



18th ANNUAL SFCC BIOLOGISTS' MEETING

3rd - 4th FEBRUARY 2016 - Milton Birnam Hotel, Dunkeld

DAY 1:

10:00 Tea & Coffee

10:30 Welcome & introduction from SFCC chairman

James Hunt

10:35 Session 1 – updates

Rivers & Fisheries Trusts of Scotland

Chris Horrill

Training & development opportunities for river restoration projects

Rob Mitchell

Rivers and Lochs Institute – the use of genetics and fish counters for conservation limits

Mark Coulson and Evan Roderick

11:45 Session 2 – Flooding – a problem for fish?

After recent flooding on many Scottish Rivers, the question emerges as to how these events will interact with local fish stocks. Attendees are invited to present case studies of their catchments with any associated monitoring data or anecdotal information. A discussion and thoughts on monitoring networks required to underpin assessment of flood impact will follow.

Recent flood events in Scotland, an overview

Alistair Duguid

Impacts of flooding on juvenile and smolt data in the Spey catchment

Brian Shaw

Evidence from the Tweed using electro-fishing monitoring data

James Hunt

River Dee flooding

Jamie Urquhart

Natural Flood Management

Lawrence Belleni

12:45 Lunch

13:45 Session 3 – Wild Fisheries Reform

Scottish Government perspective and the year ahead

Alan Wells

A biologist's perspective

Simon McKelvey

Group themed workshop discussion session and feedback

Tea, coffee & biscuits

16:00 Scottish Fisheries Co-ordination Centre AGM

19:00 Dinner at Milton Birnam Hotel (All welcome, 2 courses £19.95, 3 courses £23.95)

20:30 Team Quiz



DAY 2:

9:00 **Tea & Coffee**

9:30 **Welcome**

9:35 **Session 4 – Introductions & Updates**

Scottish Fisheries Co-ordination Centre
Marine Scotland Science
Scottish Environmental Protection Agency

James Hunt
John Armstrong
Alistair Duguid

10:00 Session 5 – ‘Getting acquainted’

Informal presentations (maximum 5 minutes) from SFCC members and Marine Scotland staff

Chair: Jackie Graham

11:00 Tea & coffee

Getting acquainted continued...

12:30 LUNCH

13:30 Session 6 – local-national data projects

Chair: John Armstrong

Juvenile salmon densities

Iain Malcolm

Sea lice

David Morris

Stream temperatures

Iain Malcolm

Fish disease

Charles Allan

Smolt data collation

Sean Dugan

Fish counters

John Armstrong