

2025

Annual Conference

Working in partnership to
deliver solutions



Friday, March 21

Programme

Tea/coffee available from 9am

Session 1

Setting the Scene

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| 09:30 | Introduction and Welcome
Richard Sankey, Fisheries Management Scotland Chair |
| 09:35 | Opening Address
John Swinney MSP, First Minister of Scotland |
| 09:50 | Restoring Scotland's rivers for the benefit of
nature and people
Alan Wells, Fisheries Management Scotland |
| 10:10 | Restoring Scotland's Biodiversity
Nick Halfhide, NatureScot |
| 10:30 | Comfort Break and Refreshments |

Session 2

Partnership Working – Challenges and Opportunities

- 11:15 Introduction
- 11:20 Unlocking nature finance opportunities for river catchment restoration
Paul Sizeland, Leah Reinfranck (Fisheries Management Scotland) and Amelia Heath (Forth Rivers Trust)
- 11:35 A blueprint for river woodland restoration
Nicole Still (Scottish Wildlife Trust), Chloe Grant (Fisheries Management Scotland) and Clementine Leemans (Kyle of Sutherland Rivers Trust)
- 11:50 Scottish Invasive Species Initiative - Partnership working locally at landscape scale
Mark Purrmann-Charles, Scottish Invasives Species Initiative
- 12:05 Wild Salmon Connections – What next?
Pedro Landale and Wendy Kenyon, Missing Salmon Alliance
- 12:20 People for Salmon
Michael Meneer, Pacific Salmon Foundation
- 12:35 Q&A
- 12:45 Lunch

Session 3

A little bit of optimism

- 14:00 Introduction - Alan Wells
- 14:05 Loch Shin Salmon Restoration
Keith Williams, Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries
- 14:15 Ideally, you wouldn't start from here – 40 years of salmon recovery in the River Clyde
Willie Yeomans, Clyde River Foundation
- 14:25 Introduction to Panel Discussion
John Armstrong, Marine Directorate
- 14:35 What tools do managers have to address pressures and when are they appropriate?
Panel Discussion
- 15:20 Closing Remarks
- 15:30 Close