

# Fisheries Management Scotland

## Our role and priorities



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# Fisheries Management Scotland

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- Established in November 2016.
- ASFB constitution altered to change the name to Fisheries Management Scotland, and enable all DSFBs and Fishery Trusts to join.
- Board drawn from across the membership.
- Rivers and Fisheries Trusts of Scotland will cease its current operational activities in March 2017.
- Fisheries Management Scotland is now the representative body for DSFBs and Fishery Trusts in Scotland.

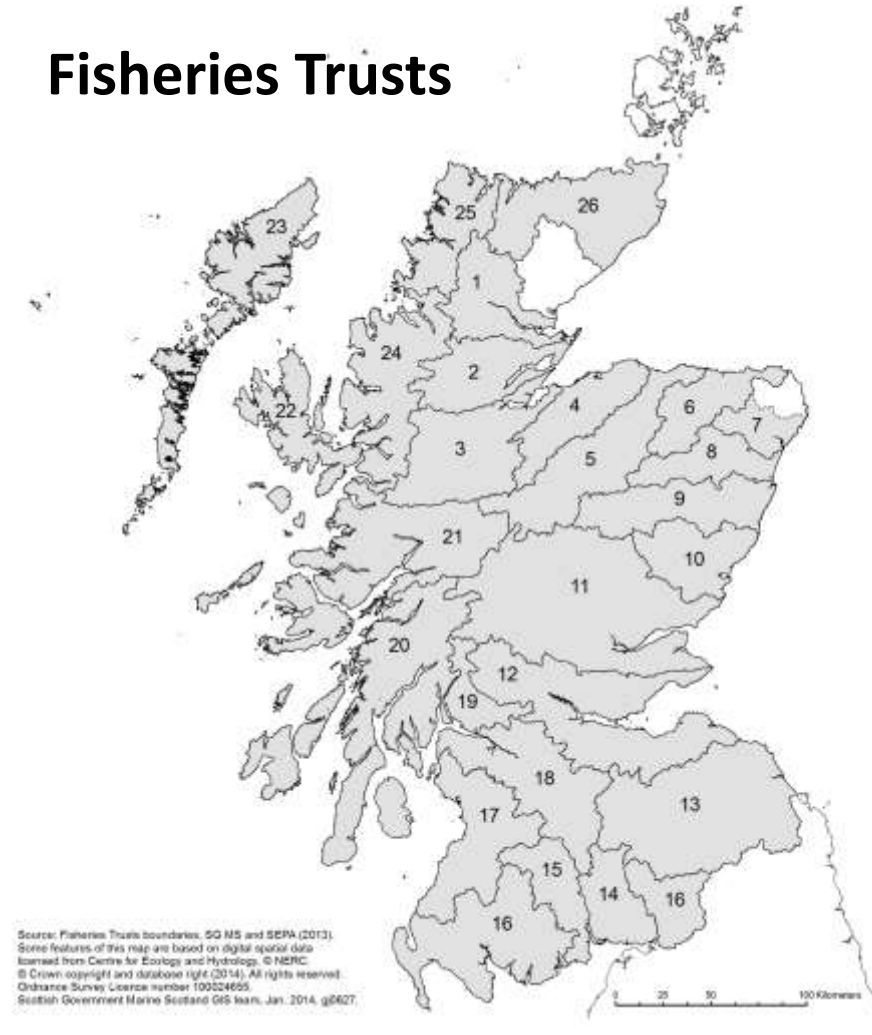
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## DSFBs



## Fisheries Trusts



## Aim

- To represent the interests of its member organisations, including both majority views and significant minority views
- To influence relevant policy as may be desirable for the protection, preservation and development of Scotland's wild salmon and freshwater fish and fisheries and their environment
- Alan Wells (CEO)
- Brian Davidson (Director of Communications & Administration)
- Sean Dugan (Scottish Fisheries Coordination Centre Manager)

# Representation



- Regular face to face meetings with Government and Agencies
- Regular face to face meetings with Industry
- Parliamentary briefings and engagement
  
- Work with our members to respond to relevant National Consultations
- Respond to developments of National or strategic importance



# Representation

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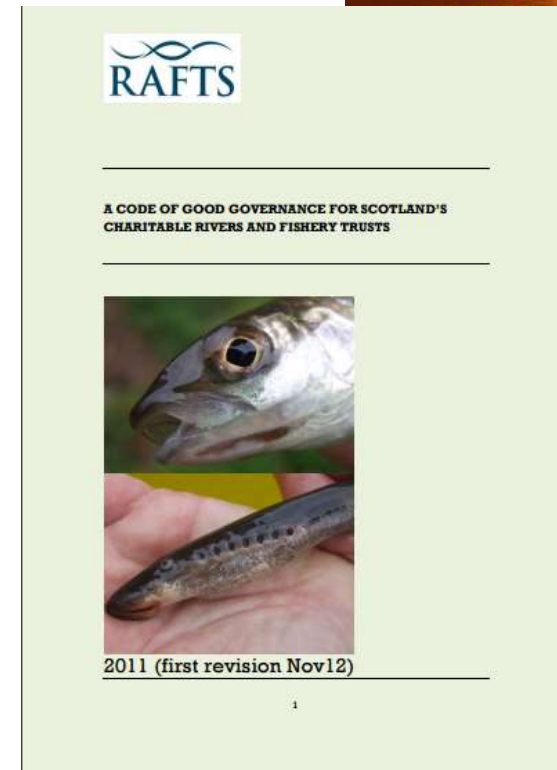
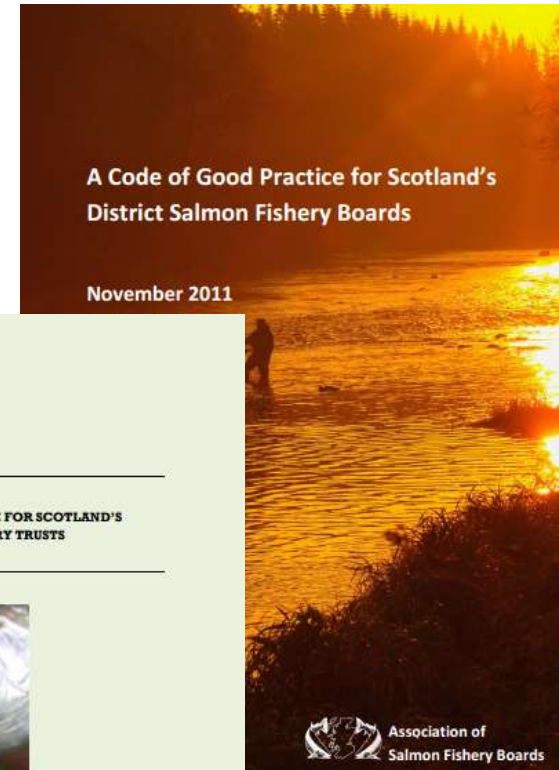


- Represent the interests of our members at a National level
  - Stakeholder Reference Group and sub-groups
  - Salmon Liaison Group (Conservation Limits)
  - SEPA NAG, DPMAG, FFAG
  - Aquaculture
  - PAW Scotland
  - Species Reintroduction Forum/ Beaver Salmon Working Group
  - Marine Strategy Forum

# Guidance



- Provision of guidance on key issues/ pressures
  - Good Governance requirements on DSFBs
  - Stocking in SAC rivers
  - Aquaculture planning guidance
  - Offshore renewables planning guidance
  - RAFTS guidance on Stocking
  - Code of Good Practice (DSFBs and Trusts)



# Training

- Training delivered by Fisheries Management Scotland, Institute of Fishery Management and Scottish Fisheries Coordination Centre
  - Chair Training and CPD Working Group
  - Coordinate with IFM the annual bailiff seminar
  - Develop specific enforcement training modules with members
  - Considering other training needs for members
  - Developing job profiles to highlight opportunities within the sector





# Training

- Scottish Fisheries Coordination Centre
  - Electrofishing
  - Habitat surveying
  - Scale reading
  - GIS
  - Database Design
  - Statistics
  - Fish Autopsy
  - Smolt/fish counting



# Fisheries Management Priorities



- Protect stocks
- Research & Monitoring
- Manage relevant species and habitats
- Education
- Fisheries Development & Angling Promotion



# Protect Stocks

- Manage and control legal exploitation.
  - Conservation Limits, voluntary measures, compliance with close times
- Address illegal exploitation
  - Poaching or fishing without right or permission
- Employment, management and development of water bailiffs
  - 85 illegal instruments seized,
  - 268 cautions issued
  - 87 offences reported to procurator fiscal



# Protect Stocks



- Engaging with the Salmon Liaison Group – Conservation Limits
- Salmon Farming
- Water Framework Directive
- Hydro electricity – large scale and run of river
- Marine Renewable Energy
- Consultations and Planning
  - 557 planning applications and consultations
  - Aquaculture, renewables, forestry, CAR etc.
- All in the context of marine survival



# Research and Monitoring

- SFCC play a key role in the coordination and storage of data
- Salmon Liaison Group
- Sea Trout Sweep netting
- 12 Fish Counters operated
- 23 smolt traps
- 2000 electrofishing surveys
- Telemetry work



# Manage Relevant Species and Habitats



- Ensure access to habitat through removal/ easement of man-made barriers to migration.
  - 39 assessed, 12 eased, 76km habitat opened
- Control Invasive Non-Native species
  - 1000km surveyed, 860 km treated
- Control/ manage predation
- Undertake habitat improvement work
  - 135,000 riparian trees planted
- Ensure adequate flow regime for fish



# Education



- Vital to ensure that people have a good understanding of the needs of fish and fisheries.
- Salmon/ Trout/ Clyde in the Classroom
  - Over 26,000 participants -Clyde in the Classroom
  - Engaged children from 394 schools
- 240 education projects undertaken across Scotland
- Catch and Release Guidance
- Stocking Guidance



# Angling Promotion and Development



- 73 Angling promotion events undertaken
- National coordination – fishery development officers
- How many anglers?
- Demographic of anglers?
- Where are they coming from?
- How do we engage a new generation of anglers?





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