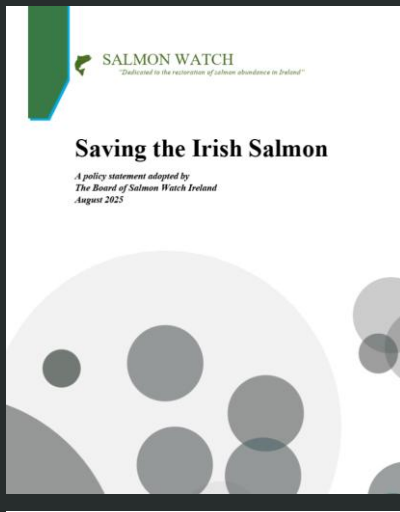


Atlantic Salmon In Crisis

Salmon Watch Policy 2025 Document



Our Policy is to maximise the number of wild salmon smolts migrating to sea.

This will involve a concerted effort by Government and public to improve protection of habitat, water quality and salmon at sea and in our rivers.

Conference Salmon Watch Ireland 11th October 2025 Athlone

Ireland's wild Atlantic salmon are in crisis — numbers have collapsed to a fraction of their historic levels. To respond to this urgent challenge.

Salmon Watch Ireland is hosting its Annual Conference 2025

Saving the Irish Salmon.

Saturday, 11 October 2025

10:00 AM – 4:30 PM (doors open at 9:00 AM)

Sheraton Athlone Hotel, Gleeson Street, Athlone

This national gathering will bring together leading scientists, policymakers, river trusts, anglers, and community groups to shape real solutions for salmon conservation.

Speakers & Discussion Points

- **Dr. Paddy Gargan (Formerly of Inland Fisheries Ireland)**
Review of the impact of sea lice from salmon aquaculture on salmon survival
- **Dr. Elvira De Eyto (Marine Institute)**
Examination of long-term data at Burrishoole to track salmon survival
- **Emma Armshaw (Sustainable Water Network)**
Implications of salmon aquaculture for meeting EU Water Framework & Marine Strategy Framework Directives
- **Dr. Sarah McLean (Loughs Agency)**
The role of scientific research in guiding salmon conservation and management
- **Professor Ken Whelan (Fisheries Scientist)**
Exploring the drivers behind stock collapse and potential recovery pathways
- **Maura Brennan (Nore River Trust)**
Why local action by angling groups, communities, and river trusts is essential
- **John Murphy (Salmon Watch Ireland)**
Overview of the Salmon Watch Policy Document – strategies for resilient wild smolts

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Special Features

- Screening: *The Ghosts of Waterville's Past* – lessons from history when sea trout populations collapse
- Salmon Hero Award presentation for 2024 & 2025

Why Attend

- Hear the latest research on salmon survival, aquaculture impacts, and conservation strategies
- Engage with policy proposals from Salmon Watch Ireland's 2025 Policy Document
- Network with scientists, policymakers, and community leaders working to restore salmon rivers
- Learn how local groups can take effective action

Registration is open now — [Reserve your place on Eventbrite.](#)

This event is in person, open to all ages, with free venue parking. Refunds available up to 7 days before.

Closing note:

The survival of Ireland's wild Atlantic salmon depends on the choices we make now. This conference is your chance to be part of a united call for action.