



SIFIDS

Scottish Inshore Fisheries
Integrated Data System

Event Programme for 2017 IFC 'Introduction to Industry' Session on SIFIDS Project

Date: Thursday 27th April 2017

Start: 15:00

End: 17:15

Location: Jim Love Studio, Eden Court, Inverness

Purpose: To present the SIFIDS Project to inshore fisheries stakeholders with a key emphasis on the relevance of project outputs to the wider industry and individual fishermen.

15:00 – 15:10 Welcome and an introduction to the structure and purpose of the SIFIDS Project (delivered by SIFIDS Project Coordination Team) followed by a brief overview of the implications for policy by Jim Watson (Head of Inshore Fisheries and Coastal Communities).

15:10 – 15:55 The future of inshore fisheries data collection?

1. *'Review and Optimisation of Shellfish Data Collection Strategies for Scottish Inshore Waters'* (WP1) - How can we optimise the sampling of shellfish needed to support stock assessments – and do this in a more cost effective and timely manner? (Presented by Dr Beth Mouat, NAFC Marine Centre).
2. *'Development and Pilot Deployment of an Autonomous Fisheries Data Harvesting System and Investigation into the Availability and Adaptability of Novel Technological Approaches to Data Collection'* (WP2A & WP2B) - Investigating and developing the potential to use new and novel technology to reduce the reporting burden on fishermen while enhancing inshore fisheries data collection. (Presented by Richard Ayers, SeaScope Fisheries Research)
3. *'Development of a Novel, Automated Mechanism for the Collection of Scallop Stock Data'* (WP3) - Exploring the potential of using novel more cost-effective approaches for the automation of scallop stock assessment surveys.. (Presented by Dr Richard Bates, University of St Andrews).

Q&A (15min).

15:55 – 16:25 New ways of using inshore fisheries data

4. *'Capture and Incorporation of Experiential Fisheries Data'* (WP5) - A significant potential fisheries information resource exists in the form of the experiences and local knowledge held by inshore fishermen. How can we capture relevant

information from the industry and use it to inform fisheries management and marine planning? (Presented by Dr Tania Mendo/Dr Mark James, University of St Andrews).

5. *'Identifying Fishing Activities and Their Associated Drivers'* (WP8) - How can we use technology and state of the art statistical modelling techniques to provide information on fishing activity that will be of benefit to individual fishing businesses, as well as those involved in fisheries management and marine planning? (Presented by Dr Tania Mendo, University of St Andrews).

Q&A (10min).

16:25 – 17:00 The broader picture, valuing inshore fisheries and guiding future investment

6. *'Assessment of Socio-Economic and Cultural Characteristics of the Scottish Inshore Fishery'* (WP4) - Understanding and quantifying the social, cultural and economic value of the inshore fishing industry in Scotland. Using this information to inform policy and investment. (Presented by Andrew Parker, Imani Development).
7. *'Engagement with Inshore Sector to Promote and Inform'* (WP7) - The Project Facilitators will introduce themselves and explain how they will engage with the inshore sector to recruit vessels for survey work and keep fishermen up to date with developments throughout the project. (Presented by Kyla Orr and Kathryn Logan, SIFIDS Project Facilitators).

Q&A (15min).

17:00 – 17:15 Open forum discussion

17:15 Session close

