

Trenchford gets new pike - SWLT team up with the EA for Pike removal

I am very pleased we were able to team up with the Environment Agency recently to help rid a Cornish duck pond of pike.

The silver fish and ducklings at Par Duck Pond near St Blazey were being eaten by the pike which had not been introduced through a section 30 license so the EA mounted an operation to remove them and re-home them if possible. The lake was electro fished which is where magnetic currents are put through the water and fish become stunned for a few seconds which enables you to net them. This causes no harm to the fish.

A total of 22 pike were caught on the day by EA staff, 10 of which had to be sent off for a health check along with 20 silver fish to make sure they had no parasites or disease. The health check was successful so this is where the Trust came into it.

I picked up the pike from the EA depot in Wadebridge and transported them to Trenchford Reservoir near Moreton Hampstead, South Devon. They were all weighed, photographed and released with the largest being over 10lb. Trenchford is a pike only fishery and has held fish up to 30lb in the past. For more information on the fishery or to book a boat please call 01647 277587.

