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Sea Trout Symposium

An IFM Specialist Event

***Angel Hotel, Cardiff
12th – 13th September 2023***

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PROGRAMME

Tuesday 12th September

10:00 – 17:00

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

Session 2. A Review of Current Management Practice		
Session Chair:		
14:20	Simon Toms Environment Agency	Sea trout management in England
14:40	Ben Wilson Natural Resources Wales	Sea trout management in Wales
15:00	Pat O Reilly 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	<i>Where are the gaps in our knowledge and what we need to do to improve management of sea trout?</i>	
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 13th September 9.00 – 15.00

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

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

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