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**Response from Phil Davies**

I am aware of all the financial cuts but you tell me that a private run hatchery which is conforming to all the various regulations, with private funding which has been successfully taking rod caught wild salmon and therefore rearing pellet fed but still wild salmon parr and smolts, for over ten years. Why have they been stopped breeding these salmon. Are you going to stop the hatchery schemes on the Tyne and several rivers in Scotland. There are hundreds of hatcheries in Canada and all over the world, it seems to work. Please can you send me an answer I am sure you must have a scientific answer to why it is allowed to work on some rivers with Atlantic salmon and not on others, it is not money as it was being financed by the rod anglers via the fishing clubs and private individuals.

I think there is no need to stop a private hatchery with private funding who is doing the job by the book and has the support of all the clubs. They were using wild fish and then breeding wild fish this seems to work all over the world. The river trout will decline and the clubs and the local economy also a lot less licences will be sold.

Phil Davies