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Leaving the EU presents the Scottish Government with an opportunity to develop a new model of fisheries management for Scottish waters. This is a long-term commitment, and one which will rely on the involvement and collaboration of all stakeholders. The fifth Scottish Inshore Fisheries Conference is the ideal venue to discuss this issue within the context of the inshore fishing sector.

Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy, will be in attendance to open the conference and give the keynote speech. This will be followed in the afternoon by a plenary that will discuss the Scottish Government's plans for taking forward work on the future of fisheries management in Scotland.

Delegates will have a selection of interesting workshops to participate in throughout the day, with some being led by fishing industry associations for the first time. There will sessions on implementing the SIFIDS project, the potential of low impact fishing methods, involving coastal communities in local fisheries management, and improving the monitoring of inshore fishing activity.

There will also be plenty of networking opportunities, with exhibitor stalls and representatives from a range of organisations attending. The conference will be an ideal opportunity to meet people who share an interest in inshore fishing in an informal setting, and we encourage active fishermen to attend and have their say on how Scotland's inshore fisheries are managed.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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

1 What coastal fishing communities can bring to science, sustainability and governance

The Community Inshore Fisheries Alliance will lead a session to explore how Scotland's coastal fishing communities can take an active role in improving the management of their local inshore fisheries.

The workshop will look at areas where work is currently on-going – such as scientific research, environmental protections, monitoring fishing activity – and possibilities for future improvements.

Delegates will have the opportunity to give their thoughts on the progress being made so far, what can be done in future to improve management locally, and how coastal communities can take this forward in partnership with others.

2 The potential of low impact fishing for Scotland

Low Impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE) and the Scottish Creel Fishermen's Federation will co-lead a session to examine low impact fishing and its potential for Scotland.

Jeremy Percy, Executive Director at the LIFE Platform and Chairman of the Coastal Producer Organisation, will first set out the work of both organisations to improve the lot of fishermen throughout Europe and the UK respectively.

West coast creel fisherman Alistair (Bally) Philp will then discuss the lifting of the "three mile limit" on mobile gear fishing, its subsequent effect on inshore fisheries, and the economic and environmental case for its possible reinstatement on the west coast of Scotland.

3 Implementing the Scottish Inshore Fisheries Integrated Data System

The Scottish Inshore Fisheries Integrated Data System (SIFIDS) is a £1.5 million EU-funded project, which commenced work in 2016 to develop an integrated system for the collection, collation, analysis and interrogation of data from the Scottish inshore fishing fleet.

This session is part of a wider consultation process on the project – due to conclude in May 2019 – where delegates will be asked for their views of the work accomplished so far, what they consider to be the key requirements for SIFIDS, and how it should be implemented and managed if taken beyond a research project.

4 Improving Inshore Fisheries Data

In 2016 the reporting requirements for the under 10 metre fleet were changed, making location and fishing effort data mandatory to better inform inshore fisheries management. Spatial analysis of the inshore fleet's activities is much improved, and changes in activity over time can now be observed. Spatial data is now linked to activity data for 93% of the Scottish fleet, up from 22% before these changes were introduced.

This workshop will present on the structure of the new data, the initial analysis from 2017-18 on the under 10 metre fleet, and the data's strengths and weaknesses. The workshop will also explore with delegates the various ways this data can be applied to better manage Scotland's inshore waters.

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TIMETABLE – Friday 5th October

08:45 – 09:15	Registration (tea / coffee available on arrival)
09:15 – 09:25	Conference opening speech
09:25 – 10:15	Plenary speech from Fergus Ewing MSP
10:15 – 11:45	Workshop opportunity #1 (choice of 4)
11:45 – 13:00	Lunch / Networking / Drop-in with stallholders
13:00 – 13:45	Afternoon plenary talk – Future Fisheries Management
13:45 – 15:15	Workshop opportunity #2 (choice of 4)
15:15 – 16:00	Networking (tea / coffee available)

LOCATION

Eden Court, Bishops Road,
Inverness, IV3 5SA.

ACCOMMODATION

Delegates should book their own accommodation. If you would like assistance or recommendations, please contact **masts@st-andrews.ac.uk**

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