



Fourth International Symposium

# Saving the Atlantic Salmon

## AGENDA

Friday 31 May 2024

World experts gather with locals in North East Iceland to discuss future conservation of the species

# Six Rivers Iceland Symposium 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Miklagarði, Vopnafirði

**Symposium Chair** Peter Williams

| TIME             | SPEAKER TOPIC  | SPEAKER             |
|------------------|--|---------------------|
| 09:30 - 09:35    | Welcome  | Glenn Turner        |
| <b>Session 1</b> | <b>Atlantic Salmon: Conservation Status</b>                  |                     |
| 09:35 - 09:45    | The Atlantic salmon's status around the North Atlantic       | Dr Rasmus Lauridsen |
| 09:45 - 10:10    | Salmon stocks and trends in Iceland, MFRI work in NE Iceland | Dr Hlynur Bárðarson |
| 10:10 - 10:15    | Q&A session  |                     |
| <b>Session 2</b> | <b>Six Rivers Iceland Operations</b>                         |                     |
| 10:15 - 10:25    | North East Iceland   | Pálmi Gunnarsson    |
| 10:25 - 10:40    | SRI history, local economy, lodge building and future use    | Gísli Ásgeirsson    |
| 10:40 - 10:45    | Q&A session  |                     |
| 10:45 - 11:00    | Coffee   |                     |
| <b>Session 3</b> | <b>Atlantic Salmon: Emerging Threats</b>                     |                     |
| 11:00 - 11:20    | Escaped farmed salmon and genetic introgression in Norway    | Dr Kjetil Hindar    |
| 11:20 - 11:45    | The secret life of sea lice - a nuisance for fish and people | Prof Bengt Finstad  |
| 11:45 - 12:05    | Pink salmon in Norway  | Dr Kjetil Hindar    |
| 12:05 - 12:20    | Q&A session  |                     |
| 12:20 - 13:20    | Lunch  |                     |

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| <b>Session 4</b> | <b>Catchment Scale Conservation Projects</b>   |  |
| 13:20 - 13:45    | Project Laxford – a catchment scale salmon restoration project in Northwest Scotland       | Chris Conroy   |
| 13:45 - 14:05    | Six Rivers Iceland - tree planting programme   | Hrafkatla Eiríksdóttir   |
| 14:05 - 14:15    | Q&A session  |  |
| 14:15 - 14:35    | Coffee   |  |
| <b>Session 5</b> | <b>In-River Conservation efforts at Six Rivers Iceland</b>                                 |  |
| 14:35 - 14:55    | In-river conservation work at Six Rivers Iceland   | Stefán Hrafnsson   |
| 14:55 - 15:20    | Prioritisation of conservation efforts based on river potential                            | Dr Rasmus Lauridsen  |
| 15:20 - 15:35    | Q&A session  |  |
| <b>Session 6</b> | <b>Discussion</b>  |  |
| 15:35 - 16:10    | Panel discussion: The challenges facing conservation work aimed to protect Atlantic salmon | Prof Bengt Finstad<br>Dr Kjetil Hindar<br>Dr Guðni Guðbergsson<br>Dr Rasmus Lauridsen<br>Prof Alison Baker<br>Gísli Ásgeirsson |
| 16:10 - 18:30    | Drinks and refreshments at Fossgarði   |  |