



Annual Conference 2023

Moving the dial: exploring options for restoring river catchments at scale

Friday 31 March 2023

Tea/coffee available from 9am

Session 1 - 09:30 – 10.45

Scotland's approach to addressing the climate and nature crises

Chair: Richard Sankey, Fisheries Management Scotland

09.30 Introduction & welcome – Richard Sankey

09.35 Opening Address by Màiri McAllan MSP, Minister for Environment, Biodiversity & Land Reform

09.45 Dr Alan Wells (Fisheries Management Scotland)
Moving the dial for Scotland's rivers

10.05 Dr Antje Branding (Marine Scotland)
Implementing Scotland's Wild Salmon Strategy

10:20 Lisa McCann (Scottish Government)
Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy: tackling the nature emergency

10:35 Discussion

10:45 Comfort break and refreshments

Session 2: 11:30 – 13:00

Moving the dial – funding catchment-scale restoration

Chair: Pedro Landale, Fisheries Management Scotland

11:30 Introduction – Pedro Landale

11:35 Brendan Turvey (NatureScot)

The role of green finance in catchment-scale restoration

11:50 Roger Knight (Spey Fishery Board)

The Spey Catchment Initiative

12:05 Mark Lloyd (The Rivers Trust)

Working together to maximise benefits

12:20 Jamie Ribbens (Galloway Fisheries Trust)

The benefits of peatland restoration for water quality and native fish

12:35 Bob Laughton & Elle Adams (Findhorn, Nairn & Lossie Rivers Trust)

The Findhorn Watershed Initiative

12:50 Q&A/Discussion

13:00 Lunch break

Session 3: 14.00 – 15.30

Keeping on track: addressing existing and future pressures

Chair: Alan Wells, Fisheries Management Scotland

14:00 Introduction – Alan Wells

14:05 Jamie Stewart (River Tweed Commission)

Water Scarcity in 2022 – lessons learned

14:20 Nathan Critchlow-Watton (SEPA)

River Basin Management Planning – progress to date and next steps

14:35 Dr David Summers (Tay DSFB)

Large-scale hydro and migratory fish – outstanding issues

14:50 Brian Davidson (Fisheries Management Scotland)

Preparing for Pink salmon in 2023

15:05 Jim Henderson (Nith DSFB) and **Andrea Purvis** (Scottish Power Energy Networks)

Industry and Fisheries Interactions

15:25 Alison Baker (Forth Rivers Trust)

Protecting our fisheries by completing the circle

15:40 Closing Comments and wrap-up (Richard Sankey)