

Conservation of Atlantic Salmon In Scotland

Final Conference

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11th and 12th June 2008

SNH Battleby Conference Centre, Perth

Atlantic salmon conservation:

**where we've come from
where we are
where we should go**



Background to the Project Conference

► Conservation of Atlantic Salmon in Scotland LIFE Project

Commencing in 2004, with a budget of £3M, the Conservation of Atlantic Salmon in Scotland LIFE (CASS) project is the single most significant salmon conservation project ever undertaken in Scotland. Co-financed by the European Community's LIFE-Nature programme, the CASS Project is actively improving freshwater habitat for salmon on 8 Scottish rivers designated as Special Areas of Conservation.

Due for completion in July 2008, partners are now in the final stages of work and are beginning to assess the effectiveness of their project actions and how this fits in to the wider context of salmon conservation.

► **Conference Aims:** to give an overview of Atlantic salmon conservation from a historical, present day and future perspective. The main results of the four and a half years of work of the CASS project will be shared.

► **Who should Attend?:** the Final Conference is open to all, those within the project and those outwith the project who can influence salmon conservation. *Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis – so don't miss out!*

► **Costs:** there is no charge for the attending the conference or meals during the event. Delegates will be responsible for the cost of their own transport and accommodation.

Conference Programme

Wednesday 11th June 2008

10.30 – 10.45	Chair (Scottish Natural Heritage)	Introduction
10.50 – 11.10	Andrew Wallace (Association of Salmon Fishery Boards)	The Management of Atlantic Salmon – an Historical Context
11.15 – 11.35	Michael Russell, Minister for Environment	The Atlantic Salmon – One of Scotland's Conservation Icons
What the Project Has Achieved		
11.40 – 12.30	Ruth McWilliam (CASS Project Officer)	The CASS Project – Achievements & Lessons Learned
12.30 – 13.45	Lunch	
13.45 – 14.00	Jamie Ribbens (Galloway Fisheries Trust)	Collaboration at the Local Level to Deliver Successful Salmon Management
14.00 – 14.15	Mark Bilsby (Dee District Salmon Fishery Board)	Cost/Benefit Analysis of Habitat Restoration
14.15 – 14.30	Bob Loughton (Spey Fishery Board)	Developing Monitoring Techniques
14.30 – 14.45	Marshall Halliday (Esk District Salmon Fishery Board)	Developing the Right Tools – Planning and Project Design
14.45 – 15.00	Denise Reed (SNH)	Educational Outputs of the CASS Project
15.00 – 15.15	Q & A (chaired by SNH)	
15.15 – 15.45	Tea and Coffee	
CASS & The Wider Context		
15.45 – 16.05	Forestry Commission Scotland speaker TBA	Forestry Commission Scotland TBA
16.10 – 16.40	Professor Chris Todd (University of St Andrews)	Salmon in the Marine Environment
16.40 – 16.50	Q & A (chaired by SNH)	
16.50 – 17.00	Ruth McWilliam (CASS Project Officer)	Domestic Arrangements for the Next Day

Conference Programme

Thursday 12th June 2008

09.15 – 09.20	Ron Macdonald (SNH)	Introduction
09.20 – 09.40	Heather Jones (Scottish Government, Marine Directorate)	Scotland's Strategic Framework for Freshwater Fisheries
09.45 – 10.05	Simon McKelvey (Conon District Fishery Trust)	The Future of Salmon Management Planning in Scotland
10.10 – 10.30	Alan Kettlewhite (Argyll Fisheries Trust)	Using Genetic Tools to Manage Scottish Salmon
10.30 – 10.35	Q & A (chaired by SNH)	The CASS Project – Achievements & Lessons Learned
10.35 – 11.05	Tea and Coffee	
11.05 – 11.25	Phil Boon (SNH)	Managing the Impact of Invasive Species on Scottish Rivers
11.30 – 12.00	Drew Jamieson (Freelance Writer)	Public Relations & The Promotion of Conservation Initiatives
12.00 – 12.10	Q & A (chaired by SNH)	Developing monitoring techniques
12.10 – 12.15	Chair and Ruth McWilliam	Thanks & Brief Summary Domestic arrangements and close
12.30 – 17.00	Field Visits to various sites on the River Tay	

Conference Venues

Day Time Venue



Battleby Conference Centre
Redgorton
Perth
PH1 3EW

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Nestled in a secluded woodland garden in the heart of Perthshire, yet only a few minutes away from the motorway, the Battleby Conference Centre offers a unique combination of state of the art technology and a tranquil retreat. The newly refurbished Conference Centre will be the day time venue for the conference.

Conference Dinner Venue

The Huntingtower Hotel

Crieff Road, Perth, PH1 3JT Tel: 01738 583771 Fax: 01738 583777

The Huntingtower Hotel enjoys a long established reputation as one of the area's principal Perth Hotels. This fine country house has been restored to its former splendour and is set in six acres of magnificent landscaped gardens.

The Huntingtower Hotel will be the venue for the Conference Dinner and Ceildh Dance on the night of Wednesday 11th June – so bring your dancing shoes!

Return transport will be provided from the Express by Holiday and the Innkeepers Lodge to and from the Huntingtower Hotel.

Where to Stay

The Huntingtower Hotel

Crieff Road, Perth, PH1 3JT T: 01738 583771 Fax: 01738 583777

The conference organisers have reserved a number of rooms for use by CASS Conference delegates for the nights of 10th & 11th June. The rate for a room for single occupancy is £57 per night, including breakfast. To book a room, please phone the hotel directly and quote Reference Number 1125.

Inn Keepers Lodge

Huntingtower, Crieff Road, Perth PH1 3JJ Tel: 01738 624888 Fax: 01738 448239

The hotel was built in September 2006 and all rooms in the hotel have en-suite facilities with shower. Continental breakfast is served in The Glover Arms Vintage Inn, located a few steps away from the hotel.

The conference organisers have reserved a number of rooms for use by CASS Conference delegates for the nights of 10th & 11th June. The rate for a room for single occupancy is £49.95 per night, including breakfast. To book a room please phone the hotel directly and quote Reference Number EBR 10075.

Express by Holiday Inn

200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ Tel: 01738 636666 - Fax: 01738 633363

www.hiexpressperth.co.uk

The Express by Holiday Inn is a lodge style hotel which offers a high standard of service and en-suite facilities.

The conference organisers have reserved a number of rooms for use by CASS Conference delegates. There are small number of rooms for the night of 10th June at a rate of £70 B&B for single occupancy . There are 50 rooms for the night of 11th June at a rate of £55 B&B for single occupancy. To book a room please phone the hotel directly and quote Reference Number SNH10062008.

Any rooms that have not been booked by Friday 9th May will be released for sale to the general public.

Conference Travel Arrangements

► Travel to the Conference

By Air

The closest airports to Perth from the UK and Europe are Edinburgh and Glasgow airports. Connections to Perth are by bus and by train. For complete public transport planning visit www.travelinescotland.com

By Rail to Perth

Trains run to Perth from all over the UK. Further information can be found at National Rail Enquiries 08457 48 49 50 www.railtrack.co.uk and www.thetrainline.com

By Bus to Perth

There are a number of bus operators which run services to and from Perth. Further information on timetables and fares can be found at:

www.megabus.com/uk

www.stagecoachbus.com

www.citylink.co.uk

Battleby Conference Centre

For directions go to www.snh.org.uk/offices/ and click on Battleby (pop ups need to be allowed)

Huntingtower Hotel

For directions go to www.huntingtowerhotel.co.uk/information-centre/travel-help/directions.htm

Conference Travel Arrangements

► Travel during the Conference

To keep the number of cars parking at Battleby to a minimum the following bus transport will be provided. Please complete the form below and return to Susan Grieve **no later than Friday 1st June.**

Buses between (delete as appropriate)	11th June		12th June	
	09.30	17.00	08.30	17.00
Huntingtower Hotel – Battleby	Yes /No	Yes/No	Yes /No	Yes/No
Innkeepers Lodge – Battleby	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes /No	Yes/No
Express by Holiday Inn – Battleby	Yes /No	Yes /No	Yes /No	Yes/No

Buses between (tick as required))	11th June	
	Yes	No
Innkeepers Lodge – Conference Dinner		
Express by Holiday Inn – Conference Dinner		

Bus transport will be provided to and from Perth Railway Station. Please indicate if you would like to take advantage of this service.

I would like a place on the bus at 09.45 on 11th June at Perth Station Yes / No

I would like a place on the bus at 17.00 on 12th June to Perth Station Yes / No

If you need any help with travel or accommodation, please contact Susan Grieve the Conference Coordinator:

susan@rural-development.co.uk

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Conference Booking Form

BOOKING FORM:
CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC SALMON IN SCOTLAND
FINAL PROJECT CONFERENCE

SNH Battleby Conference Centre, Perth Wednesday 11th June - Thursday 12th June, 2008

PLEASE RETURN BY 9th MAY 2008

Fax: 01307 850470

To be faxed or e-mailed back to:

e-mail: susan@rural-development.co.uk

Please give your name and organisation as it should appear on your delegate badge:

Title (Mr, Mrs, Dr etc):

Forename:

Surname:

Job Title

Organisation:

Telephone Number:

E-mail address:

Places at the conference will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. In the case of over subscription a wait list system will be adopted.

There is no fee for attendance or meals at the conference; however delegates will be responsible for the cost of their transport and accommodation.

Please let us know if you have any special requirements (e.g. access, diet, allergies, etc):

Please indicate which meals you will be attending, by writing 'yes' or 'no' after each item:

Lunch Wednesday 11th :

Dinner Wednesday 11th :

Lunch Thursday 12th :

Project Visit 12th:

Travel Details

Delegates are encouraged to use public transport or car sharing when travelling to the conference as the organisers would like to keep the number of cars parking at Battleby to a minimum.

In order to facilitate this, bus transport will be provided between the hotels identified in the 'Where to Stay' section and Battleby and the conference dinner at the Huntingtower Hotel . Buses will also run between Perth Station to Battleby at the beginning and end of the conference.

Please indicate which, if any, of the services you would like to take advantage of and return them to Susan Grieve **no later than Friday 1st June.**

Please make sure you have a confirmed place at the conference before booking your hotels or any travel.

Any other information or comments: