



# **Institute of Fisheries Management**

## **Sea Trout Symposium**

**An IFM Specialist Event**

***Angel Hotel, Cardiff  
12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023***

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## PROGRAMME

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**10:00 – 17:00**

Opening Session		
Session Chair: <i>David Bunt, Institute of Fisheries Management</i>		
10:00	<b>Chris Mills</b> IFM	Conference opening
10:10	<b>Cefin Campbell (MS)</b>	Welcome to Wales
10:25	<b>Ken Whelan</b> Atlantic Salmon Trust	Setting the scene for sea trout
10:55	<b>Steve Ormerod</b> Cardiff University	The role of sea trout in ecosystems
11:15	Break	
Session 1. <i>What do we know about sea trout?</i>		
Session Chair:		
11:45	<b>Nigel Milner</b> Apem and Bangor University	Life histories
12:05	<b>Graeme Peirson</b> Environment Agency	Freshwater phase ecology and migration
12:25	<b>TBC</b>	Marine phase ecology and migration
12:45	<b>Jamie Stevens</b> Exeter University	Stock structuring
13:05	Panel Q&A	
13:20	LUNCH	

Session 2. A Review of Current Management Practice		
Session Chair:		
14:20	<b>Simon Toms</b> Environment Agency	Sea trout management in England
14:40	<b>Ben Wilson</b> Natural Resources Wales	Sea trout management in Wales
15:00	<b>Pat O Reilly</b> First Nature	An angler’s perspective on sea trout management plans
15:20	Panel Q&A	
15:30	Break	
Roundtable Discussion		
Session Chair: Chris Mills, Institute of Fisheries Management		
16:00	Where are the gaps in our knowledge and what we need to do to improve management of sea trout?	
17:00 Close		

## **19:00 Social in Cardiff @ Brewhouse & Kitchen**

Join us for a drink, nibbles and fishy chat at one of Cardiff's best craft ale breweries

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 – 15.00

Session 4. A Review of Current Management Practice 2		
Session Chair:		
09:00	<b>John Armstrong</b> Marine Scotland	Sea trout management in Scotland
09:20	<b>Robert Rosell</b> AFBI NI	Sea trout management in Ireland
09:40	<b>Andy Thomas</b> Wild Trout Trust	Third sector approach to the management of sea trout
10:00	<b>Ian Davidson</b> Natural Resources Wales	Stock assessment
10:20	Panel Q&A	
10:40	Break	
Session 5. Threats facing Sea Trout		
Session Chair:		
11:10	<b>Richard Noble</b> Hull University	Environmental threats in freshwater
11:30	<b>Sophie Elliott</b> Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust	Environmental threats in the marine phase
11.50	<b>Willie Roche</b> Inland Fisheries Ireland	Exploitation
12:10	Panel Q&A	
12.25	Lunch	

<b>Session 6.</b> <b>FACILITATED WORKSHOP</b> <i>The outputs of this session will be taken forward to the November workshop</i>		
13.25	<i>Facilitator</i> <b>Ken Whelan</b> Atlantic Salmon Trust	
15:00	<b>CLOSE</b>	



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