



Wester Ross Fisheries Trust Marine Seminar: Sea trout and the Seas around Wester Ross

Friday 29th May 2009, Poolewe Village Hall, by Loch Ewe, Wester Ross

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Provisional Programme

- 10:00 Registration and Refreshments
- 10:30 Welcome and Opening
Cllr Richard Greene (The Highland Council)
- 10:40 Sea trout in the seas around Wester Ross: what do we need to know?
Peter Cunningham (Wester Ross Fisheries Trust)
- 10:55 Patterns of plankton production around Wester Ross
Steve Hay (FRS Marine Laboratory)
- 11:15 Juvenile herring and other 'food' fishes around Wester Ross
Dr Emma Hatfield (FRS Marine Laboratory)
- 11:35 Short refreshment break
- 11:45 Jellyfish and jellyfish blooms: implications for fish populations
Hugh Richards (Wester Ross Fisheries Ltd.)
- 12:05 Sea trout in Loch Torridon: some answers, more questions?
Dr John Armstrong (FRS Freshwater Laboratory & Shialdaig Project)
- 12:25 The Loch Torridon *Nephrops* Fishery: a sustainable fishery?
Karen Starr (Shialdaig Export)
- 12:45 Questions
- 12:55 Buffet Lunch.
Underwater ROV video of Wester Ross marine life (to run during lunchtime)
Aaron Forsyth (Wester Ross Marine Reserve Partnership)
- 13:20 Are marine habitats of importance for fish production around Wester Ross?
Sue Scott (Underwater Biologist)
- 13:40 Sea birds around Wester Ross: how are these linked with fish populations?
Dr Alison McLennan (RSPB)
- 14:00 Seals around Wester Ross: what determines population size?
Callan Duck (Scottish Oceans Institute, St Andrews University)
- 14:20 Whales and other cetaceans around Wester Ross: why are they here?
Sarah Dolman (Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society)
- 14:40 Short refreshment break
- 15:00 Introduction to workshop session **Peter Cunningham**
- 15:10 Split into 2 work groups to consider opportunities for joint ventures:
**Group A: collaborative investigations [led by Dr John Armstrong,]
Group B: collaborative awareness-raising projects [led by Sue Scott or Aaron F.]**
- 15:45 Reports from Group A and Group B and questions
- 16:00 Open discussion session & summing up **Cllr Richard Greene**
- 16:30 [end of Meeting]

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