



## World Fish Migration Day Panel Event May 20, 2016 - Washington, D.C.

### What:

World Fish Migration Day (WFMD) is a global-local celebration aimed at creating worldwide awareness about the importance of open rivers and migratory fish. This year marks the second WFMD and will bring together 1,500 organizations and showcase more than 400 events worldwide.

To kick off WFMD 2016 (Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>), a panel event will take place the day prior (Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>) in Washington, D.C. The panel will focus on the impacts of dams and other infrastructure on fish passage, as well as increased pressure on migratory species due to climate change, overfishing and development. Expert perspectives, ranging from an Indian Nation to a development bank, will break down the complexity of these issues and present examples of innovative, collaborative solutions that can help strike a better balance for people and nature.

The event will consist of a keynote, panel, Q&A and a special announcement by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director **Dan Ashe** and **Deputy Johannes Kramer**, Vice Governor of the Provincial Executive of Fryslân, The Netherlands. A cocktail reception will follow.

### Hosts:

- [The Nature Conservancy](#) – Working around the world to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends
- [World Fish Migration Foundation](#) – Protecting and conserving migratory fish
- [World Wildlife Fund](#) – Conserving nature and reducing the most pressing threats to the diversity of life on Earth

### Featured Speakers:

- Opening: **Zeb Hogan**, Host of National Geographic Channel's *Monster Fish*
- Emcee: **Herman Wannigen**, Director of the World Fish Migration Foundation
- Keynote: **Jennifer Haverkamp**, Senior Water Advisor to Secretary of State Kerry, and President Obama's nominee for Under Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs at the U.S. Department of State
- Moderator: **Paul Greenberg**, Author of *The New York Time's* Best Seller *Four Fish*
- Panelists:
  - **Kirk Francis**, Chief of the Penobscot Indian Nation
  - **Mike Dawes**, Partner at World Cast Anglers
  - **Gustaaf Borchardt**, Chairman of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine
  - **Emmanuel Boulet**, Principal Environmental Specialist at the Inter-American Development Bank

**When:** Friday, May 20, 2016, panel: 3PM-5PM, cocktail hour: 5PM-6PM

**Where:** 1777 F St NW #100, second floor, Washington, DC 20006

If you'd like to attend the event, please RSVP by email to McKenzie Jones at [mrjones@tnc.org](mailto:mrjones@tnc.org). If you are unable to attend in person, we invite you to view a livestream of the event here: [www.worldfishmigrationday.com](http://www.worldfishmigrationday.com).

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