

## SFCC Walkover Habitat Survey Course – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Aim

To ensure that those undertaking habitat surveys are competent at using the SFCC protocols for fish habitat survey procedures and recording data.

### Objectives

- To provide theoretical and practical training on appropriate habitat survey techniques
- To highlight health and safety considerations
- Provide insight into factors affecting data recording
- To consider survey design approaches and report outputs
- To provide information on interpretation of habitat data

### Programme

A copy of SFCC protocols will be provided prior to the course for students to familiarise themselves with the basic elements of the survey technique.

#### Day 1; Start: 10:30 Inveraray, Argyll

The morning classroom session will concentrate on the basic survey concepts of river form and process related to fish habitat, primary elements of protocol and outputs. A risk assessment for a site visit in the afternoon will also be completed.

The afternoon fieldwork session will focus on the practical application of the survey technique; recognising and recording river types, features and survey design. Survey techniques, limitations and data handling will also be revised.

**Close: 16:00**

#### Day 2; Start: 09:00 Inveraray, Argyll

The morning classroom session will concentrate on the detail of data recording in the field, data processing and report generation.

The afternoon fieldwork session will focus on a different habitat type to day 1. Students will undertake a short survey with support of qualified staff with a review and Q&A session.

**Close: 15:30**

#### Assessment & Accreditation

The practical, theory and health and safety aspects will be informally assessed in the field.

#### Award

Candidates will be issued with an SFCC certificate of attendance.

#### Candidate Requirements

Candidates should bring suitable outdoor clothing, waders, and lifejackets. Lunch will be provided.

#### Classroom venue

Argyll fisheries Trust, Cherry Park, Inveraray PA32 8XE

#### Fieldwork Venue

Loch Fyne Rivers

**Cost: £200 | SFCC members: £100**