

# Conference 2021

Protecting our aquatic environment for future generations

**Tuesday 23 March 2021 – Online**

## Programme

**09:30 – 10:40 Session 1: Addressing the wild salmon crisis (Chair: Richard Sankey)**

**09:30** Welcome – **Richard Sankey**, Chairman, Fisheries Management Scotland

**09:35** **Dr Alan Wells** (Fisheries Management Scotland)  
*2020 – a year of challenges and opportunities*

**09:50** **Dr John Armstrong** (Marine Scotland Science)  
*The issues facing Salmon and other freshwater species and some possible solutions*

**10:05** **Torbjørn Forseth** (Norwegian Scientific Advisory Committee for Atlantic Salmon Management)  
*Assessing threats to Atlantic salmon in Norway*

**10:25** Q&A

**10:40** Comfort break

**11:00 – 12:30 Session 2: Managing the pressures on our aquatic environment (Chair: Alan Wells)**

**11:00** Welcome – **Alan Wells**, Chief Executive, Fisheries Management Scotland

**11:05** **Polly Burns** (Fisheries Management Scotland)  
*Aquaculture interactions – changing the conversation*

**11:20** **Dr Lorraine Hawkins** (River Dee)  
*Riparian planting and water temperature*

**11:45** **Dr Marc Stutter** (James Hutton Institute)  
*Improving water quality through riparian condition and functions*

**12:00** **UK national day of reflection (Covid-19) - minute's silence**

**12:01** **Alison Baker** (Forth Rivers Trust)  
*Opening habitat for migratory fish*

**12:15** **Roger Knight** (Spey Fishery Board)  
*Protection of our native fish from predation*

**12:30** Q&A

**12:50** Lunch break

**14:00 – 15:45 Session 3: Working together to save our wild salmon - The Missing Salmon Alliance (Chair: Peter Landale)**

**14:00 Welcome – Peter Landale**, Missing Salmon Alliance Ambassador

**14:05 Teresa Dent** (*Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust*)  
*The Missing Salmon Alliance*

**14:20 Peter Cairns** (*Scotland: The Big Picture*)  
*Rivers and rewilding: Seeing the big picture*

**14:40 Dr Colin Bull/ Dr Walter Crozier** (*Atlantic Salmon Trust*)  
*The Likely Suspects Framework*

**14:55 Sandy Bremner** (*River Dee Trust*)  
*Overcoming apathy - getting the policy changes we want*

**15:10 Q&A**

**Closing Comments and wrap-up**