs laid off course provide future Salmon for years to come.



Here's a pic of a typical Tay Kelt 27in long caught only a few days ago already returned to a silvery colour and awaiting rich feeding back out at sea before coming back to its home river as a much heavier and muscled up Salmon.



As we are now into February 2023 it can mean only one thing and that's only 20 days left of the Wildfowling season. All 2022/23 I've been keeping a close eye out for bird flu especially along the tides edge where us guys are most likely to spot it before anyone else gets out of their beds. I can honestly say that I have nothing to report on the subject and that's covering both my local estuary's with watchful fairly operational old eyes!!

The weather as always has played its part throughout the season with voluntary restraint being asked for if you thought it required. Blustery winds made a difference if you were lucky enough to be there at such times, and off course mild calm days usually left you with high flying birds. The moon cycles may have been mornings to avoid or nights to drag you out of that recliner chair! All these conditions made for a varied season which I hope you've enjoyed

