



**SCOTTISH  
INSHORE FISHERIES  
CONFERENCE 2017**

**27<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
EDEN COURT  
INVERNESS**



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The fourth Scottish Inshore Fisheries Conference kicks off on the afternoon of Thursday 27th April with a session to introduce the EMFF funded Scottish Inshore Fisheries Integrated Data System or 'SIFIDS' Project. This project will focus on using new technologies and processes to improve data collection and use within Scotland's inshore fisheries, with the intent of reducing the reporting burden on fishermen and improving the information base on which fisheries management decisions are made. This session is then followed by the official opening of the conference at an evening reception at Eden Court (17.30-19.00) and we welcome all delegates to attend this.

On Friday 28th April 2017, Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity will open the day, and delegates will also have the opportunity to attend sessions on a variety of subjects including fisheries management challenges and actions, Brexit, and marketing the local catch. There will be ample opportunity for networking, visiting stands, speaking to representatives from a range of organisations, celebrating our fantastic seafood, and sharing experiences and knowledge in an informal setting on a wide range of issues.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2017 Inshore Fisheries Conference



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# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Delegates will be able to attend their choice of two from the four sessions

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## Inshore Fisheries – Crab and Lobster Management

There is growing interest in the management of this key sector which has seen new management measures introduced in recent years and various initiatives to improve data collection. Using the recent survey of static gear effort as its basis, this session will explore future management of the crab and lobster sector particularly with the upcoming inshore fisheries legislation due to be introduced during this parliamentary term. The aim of this session will be to gain a better understanding of management options in the crab and lobster fisheries and explore how the forthcoming Inshore Fisheries Bill could be framed to improve the sustainability of this sector.

2

## Brexit – The Scottish Government Perspective

An interactive session led by Caro Cowan, Marine Scotland's Post EU Referendum Co-ordinator. Delegates will be able to hear more about the Scottish Government's position on Brexit, and its proposals for the nation's future relationship with Europe as outlined in "Scotland's Place in Europe", and gain a better understanding of what Brexit may mean for inshore fishermen in Scotland.

3

## Inshore Fisheries Management: A View from Norway

This is an opportunity to hear from, and ask questions of, Norway's Fisheries Directorate, to learn how Norway deals with a range of issues including spatial measures – and competing demands for resources from fishermen, evidence and data collection – how do they ensure they have the scientific evidence on stocks etc. to make good management decisions, effective enforcement of fisheries regulations, and how Norway adapts to the increasing pressure from other marine users whether offshore renewable energy projects, recreational users, aquaculture etc.

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## Marketing the Local Catch

Food consumption has evolved significantly in recent decades with a large growth in demand for "local" or "regionalised" foods. Consumers are increasingly concerned about food safety, food quality and use "origin" as a valuable quality marker.

These changes in consumer trends offer a real opportunity for local producers to diversify, find new sales routes and the supply of high quality, locally produced seafood either to consumers directly or through local foodservice outlets.

This interactive workshop will showcase existing initiatives and host guest speakers navigating a local sales approach to maximise opportunities and value for their catch.





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### 2017 TIMETABLE

#### DAY 1 – Thursday 27th April

14.30-15.00 Tea/coffee available on arrival

15.00-17.00 Introduction to the SIFIDS project

17.30-19.00 Evening Reception

#### DAY 2 – Friday 28th April

08.30-09.00 Registration – tea/coffee available on arrival

09.00-09.10 Conference Opening Speech

09.10-10.00 Plenary Speech from Fergus Ewing MSP

10.00-11.00 Workshop/Breakout Session Opportunity 1 (choice of 4)

11.00-11.45 Networking and Drop-In with Stallholders: tea/coffee available

11.45-12.45 Workshop/Breakout Session Opportunity 2 (choice of 4)

12.45-13.35 Plenary Talk & Q&A Session

13.35-13.45 Review & Closing

13.45-14.45 Lunch and Networking and Drop-In with Stallholders

### IFC SESSION TO INTRODUCE THE SIFIDS PROJECT

Thursday 27th April (15.00-17.00, with coffee from 14.30). This two hour session will introduce the EMFF funded Scottish Inshore Fisheries Integrated Data System or 'SIFIDS' Project. The SIFIDS Project will focus on using new technologies and processes to improve data collection and use within Scotland's inshore fisheries, with the intent of reducing the reporting burden on fishermen while at the same time improving the information base on which fisheries management and marine planning decisions are made. The work to be undertaken and its potential benefits to the industry will be presented with ample opportunity for discussion and questions. Sign up when you register.

### ACCOMMODATION

Delegates should book their own accommodation. If you would like assistance or recommendations, please contact [masts@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:masts@st-andrews.ac.uk)



### LOCATION

Eden Court, Bishops Road, Inverness, IV3 5SA.  
Evening reception on Thursday 27th April 17.30-19.00.