

A fascinating animated film nominated for a 2024 BAFTA award and viewable now on Youtube. Check it out!

[Wild Summon | EE BAFTA Film Awards 2024 Nominated British Short Animation \(youtube.com\)](#)

This short imaginative and artistic film portrays the life history of the Atlantic salmon in a very interesting and challenging way. I think it's worth 14 minutes of most peoples time!

The salmon, represented in human form, are 'summoned' by their DNA to carry out their fantastic life journey, encountering numerous risks, many man-made, on the way.

This is where Scotton comes in!

There have been anecdotal reports in the past of salmon making their way up the Nidd, and recent actions by environmental organisations have improved the habitats they seek to lay their eggs in (rivers with good water quality and a river bed with gravel, pebbles, boulders etc.) and removed barriers to salmon and other fish migrating further upstream.

NAG's good friend Prof. Jonny Grey led the project last year on the Nidd to remove Scotton weir [River Nidd, Scotton Weir Removal | Wild Trout Trust to improve the river's ecology](#)

Maybe in the future we'll be reporting salmon regularly in our lovely Nidd (especially if other weirs, no longer performing their function of providing power for industrial mills, are also removed!), and we can get incoming pollution under better control!

Let us know what you think about removing weirs, and improving Nidd water quality!

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