

'Wild Fisheries Reform in Scotland'

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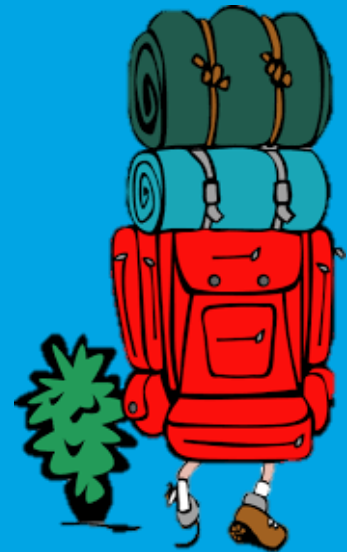
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The road to reform



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Reaffirmation in the Programme for Government plans to progress a Wild Fisheries (Scotland) Bill within the first year of the Scottish Parliament, it did reaffirm that the Scottish Government will introduce a Bill during this Parliamentary session to underpin new management structures and establish the foundations for a more secure and sustainable future for wild fisheries.



Wild Fisheries Strategy



- Developed in partnership with stakeholders
- Strategy aims to provide:
- A long-term vision for managing and developing wild fisheries in Scotland – To protect, develop and enhance social and economic benefit from Scotland’s freshwater fish and fisheries; and to promote access to fishing opportunities and participation’
 - Methodology for achieving that vision
 - Structure for greater stakeholder involvement in the development and management of wild fisheries



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Wild Fisheries (Scotland) Bill Provisions



- **Bill Structure -**
- **Progress to date**
- **Areas to be progressed**



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Next Steps



- Discuss the potential FMA makeup based on the contribution received to date from the ASFB/RAFTS working group.
- Consider the potential for a number of pilot FMOs and in parallel a pilot National Unit.
- Further work on quantifying the financial shortfall as a result of the functions identified for future FMOs, and how that can best be addressed.
- Continued stakeholder engagement through the SRG and the technical sub groups.
- Await any further details of the legislative timetable.



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