

The Atlantic Salmon Trust

Presentation to Teign Fisheries Association

15th November 2011

Tony Andrews **Chief Executive**

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The AST is one of the leading Research and Conservation bodies working on understanding why salmon & sea trout mortality at sea has increased, and devising ways to manage our rivers to increase the number and survival of smolts to mitigate this decline.

Tony Andrews, the Chief Executive of AST has agreed to be the main speaker at the AGM of the Teign Fisheries Association on

Tuesday 15th November, at The Dolphin Inn, in Bovey Tracey.

This is the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the TFA, which starts at 6.00 p.m. There will be a break at approximately 7.00 p.m. to enable those who are not attending the full TFA AGM to join for Tony's presentation and the buffet supper.

In addition to Members of the TFA, and of the Upper and Lower Teign Fishing Associations, who are always welcome to this AGM, an invitation is extended to members of the Dart Angling Association and of the Dart Fisheries Association.

There is no charge for attending this meeting, but it will be followed by a buffet supper, and so, both to give us an indication of numbers, and to book your supper, please complete the ticket application form overleaf and return it to the Secretary. A biographical note about Tony Andrews follows.



Tony Andrews, Chief Executive

Tony began his career in the Royal Marines, and served in the Far East, Aden and Scotland before studying at St Andrews University, where he read English literature and the history of art.

As a lifelong trout and salmon fisherman and country sportsman, his four years at St Andrews was a paradise setting for fishing for wild trout on the Fife Eden, for salmon and sea trout in the Scottish Highlands and developing a wider interest in shooting, natural history and

the environment. Tony has always felt that a measure of a civilised society is how well it looks after its water. In a similar way to a blood test enabling doctors to measure the health of the human body, we should measure the quality of water in our streams, rivers, lochs, estuaries and foreshores, to gauge how well we are managing our natural environment.

Tony's main career was overseas with the British Council. During his 26 years of service he worked in Northern Nigeria, Yugoslavia, Oman, Brazil, Scotland, Russia and Germany. Living in other countries gave Tony and his family a life of promoting British interests abroad in education, research, teaching the English language and the arts, and taking long leaves at home in Scotland. This dual existence gave him ample opportunity to extend his interest in fishing and fishery management.

It was during his student years that he fell in love with the South Esk in Angus, a passion he has maintained for more than forty years, the last 25 during which he has owned the Finavon fishery. As an angler, Tony continues to enjoy fishing for salmon and sea trout. In recent years he has become involved in the management of the South Esk catchment and in the detailed, on-the-ground management of the two and a half miles of river and riparian woodlands that comprise Finavon Castle Water. He particularly enjoys the contrast and challenge of working 'globally' on behalf of salmon and sea trout conservation, and practising fishery management locally in Angus and at Finavon.

Before Tony joined the AST team and after leaving the British Council, he ran the Scottish Countryside Alliance where he campaigned with other rural organisations to raise awareness of rural issues and persuade politicians that the countryside matters. He feels that the work of the AST is a natural step in highlighting the importance of two important indicator species – salmon and sea trout – which can give us accurate data on the condition of the wider environment and climate change, and provide us with cues for management actions.

Tony lives in Angus on the banks of the South Esk with his wife, Alison, two Labradors - Tally and Tinca - and a beautiful Nordic Forest Cat called Turgy.

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