**Workshop: Researching Scottish Elasmobranchs - opportunity for a combined approach?**

Thursday, 29 August 2013 13:30 @ Heriot Watt University Edinburgh Conference Centre (Heriot-Watt University, Riccarton, Edinburgh, EH14 4AS)

Proposed Agenda:

Session 1 (Chair – Prof. Teresa Fernandes, MASTS theme leader Marine Biodiversity, Function and Services)

1:30pm Welcome and Introductions

1:40pm An overview of current research into Scottish Elasmobranchs with talks from:

Ian Burrett - the Scottish Shark Tagging Program

Francis Neat - current elasmobranch work at Marine Scotland

Vicki Bendall - current elasmobranch work at CEFAS

Suzanne Henderson - basking shark tagging work

Lea-Anne Henry - importance of deep sea habitats to elasmobranchs

Les Noble - population genetics of elasmobranchs

Lilian Liber - multi-beam surveying of basking sharks

James Thorburn - spatial ecology of tope and spurdog

Ali Hood – Shark Trust and EU policy

Mark Hind - Sealife and restocking elasmobranchs

3:15pm – Coffee

Session 2

3:30pm Summary of session 1

3:40pm The future of elasmobranch research including:

* What future research is needed?
* Collaborative effort towards work and funding
* Working with Europe

Thank you for your interest in this workshop, if you have any questions or would like further information, please contact James Thorburn j.thorburn@abdn.ac.uk or Lea-Anne Henry l.henry@hw.ac.uk