

# Restaurering av Testeboån för vandrande fiskarter

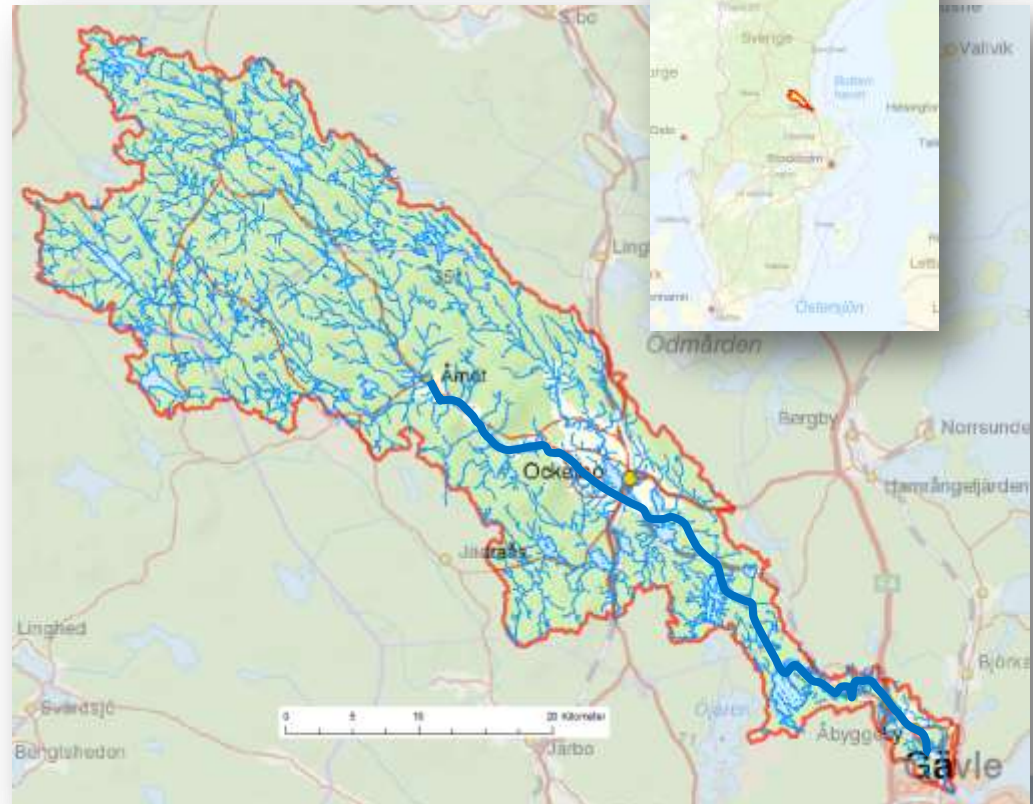
Restoration of Testeboån for  
migratory species

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## Testeboån

- 85 km
- Vertical drop = 130 m
- MQ = 11.7 m<sup>3</sup>/s
- Watershed ~1 000 km<sup>2</sup>
- HEP = 5



## Work area

- 20 km
- HEP = 2
- 26 species of fish
- 2 protected areas
- 3 Natura 2000 sites



# Restoration of fish populations

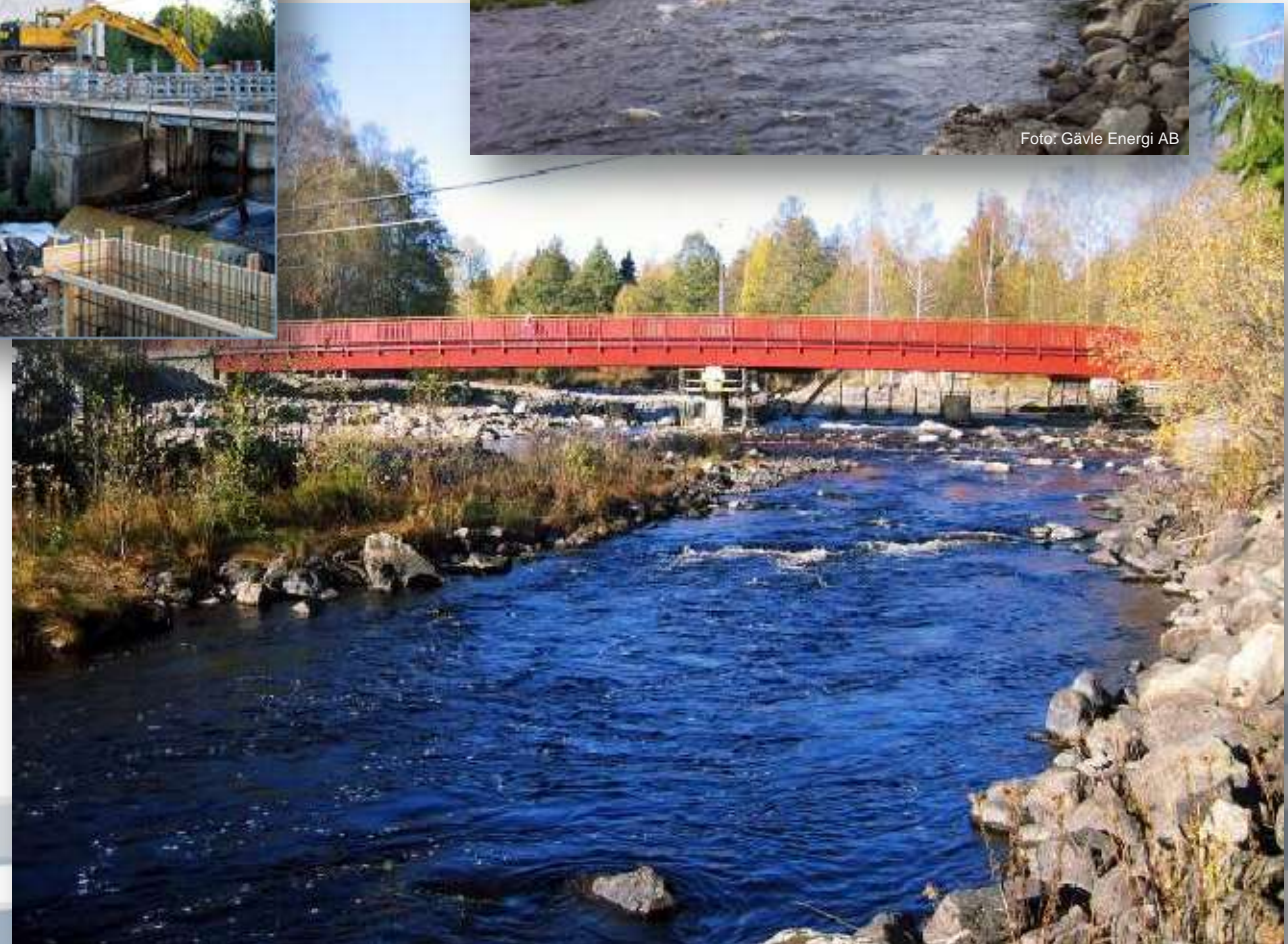
Since the 80s a long-term fish conservation work have been carried out to re-establish sustainable populations of wild salmon and sea trout in Testeboån.

The first fish trap to monitor upstream migration was built in 1983. In the 80s some trout were caught in the trap each year.

It took another twelve years before the first salmon was caught 1995 and then another five years before the second salmon appeared.

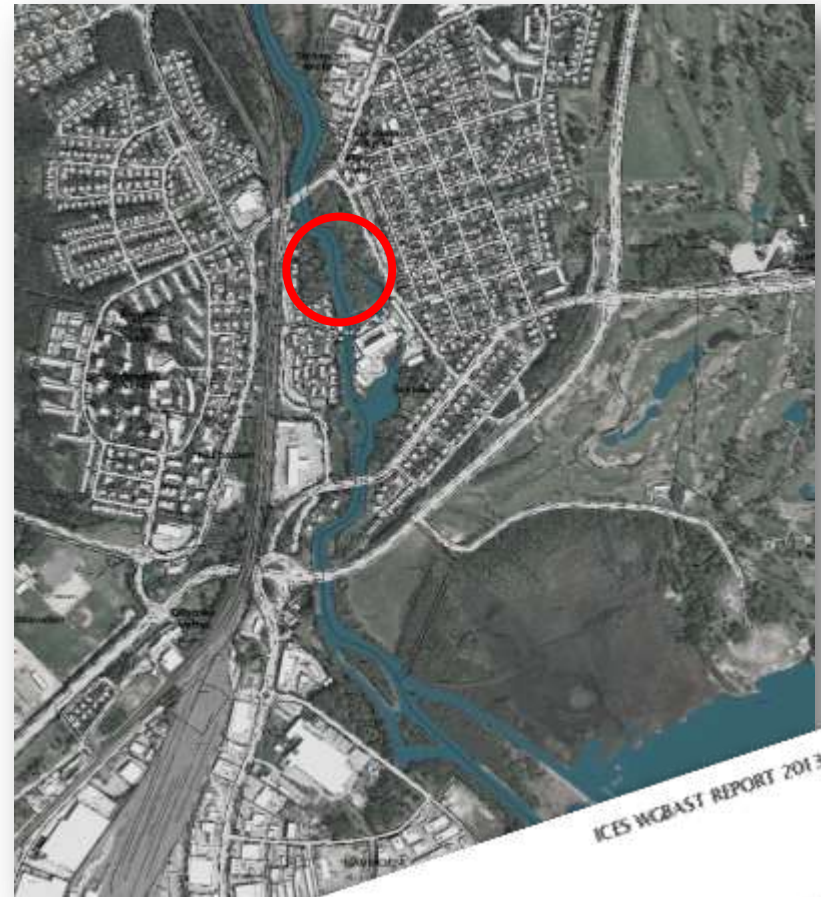


# Demolition of Forsby hydroelectric power plant and dam construction 2005



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### 3 River data on salmon populations

The Baltic salmon (and sea trout) rivers may be divided into four main categories: wild, mixed, reared and potential. The list of wild rivers was updated and now includes also River Testeboån. The working group evaluated the reintroduction programme in the river and found that the river stock now fulfils the criteria for a wild river (for more information see section about potential rivers below). This chaner

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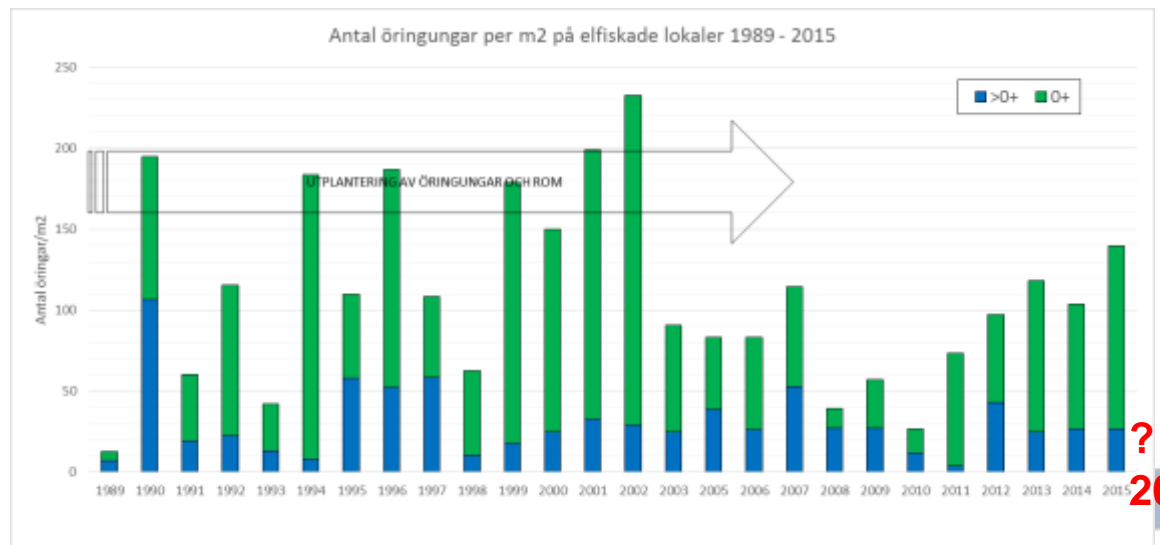
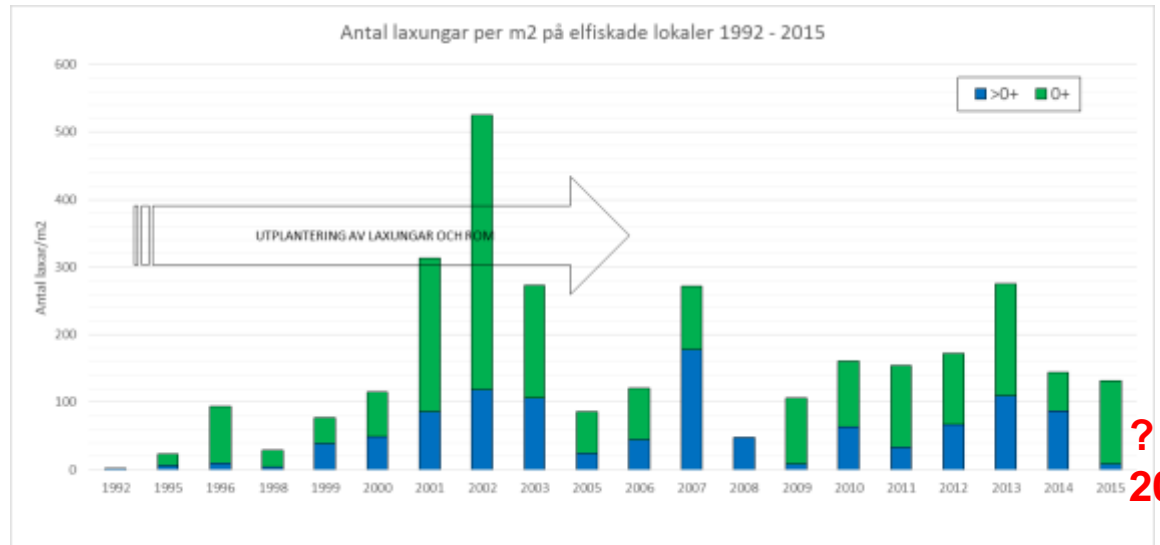
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# Results from Electrofishing

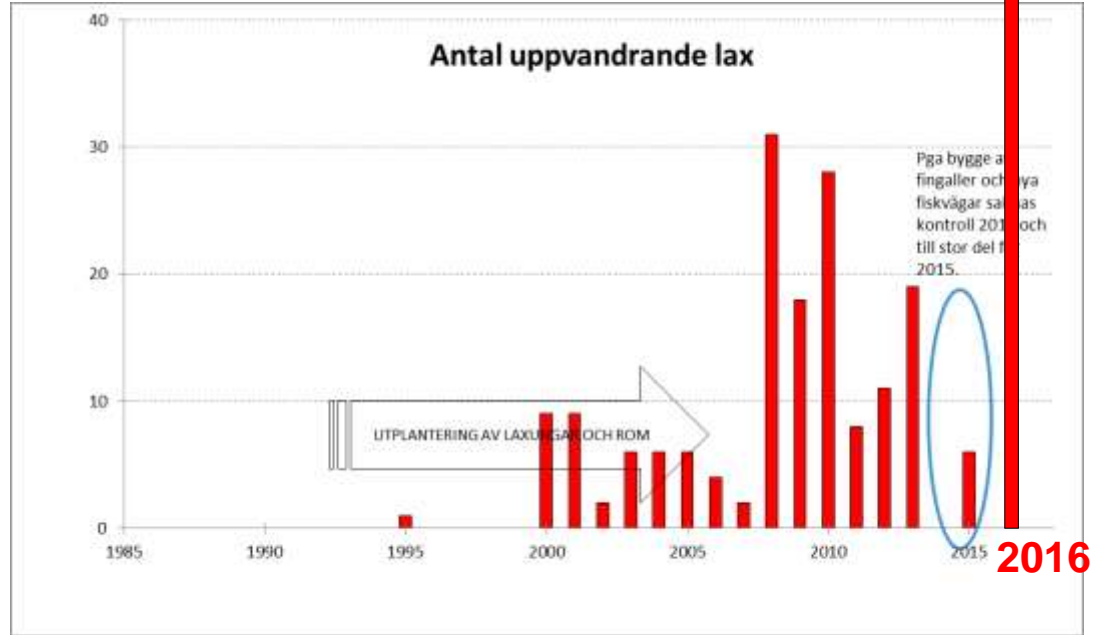


# Upstream migrating fish

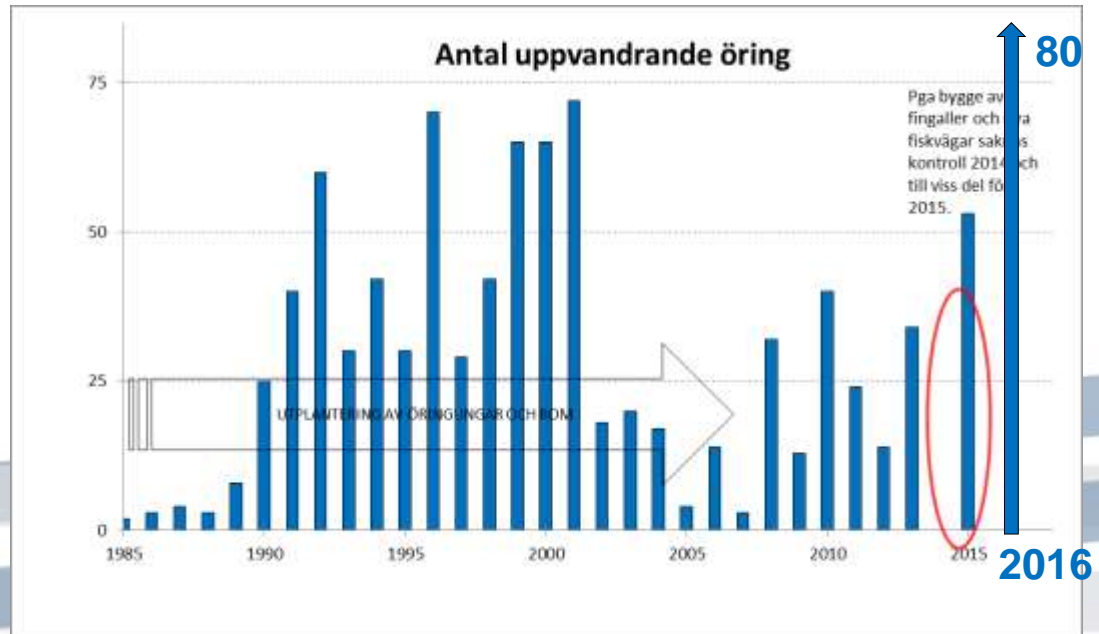


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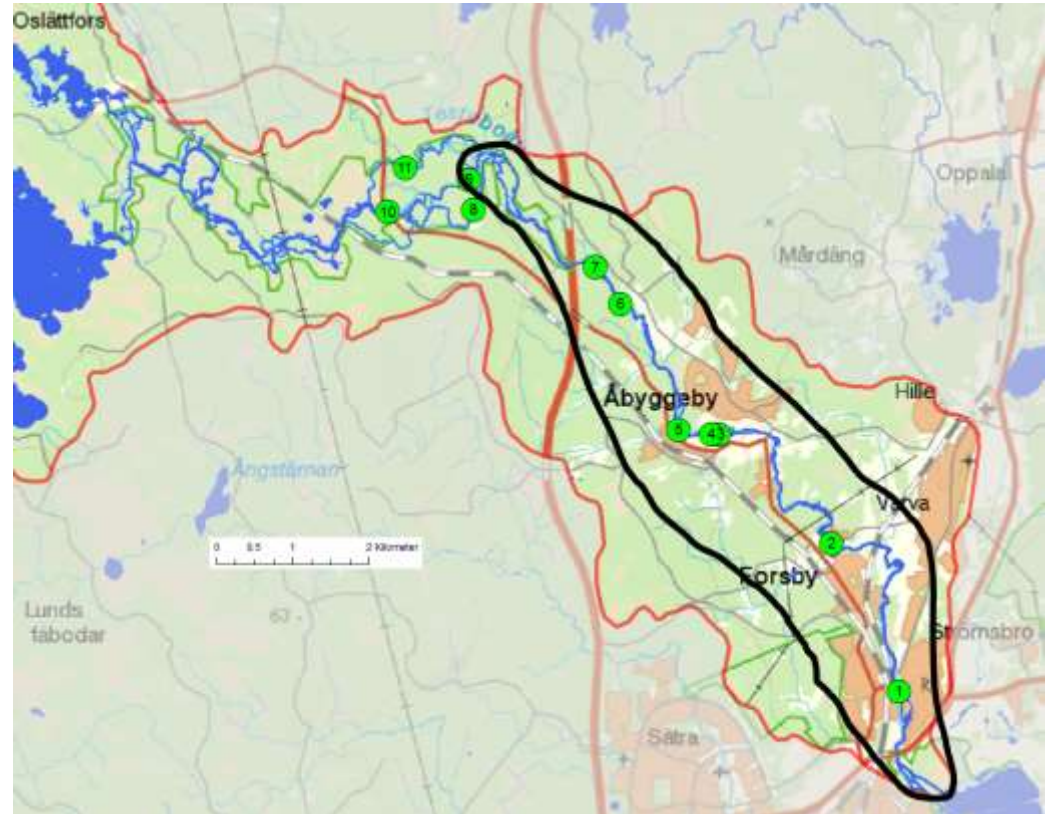


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# When will we have salmon and sea trout in the upper part of Testeboån?

Location 11 has been entirely empty of salmon and sea trout fry since the restocking ended in 2006 and 2007.

In 2015 there were 39 trout fry per 100 m<sup>2</sup>.



# Survival of kelt

Before the  $\beta$ -rack almost all kelt died in the canal to the hydroelectric power plant.

This year 86 salmon (45-110 cm) and 46 sea trout were gathered in the smolt trap. We also know that several kelt went through the fish counter and that some might have passed over the dam construction.



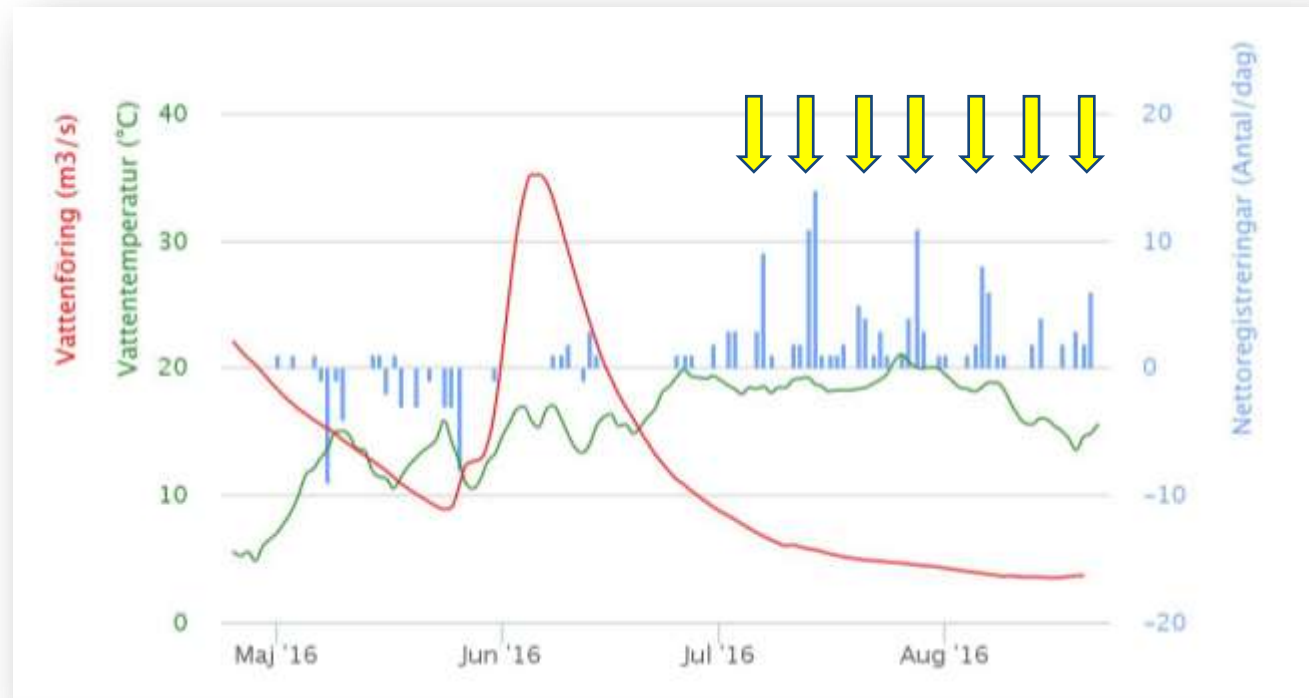
# The behavior of the kelt when they migrate downstream

Swim out to sea or remain in the river...



## The major remaining challenge to solve for migratory fish in Testeboån

The arrows marks days when the hydroelectric power plant was stopped so that water could run in its natural watercourse. These days matches well with peaks in upstream migration.





**Tack!**