**ONE DAY SYMPOSIUM**

# ALL ABOUT THE BASS

ANGLING TRUST

BASS

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# Executive Summary

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Anglers are enthusiastic and ready to engage in science.
- We need clearer frameworks and mechanisms for co-produced science.
- All stakeholders should be included from the start of research to build trust and relationships.
- Anglers want to see results and outputs from research they're involved in.
- Traditional knowledge and anglers' stories are invaluable data sources.
- More and regular collaborative forums are needed that include all stakeholders (including both recreational and commercial fishers).
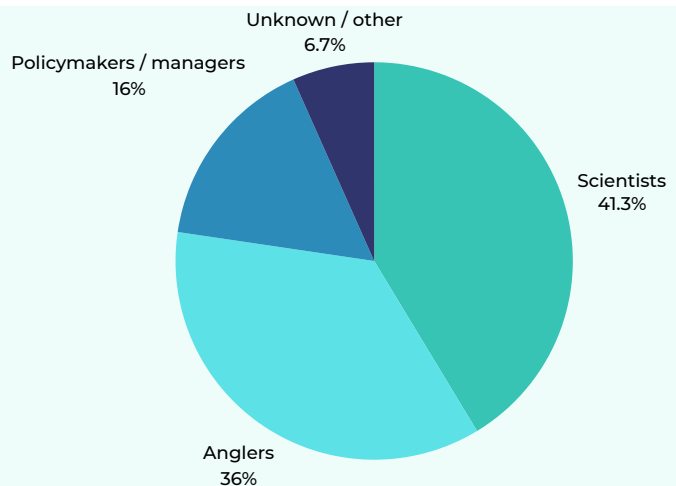
## WHO CAME?

**75**

people attended the symposium

**40** in person   **35** online

Unknown / other
6.7%

Policymakers / managers
16%

Scientists
41.3%

Anglers
36%

## MAIN TOPICS & KEY LINKS

This year's symposium showcased novel and emerging bass research, covering such topics as bass biology, movements and habitat needs, stocks and spawn timing, the impacts of climate change and shifting distributions, and the importance of citizen science. As well as an update on the Bass Fisheries Management Plan (FMP), how to improve scientist and angler collaborations and how data can improve policy and management.

View the talk schedule, talks and presentation slides here:

https://tinyurl.com/BassEvent | https://tinyurl.com/BassConfVideos | https://tinyurl.com/BassConfSlides

# Attendees' feedback

Of the people that have given feedback, all have suggested that the event should continue with 40% suggesting annual frequency and 60% suggesting every other year. General consensus was to have fewer but more in depth talks in the future and more time for Q&As and discussions. If you haven't provided feedback yet, we would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to fill in this short online survey.

| **100%** of respondees want future bass symposia | **80%** of anglers are more likely to participate in research | **84%** of respondees said they learnt a lot |
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# What's next?

We will be circulating a full Symposium Report in the coming months which will summarise findings, recommendations and research opportunities. To give us feedback, ideas and to keep in touch please complete the online survey or email anna.sturrock@essex.ac.uk.