

Sea lice monitoring report for Torridon estuary sampling, 21st May 2026

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Sea trout data

Location:	Torridon river estuary																				
Date:	21-Jun-26	Time:	00:00	High tide	11:30hrs																
*Counts:	Peter Cunningham																				
Team:	6 assistants																				
Weather:	overcast , strong breeze																				
River	low																				
Other notes:	3 sweeps of channel after high tide. First sweep about 1.5 hours after high tide - water level too high initially																				
	2nd sweep of same pool as 1st sweep																				
	3rd sweep of corner pool further downstream from far bank - two other small sea trout seen																				
									Caligus	Lepeophtheirus salmonis											
No.	Location	Date	Method	Riv/Est/B each	Fish	length (mm)	weight (g)	condition factor	total	Copepodid & Chalimus (estimate)	Pre-adult & adult	Ov. female	Total L. salmonis sea lice	*estimated lice/g fish weight	Dorsal fin damage	Cryptocotyle ligua spots per cm2 of caudal fin	Predator damage	Photo	scale sample?	Comments	
1	Torridon	21-May-26	Sweep Net	est	ST	128	18	0.86	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	2	0	N	Y	Y	weight +/- 10g	
2	Torridon	21-May-26	Sweep Net	est	ST	139	25	0.93	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	N	Y	Y	caught in co	
					Average	133.50	21.50	0.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00					

Summary

total lice	0
number of fish	2
number infested	0
prevalence	0%
total lice	0
abundance	0.00
intensity	0.00
fish with >0.3 lice / g	0
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Other fish in sample

No.	Location	Date	Method	Riv/Est/B each	Fish	length (mm)	weight (g)		
3	Torridon	21-May-26	Sweep Net	est	3-sp stbk	90		female stickleback	
4	Torridon	21-May-26	Sweep Net	est	Flounder	240	136		

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Notes: magnifying glasses used – no lice seen

Photos: all ©WRFT unless otherwise indicated. All fish in photos were lightly sedated for inspection then returned to the sea after recovery.

Sea trout 128mm, Torridon, 21 May 2026, no lice.



Sea trout 139mm, Torridon, 21 May 2026, no lice.

