

**Agenda for the Freshwater Fisheries Forum to be held at the MacRobert Pavilion,  
Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh on Thursday 30 April 2009**

**The theme of the Forum is Scotland's Freshwater Fisheries as an economic driver.  
The sub-theme is Excellence in Scottish fisheries management and science.**

09.30-10.30am	Registration and coffee.
10.30-10.40	Welcome, Introduction & Domestics. Chair, Louise Donnelly, Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries, Scottish Government.
10.40-11.00	Keynote address - Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment, Scottish Government.
11.00- 12.10	Excellence in Scottish fisheries management: Session Chair – Callum Sinclair, Director, Rivers and Fisheries Trusts of Scotland.  Fisheries Development – an east and west perspective Mark Bilsby, River Director for the Aberdeenshire Dee and Simon Scott, Director, Outer Hebrides Fisheries Trust.  Fisheries Management and Restoration Alan Kettle-White, Senior Biologist, Argyll Fisheries Trust and Dr Roy Richardson, WFD Regulatory Impact Officer, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency.  Question and Answer session
12.10-12.30pm	Scotland Welcomes the World: World Fly Fishing Championships, Drymen – 5-12 June 2009 Dr Neil W McCarry, Project Leader, Scottish Anglers National Association.
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-13.45	Marine Scotland Mike Neilson, Director – Marine Scotland.
13.45-14.45	Excellence in Scottish fisheries management science: Session Chair - Trevor Hastings, Director, Marine Scotland Science.  John Armstrong, Group Leader – Ecology, Marine Scotland Science – “Who’s for fish?”  Iain Malcolm, Group Leader – Environment, Marine Scotland Science - “Understanding controls on salmon embryo survival”

Eric Verspoor, Group Leader – Restoration, Marine Scotland  
Science - “Fish, chips and DNA”

Question and Answer session

14.45-15.30

Strategic Framework for Scottish Freshwater Fisheries:  
Session Chair, Louise Donnelly

Priority for Action 2.5. A strategy for mixed stock  
fisheries:

David Crawley, Chairman, Mixed Stock Fisheries Working  
Group

Julian Maclean, Group Leader – Resources, Marine Scotland  
Science and Science Advisor to the Working Group.

15.30-16.00

Strategic Framework for Scottish Freshwater Fisheries:

Panel Discussion on implementation.

16.00

Closing remarks  
Louise Donnelly

Tea/coffee

Presentations from today’s Forum will be put on the Forum website which can be accessed via [www.scotland.gov.uk/topics/fisheries](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/topics/fisheries) but should anyone require hard copies please contact Lachlan Paterson on 0131 244 6236 or [Lachlan.Paterson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Lachlan.Paterson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)