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**20th ANNUAL SFCC BIOLOGISTS’ MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 7th & 8th 2018 - Faskally House, Pitlochry PH16 5LB**

**DAY 1:**

**10:00     Tea, Coffee & Muffins**

**10:30     Welcome & Introduction from SFCC chairman** James Hunt

**Session 1 – Introductions & Updates**

10:40Marine Scotland Science John Armstrong

11:00 Marine Scotland Policy Simon Dryden

11:20 Scottish Environmental Protection Agency Alistair Duguid

11:40 Fisheries Management Scotland Alan Wells

12:00 Rivers & Lochs Institute Mark Coulson & Lucio Marcello

12:20 Centre for River Ecosystem Science, University of Stirling Colin Bull

**12:30     LUNCH –** *Soup, bacon rolls, fruit platter & yoghurt*

**13:30    Session 2 – Annual updates from around Scotland**

5 minute highlights from SFCC members

14:45 Pink Salmon Chris Conroy

14:55 Smolt data collection training update Keith Williams

**15:00** *Tea, coffee & biscuits*

**15:30    Scottish Fisheries Coordination Centre update and AGM**

**16:30** *Close*

**19:00   *Dinner at Escape Route Café, Pitlochry***


**DAY 2:**

9:00    **Tea & Coffee**

**9:30    Session 3 – Data collection and assessment strategies across the salmon life cycle**

Chair: Joanna Girvan

9:30 Redd counting – an overview of methods and applications currently used in Scottish Rivers

10:20 Update on national juvenile assessment and new approaches to survey design- Iain Malcolm

10:40 Accounting for habitat variation in salmon population assessment John Armstrong

**11:00 – 11:30 Tea, Coffee & Scones**

11:30 Snorkelling to assess spawning stock of Atlantic salmon Anders Lamberg

**12:00 Session 4 - Adult Salmon returns – regional reports and national changes**

**Ronald Campbell**

12:40 Tri-tech – multi-beam sonar specialist Gordon Nelson

**13:00 LUNCH – *Soup, sandwiches, fruit platter and yoghurt***

**14:00 Session 5 – Applying river temperature models for riparian tree planting schemes**

 Faye Jackson & Iain Malcolm

* Scotland river temperature models, + Q and A.
* Model outputs and new mapping tools, + Q and A.
* Application of tools to plan riparian planting schemes – open discussion with SFCC members

15:00 CLOSE