



The Honourable The Irish Society's virtual Festival of Game Fishing

Friday 12th March 2021, commencing at 12.00 noon

Programme main events (please note timings are approximate)

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- 12.00 Introduction by Rob Hughes, Host for the event. Rob works for BT Sport's fishing channel
Welcome by Festival Chairman, Henry Pollard and Secretary of the Irish Society, Edward Montgomery
Message from Alderman William Russell, Lord Mayor of the City of London
Message from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Patron of Salmon & Trout Conservation
Message from Edwin Poots MLA, Minister of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs
- 12.15 Presentation by Professor Ken Whelan, Atlantic Salmon Trust
Live Question & Answer session with Prof Whelan, Rob Hughes and Feargal Sharkey
- 13.30 Salmon fly tying by Joe Stitt, County Antrim fisherman
- 13.45 Presentation by Dr Richard Kennedy, AFBI fishery scientist
Live Question & Answer session with Dr Kennedy, Rob Hughes, Gareth Pedley and Andrew McGall
- 14.45 Interview with Dessie Quinn, river Bann Fishery Protection Officer
- 14.55 Getting young people into fishing, by Mark McGivern, Angling First charity
- 15.00 Presentation by Dr Robert Rosell, AFBI fishery scientist
Live Question & Answer session with Dr Rosell, Feargal Sharkey, Dr Diego del Villar and Ross McGill
- 15.40 Discussion between Glenda Powell, leading Irish game fishing instructor, and Edward Montgomery
- 15.50 Trout fly tying by Andy Ford, England international fly fisherman and presenter
- 16.05 Discussion between Feargal Sharkey and Marina Gibson on river pollution and prevention
- 16.40 Presentation by Nick Measham, Chief Executive, Salmon & Trout Conservation
Live Question & Answer session with Nick Measham, Rob Hughes, Trish Murphy, Andrew McGall, Jeremy Wade and Glenda Powell

- 17.45 Introduction to Cressabelle, the Irish Society's new fishing tourism agents, by Catherine & Kieran Deery
- 18.00 Presentation by Jim Haughey, Mark Tierney, Terry Smithson, Jim Gregg and Michael Martin on trout fishing
- Live Question & Answer session with Jim Haughey, Gareth Pedley, Jeremy Wade & Andy Ford
- 19.00 Announcement of prize winners by Rob Hughes and Edward Montgomery
- 19.15 Closing remarks and thanks to sponsors by Rob Hughes
- 19.30 End