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PREFACE

The burbot is an ancient and mysterious species of north temperate fish with a unique life history that has made it particularly vulnerable to man's infringements on its habitats. The burbot is a species with many vernacular names; freshwater cod, ellpout, lawyer, ling, cusk, lush, mud blower, and some names better left unprinted. It is an efficient piscivore by night that has made it the top predator of many of its environs. The species is highly esteemed in some waters, not for its gamy fight at the end of a line, but for its lobster like taste at the end of a fork. Yet in many angling circles it is greatly disdained and considered a "trash fish". It is also one of the most poorly understood fish, and its place in fish management schemes is usually ignored. In this Symposium we have assembled the world's experts to discuss the biology and management of this species, not only to improve our knowledge and understanding but to promote better management of this freshwater cod. The topics of the Symposium include; Distribution and Stock Identification, Physiology, Biology and Behavior, and Management and Conservation.

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