



20th ANNUAL SFCC BIOLOGISTS' MEETING

FEBRUARY 7th & 8th 2018 - Faskally House, Pitlochry PH16 5LB

DAY 1:

10:00 Tea, Coffee & Muffins

10:30 Welcome & Introduction from SFCC chairman James Hunt

Session 1 – Introductions & Updates

10:40 Marine Scotland Science John Armstrong

11:00 Marine Scotland Policy Simon Dryden

11:20 Scottish Environmental Protection Agency Alistair Duguid

11:40 Fisheries Management Scotland Alan Wells

12:00 Rivers & Lochs Institute Mark Coulson & Lucio Marcello

12:20 Centre for River Ecosystem Science, University of Stirling Colin Bull

12:30 **LUNCH** – *Soup, bacon rolls, fruit platter & yoghurt*

13:30 Session 2 – Annual updates from around Scotland

5 minute highlights from SFCC members

14:45 Pink Salmon Chris Conroy

14:55 Smolt data collection training update Keith Williams

15:00 *Tea, coffee & biscuits*

15:30 **Scottish Fisheries Coordination Centre update and AGM**

16:30 *Close*

19:00 *Dinner at Escape Route Café, Pitlochry*

DAY 2:

9:00 Tea & Coffee

9:30 Session 3 – Data collection and assessment strategies across the salmon life cycle

Chair: Joanna Girvan

9:30 Redd counting – an overview of methods and applications currently used in Scottish Rivers

10:20 Update on national juvenile assessment and new approaches to survey design- Iain Malcolm

10:40 Accounting for habitat variation in salmon population assessment John Armstrong

11:00 – 11:30 Tea, Coffee & Scones

11:30 Snorkelling to assess spawning stock of Atlantic salmon Anders Lamberg

12:00 Session 4 - Adult Salmon returns – regional reports and national changes

Ronald Campbell

12:40 Tri-tech – multi-beam sonar specialist Gordon Nelson

13:00 LUNCH – Soup, sandwiches, fruit platter and yoghurt

14:00 Session 5 – Applying river temperature models for riparian tree planting schemes

Faye Jackson & Iain Malcolm

- Scotland river temperature models, + Q and A.
- Model outputs and new mapping tools, + Q and A.
- Application of tools to plan riparian planting schemes – open discussion with SFCC members

15:00 CLOSE