



24th ANNUAL BIOLOGISTS' MEETING –Feb 2nd & 3rd



DAY 1, February 2nd

10:00 Welcome & Introductions

Chair: Marcus Walters, Deveron, Bogie & Isla Rivers Trust

10:05 Session 1 – Scottish Fisheries Coordination Centre (SFCC) member updates

Marcus Walters, Deveron, Bogie & Isla Fisheries Trust
Dr Al Reeve, River Dee Trust
Dr Joanna Girvan, Forth Rivers Trust
James Hunt, The Tweed Foundation
Jamie Ribbens, Galloway Fisheries Trust
Peter Cunningham, Wester Ross Fisheries Trust
Sean Robertson, Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries Trust
Ruth Watts, Beaully District Salmon Fishery Board
Chris Daphne, Ness District Salmon Fishery Board
Sean Dugan, Scottish Fisheries Coordination Centre

11:30 Comfort break

11:45 Session 2 – SFCC member updates continued

11:45 Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Jackie Rennie, Scottish Environment Protection Agency

12:00 Marine Scotland
Alexander Kinninmonth, Marine Scotland

12:20 Adult Salmon Sampling Project update
Dr Nora Hanson / Dr Stuart Middlemas, Marine Scotland Science

12:40 Q & A and general discussion

13:00 LUNCH

14:00 Session 3 - Pink salmon invasion

Chair: Prof. Colin Bean

- 14:00 Pink salmon invasion of the River Thurso
Dr Alan Youngson, Flow Country Rivers Trust
- 14:15 Pink salmon in the northernmost Atlantic area
Dr Jaakko Erkinaro, Natural Resources Institute Finland
- 14:35 The Norwegian Action Plan against Pink Salmon
Dr Tor Atle Mo, Norwegian Institute of Nature Research
- 14:55 Discussion
- 15:15 Close**

DAY 2, February 3rd

10:00 *Welcome and introductions*

Session 4 – Sea trout and open-cage fish farming impacts

Chair: Charlotte Middleton, Fisheries Management Scotland

- 10:05 Sea trout working group (WGTRUTTA)
Dr Alan Walker, Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture

- 10:20 Lice infestation risk in Argyll sea trout
Alan Kettle-White, Argyll Fisheries Trust

- 10:30 Fyke netting surveys and sea trout lice infestations in Lochaber
Lucy Ballantyne, Lochaber Fisheries Trust

- 10:40 A national assessment of the influence of farmed salmon escapes on the genetic integrity of wild Scottish Atlantic salmon populations – *Dr John Gilbey, Marine Scotland Science*

- 10:55 Fish farm regulation
Dr Peter Pollard, Scottish Environment Protection Agency

- 11:10 Q & A / General discussion

11:30 Comfort break

Session 5 – Riparian woodland restoration planning

Chair: Prof. Iain Malcolm, Marine Scotland Science

- 11:45 Where to plant trees to protect rivers under climate change
Dr Faye Jackson, Marine Scotland Science

- 12:15 Q & A / General discussion

12:45 LUNCH

Session 6 – Atlantic salmon

Chair: Sean Dugan, Scottish Fisheries Coordination Centre

- 13:45 The Decline and Impending Collapse of the Atlantic Salmon Population in the North Atlantic Ocean: A Review of Possible Causes.

Prof. Michael Dadswell, Acadia University, Canada

14:10 Using eye lens and otolith chemical tracers and biochronologies to understand the lifetime growth, diet, movement, and habitat needs of Atlantic salmon
Dr Anna Sturrock, University of Essex

14:25 Missing Salmon Alliance Central Data Resource
Graeme Diack, Atlantic Salmon Trust

14:35 Q & A / General discussion

14:45 Close