



Cathal Gallagher was born in Ireland, initially studying engineering at University College Galway completing a Masters degree in 1993. Following this Cathal continued his studies which culminated in the award of a Ph.D. from the University of Salford in England. He has worked for over 10 years in high technology companies mainly focusing on the development of products or the manufacturing technology to support their development. From childhood he has had a strong interest in the environment and particularly in freshwater fish. In 2007, an opportunity arose to join the inland fisheries service in Ireland. Currently he acts as the Head of Research and Development for Inland Fisheries Ireland, a state agency tasked with the conservation, protection and development of the inland fisheries sector in Ireland. In October 2012 he was appointed as Chairperson of EIFAAC (European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission) a regional fisheries body of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). He is also involved with NASCO (North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation) currently acting as the EU representative to its International Salmon Research Board.