



Annual Conference 2024

Cold, Clean Water – Steering the Future for Scotland's Rivers

Thursday 28 March 2024

Tea/coffee available from 9am

Session 1 - 09:30 – 10.45

Where are we starting from?

Chair: Richard Sankey, Fisheries Management Scotland

09.30 Introduction & welcome – Richard Sankey

09.35 Opening Address by Mairi Gougeon MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

09.50 Alan Wells (Fisheries Management Scotland)
Charting a course for restoring Scotland's rivers

10.10 John Armstrong (Marine Directorate)
The state of Scotland's salmon

10.25 Iain Malcolm & Nora Hanson (Marine Directorate)
National and International monitoring programmes – what do they tell us?

10.45 Q&A

10:50 Comfort break and refreshments

Session 2: 11:30 – 13:00

What are we facing?

Chair: Lorraine Hawkins, Fisheries Management Scotland

11:30 Introduction – Lorraine Hawkins

11:35 Peter Pollard (SEPA)

The Sea Lice Risk Assessment Framework

11:50 Pieter van West (Aberdeen University)

*Have more virulent *Saprolegnia* isolates been introduced to Scottish salmon rivers over the last decade?*

12:05 Colin Bean (NatureScot)

Using eDNA to map Pink salmon

12:20 Keith Williams (Kyle Fisheries & IFM)

The ongoing importance of fisheries enforcement

12:35 Brian Shaw (Ness DSFB)

Pumped Storage hydro on Loch Ness

12:50 Q&A

13:00 Lunch break

Session 3: 14.00 – 16:00

Looking to the future

Chair: Alan Wells, Fisheries Management Scotland

14:00 Introduction – Alan Wells

14:05 Wendy Kenyon (Missing Salmon Alliance)

Wild Salmon Connections: A renewed international focus for endangered wild salmon

14:20 Stuart Singleton White (The Angling Trust)

Working together to make a difference – The Missing Salmon Alliance

14:35 Sean Robertson (Scottish Fisheries Coordination Centre)

From Streams to Screens: Developing Fishery Management Plans Across Scotland with GIS

14:50 Paul Sizeland & Leah Reinfranck (Fisheries Management Scotland)

Nature finance supporting rivers and communities from “Source to Sea”

15:05 Gill Renwick (Scottish Power Energy Networks)

New opportunities for biodiversity enhancement

15:25 Lorraine Hawkins (River Dee) & Melanie Smith (AST)

Save the Spring on the River Dee

15:40 Elle Adams & Guy Harris (Findhorn, Nairn & Lossie Rivers Trust)

The Findhorn Watershed Initiative – The story so far

15:55 Closing Comments and wrap-up (Richard Sankey)