**SFCC Team Leader Electrofishing Training Course - Candidate Experience Form**

**Background**

Scottish Fisheries Co-ordination Centre (SFCC) aim to provide a training framework that will help to ensure that electrofishing operations in Scotland are carried out to the highest possible standards of health and safety, fish welfare and data collection rigour. After sitting the introductory (SVQ level 2) qualification or equivalent, experienced electrofishers are encouraged to undertake the team leader course qualification. The team leader course provides candidates with further knowledge to plan surveys and to lead teams in quantitative electrofishing. To meet accredited SFCC data collection protocols it is recommended that at least one qualified team leader (or suitable equivalent) is always present. To help candidates along the pathway towards the team leader course and assessment, SFCC have provided this candidate experience form to be signed off by a qualified team leader before prospective candidates sign up for the course.

**Process**

This form is required to be signed off by a team leader (or equivalent) qualified individual prior to a new candidate signing up for the SFCC Team Leader course. This form should be signed then emailed to leanne@fms.scot. The form will then be verified by an SFCC instructor. If a candidate is unable to have their experience signed off by a qualified individual, then consideration will be given to the experience set out by the candidate.

**Recommendations**

* *At least 20 days electrofishing undertaken between intro and team leader course*
* *Experience in a range of electrofishing team roles including anode and net.*
* *Experience of fully quantitative (3 run) electrofishing survey*
* *Basic understanding of SFCC (or similar) river habitat survey methods and concepts*
* *Experience with various types of electrofishing equipment (backpack and bank-based) recommended but not essential.*

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| **Candidate full name:** |  |
| **Please describe your electrofishing survey experience (max 100 words)** |  |

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| **Team Leader full name:** |  |
| **Date certificate passed** |  |
| **Certificate number** *(if applicable)* |  |
| **Course venue:** |  |
| **Contact email address** *(optional)* |  |
| **Digital signature:** |  |

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| **Verified by SFCC instructor**  |  |
| **Digital Signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |