

**IFM London Branch**  
**Stillwater Workshop Report**  
**Walthamstow Reservoirs - 25 March 2017**

The Institute of Fisheries Management London Branch hosted a successful 'Stillwater Management Workshop' on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The workshop was led by representatives from the Environment Agency, Thames Water, Angling Trust and IFM, and was hosted at Thames Waters excellent facilities at Walthamstow Reservoirs.

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*'Chaps, Just a quick note to say how much I enjoyed the workshop on Saturday.'*

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Thanks to sponsorship from the Rivers and Wetlands Community Days fund, attendance was free for the Twenty Delegates, who represented twelve different organisations, including local angling clubs, consultative' s and private interests. The aim of the day being to inform and inspire people to consider management of their Stillwater habitats in a sustainable manner, for the benefit of fish, wildlife and people.

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*'What you all have, and it stood out to me, is passion and this to me is the most important trait.'*

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The event consisted of a range of talks covering a varied field of subjects including, habitat improvement, problem appraisal, legal and funding advice and predation of Stillwater fisheries. There was also a demonstration of some of the equipment useful for Stillwater management, including aeration equipment, water quality monitoring and fish population sampling equipment.

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*'Thank you for the event on Saturday, thoroughly enjoyed it.'*

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Feedback from the event has been excellent with a number of the delegates emailing the organisers to express their gratitude and enjoyment of the day.

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*'We very much appreciate the effort afforded by yourself and your associates today at Walthamstow. I think for the amount of subjects you covered in the development of a fishery in an extremely short period you all did extremely well.'*

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***Thames Water's Matt Hart gives an Introduction to Walthamstow Reservoir's and provides some of the aims and outcomes for the day:***



***Matt also talked through some of the legal considerations to consider when creating and managing a Stillwater fishery:***



**George Horne from the Environment Agency's Fisheries team, and Jake Davoile from the Angling Trust, gave excellent talks on Predation of Stillwater Fishery's and how it can be managed, with particular focus on Cormorants and Otters:**



**The delegates also got to enjoy some time in the sunshine, as they split into groups to look at various fishery management equipment, including aeration units, water quality meters and fish populations sampling kit:**



***Rob Pearson of the IFM London Branch talks one of the groups through some of the various forms of aeration equipment available and their pro's and con's:***

