

Marine Scotland Update SFCC Biologists Meeting 2 Feb 2022



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The background of the slide features a photograph of a coastal landscape. In the foreground, there are dark, jagged rock formations on either side of a sandy beach. The water is a deep blue, and in the distance, there are rolling hills under a clear sky. The image is partially framed by white, curved geometric shapes on the left and right sides.

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Summary

1. Policy team update
2. Wild Salmon Strategy
3. Wider Government Priorities



Salmon & Recreational Fisheries Team

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- Keith Main* – Policy Manager
- Vanessa Brown – Policy Officer
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- Lyndsay Christie – Policy Manager
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Scottish Wild Salmon Strategy

- Programme for Government Commitment 2019/20
- Two stage process: High level strategy + detailed Implementation Plan
- Advisory Group provided key input to shape
- Success reliant on cross-government, business and charity collaboration



“There is now significant evidence showing that populations of Atlantic salmon are at crisis point and we must now reinvigorate our collective efforts to ensure a positive future for the species”

**Mairi Gougeon MSP,
Cabinet Secretary for Rural
Affairs and Islands**





A Vision for Wild Salmon



Scotland's wild Atlantic salmon populations are **flourishing** and an example of **nature's recovery**. We will achieve this through the application of **best-practice science and management**



Strategic Objectives

1. Scotland's rivers have healthy, self-sustaining populations of wild Atlantic salmon that achieve good conservation status.

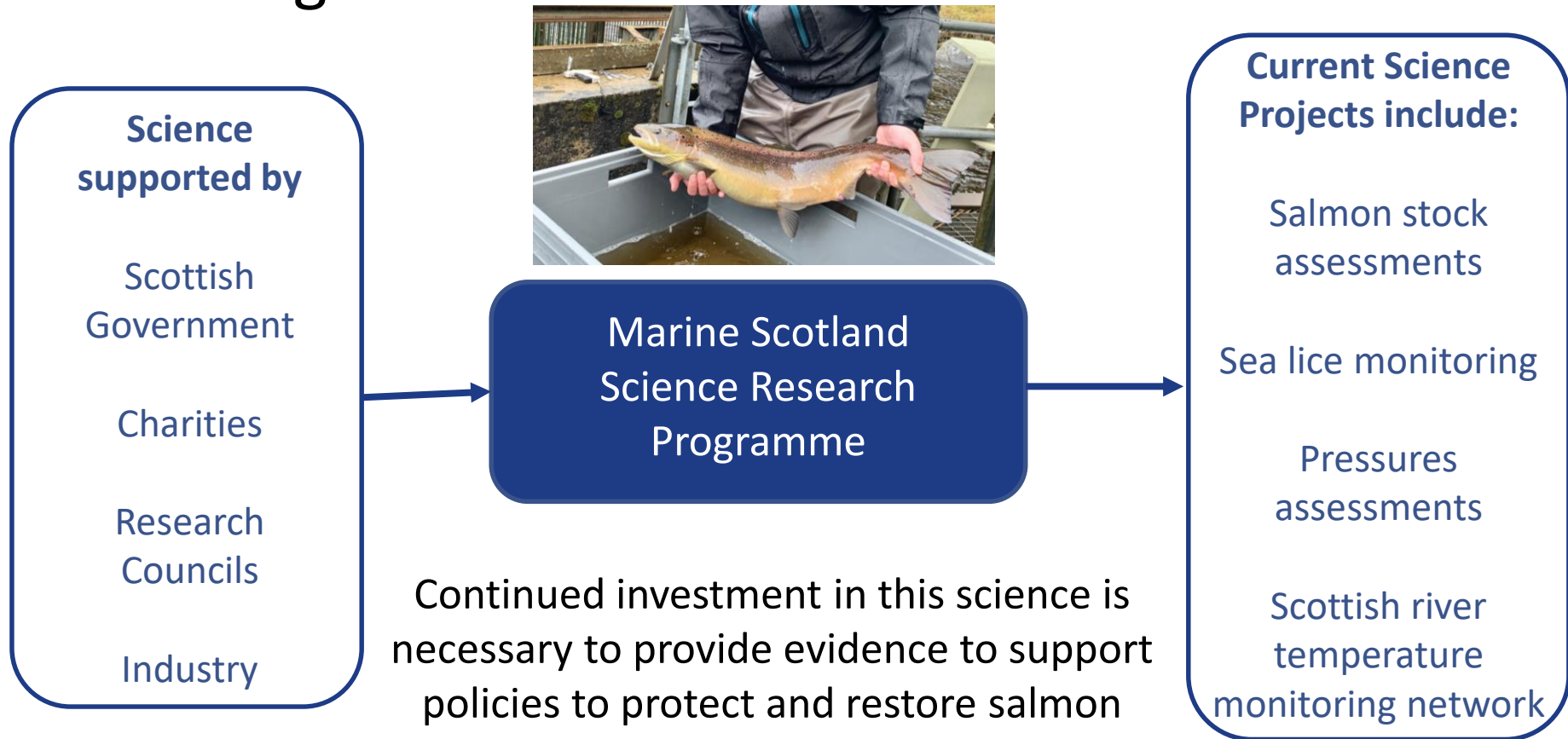
2. Wild salmon management is evidence-based and underpinned by integrated data gathering, research and dissemination.

3. The environmental and socio-economic benefits arising from healthy wild Atlantic salmon populations are identified and maximised.





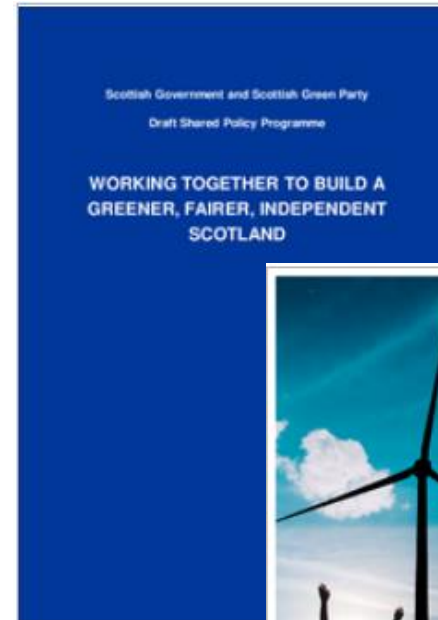
Building an evidence base through coordinated scientific research and monitoring





Wider Scottish Government Priorities

- SG & SGP - 'Bute House Agreement'
 - Natural Environment Bill
 - Biodiversity Strategy





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