A CAREER IN Fisheries Management

Introduction to Fisheries Management

Salmon and freshwater fish are an extremely important natural asset for Scotland.

If you enjoy working outdoors and have a passion for fishing, a job in the industry could see you looking after this invaluable resource. You could be involved in monitoring and managing fishery habitats, assessing levels and condition of fish stocks, or working with the public at a commercial sports fishery.

If you have technical knowledge and practical skills, then a career in this diverse and rewarding industry could be perfect for you.

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Career Options

There are many opportunities for anyone interested in a career within fisheries management, with many different routes into the industry. From advising anglers to running a fish hatchery and managing fish stocks, there are lots of rewarding careers on offer. Take a look at the jobs below for inspiration.

Fishery managers work closely with farmers to prevent watercourse pollution from farm run-off, which can affect oxygen levels for fish.

With a career in Fisheries Management there are opportunities to work in Game and Wildlife Management or Environmental Conservation industries.

Starting salaries are between £13,000 and £16,000, which can rise with experience to £35,000 for a more managerial role.
Routes into a career in Fisheries Management

Depending on your current skills and experience, you could enter at different levels.

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Scotland’s river systems support one of the largest and most diverse Atlantic salmon populations in Europe.

A career in fisheries management will give you the opportunity to conserve Scotland’s natural marine heritage and biodiversity.

Water bailiffs have the power to arrest anyone suspected of salmon or river offences and confiscate their equipment.
Our Stories

Jonathan Louis

Jonathan studied at SRUC Oatridge to gain an NC, HNC and HND in Countryside Management, giving him the knowledge to complete his honours degree in Sustainable Environmental Management. In 2013, he was appointed as Project Officer for the River Forth Fisheries Trust, where his range of qualifications have helped him develop his fisheries management skills and become a Development Officer.

“Currently, my role involves leading the development of large-scale catchment improvement projects. This allows me to continue to develop my project management and community engagement skills through hands-on experience. I plan to continue to develop skills which will help my career to progress into a management role.”

Scott Milne

Scott is doing an SVQ Level 2 in Environmental Conservation through SRUC, while working for Stirling Council Fisheries as an apprentice. He is Lantra Scotland’s learner of the year for fisheries management.

“I am very passionate about salmon conservation and being able to work within an industry where I can help protect stocks is fantastic. I really enjoy putting across the message about conservation and the journey that salmon have to take just to be in the rivers we have. My job has been very varied so far and this is what makes it so interesting. This job is a way of life to me and I take great pride in what I do every day.”

Find out more

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