

Conservation Objectives for River Spey Special Area of Conservation

To avoid deterioration of the habitats of the qualifying species (listed below) or significant disturbance to the qualifying species, thus ensuring that the integrity of the site is maintained and the site makes an appropriate contribution to achieving favourable conservation status for each of the qualifying features; and

To ensure for the qualifying species that the following are maintained in the long term:

- **Population of the species, including range of genetic types for salmon, as a viable component of the site**
- **Distribution of the species within site**
- **Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species**
- **Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species**
- **No significant disturbance of the species**
- **Distribution and viability of freshwater pearl mussel host species**
- **Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting freshwater pearl mussel host species**

Qualifying Species:

- Atlantic salmon
- Freshwater pearl mussel
- Otter
- Sea lamprey

The site overlaps with Abernethy Forest, Cairngorms, Craigmore Wood, Drumochter Hills, Kinveachy Forest, Moray and Nairn Coast, and River Spey – Insh Marshes Special Protection Areas