



**Scottish Invasive Species Initiative:** Tayside South Project Officer

**Employer:** Tay District Salmon Fishery Board

**Salary:** £34,478 per annum

**Contract:** Fixed to 31 March 2028

(possibility of extension based on performance and continuation funding being secured)

**Hours:** Full Time

**Location:** Tay DSFB, Unit 6, Cromwell Park, Perth PH1 3LW

#### **Scottish Invasive Species Initiative - your role:**

Led by NatureScot, the Scottish Invasive Species Initiative, the largest invasive species control programme in Great Britain, has been operating since 2018. Having secured funding to continue and expand the Initiative to end March 2028, we are looking for someone to join our team and lead an exciting expansion of our work to South Tayside and North Fife.

We work with volunteers, land managers and communities to tackle invasive non-native species such as Japanese knotweed, giant hogweed, Himalayan balsam and American mink, and are expanding these activities to a new area (Tayside South) which covers the rivers Earn and Eden and tributaries.

You will lead the project in Tayside South and work with the Project Manager, Tayside North Project Officer and wider team to tackle invasive non-native species and deliver real environmental improvements and benefits. Locally you will be responsible for: invasive non-native plant control, American mink control, volunteer recruitment and management, engagement and collaboration with land managers and other stakeholders, communications and outreach.

This is a challenging, demanding but rewarding role. You will need excellent communication and organisational skills, the ability to undertake and lead practical invasive species control work and be able to think strategically to deliver at catchment scale. You will be an effective self-organiser and manager but work closely with colleagues to share experience and learning, improve existing approaches and ensure successful delivery of the project as a whole.

This project is supported by the Scottish Government's Nature Restoration Fund, managed by NatureScot.

**Further information:** <https://invasivespecies.scot/>

**The Tay District Salmon Fishery Board:**

The Tay District Salmon Fisheries Board is the statutory body empowered to protect and improve Atlantic salmon fisheries in the Tay District. The Board is our local partner covering Tayside and will be the employer of this new post.

**Further information:** <https://tayrivers.org/tdsfb/>

**To Apply:**

Submit your CV with a covering letter (not longer than 3 pages), outlining how you meet the essential skills and experience and telling us why you are a great fit for this job to [sisi@nature.scot](mailto:sisi@nature.scot)

**Closing date for applications:** 12 noon Monday 23 February (late applications not accepted)

**Interviews:** Wednesday 04 March (on Teams)

