## Inverness West Link Stage 2 – December 2019 Update

## Progress

Works continue to progress well across the site with the focus being on the works in and around the canal. Due to unforeseen ground conditions, the piling was delayed. To mitigate this delay an additional piling rig was mobilised and the operatives worked part of their Christmas holiday. The canal was dewatered and electrofishing undertaken to remove and relocate any fish within the drained section. Over pumping of the canal at a rate of 750 litres per second continued over the festive holidays and will continue until the canal is reopened in March.

Road surfacing along the new General Booth road has progressed with the final asphalt to be laid in January.

## **Planned Works**

The planned works for the next month will consist of:

- Complete the piling of the abutments
- Complete the wharf anchor wall
- Commence the capping beams
- Install bracing and excavate behind the piles & backfill
- Duct installation across the canal
- Excavation of canal bed and installation of a concrete slab to the canal
- Continue with service, kerbs and surfacing on the site
- Tie ins on General Booth Road and along the A82



Trout recovered and relocated during the electrofishing in the canal



Piling rigs on the East & West abutment, dam and new control tower to the right of the frame



Dewatered section of the canal with the wharf piles and piling on the East & West abutment



Dewatered section of the canal with piling rig on West abutment and wharf anchor wall progressing



General Booth Road and the new roundabout on the A82