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Selectivity - Approaches & Technologies The importance of having fishers at the heart of Precision Fishing.

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Precision Fishing?

Precision Fishing enables economically and environmentally healthy fisheries



Fishers definition - Catch what you need to catch, avoiding everything else and using the least amount of resources.



Revenue increase



Fuel costs and CO² decrease



Sorting time decrease



Avoidance of fines



Retain fishing rights



Simple regulatory compliance







Pisces

Enhanced Biodiversity Sustainable Blue Economy











Selective fishing – there is a lot happening

- UK Gear Forum
- Fishing Gear database
- Gov funded Project (FIPS etc.)
- Northern Ireland Gears
- International (ICES etc.)





But change is difficult

- Costs
- Knowledge / Awareness
- Not a 1 size fits all
- Incentives



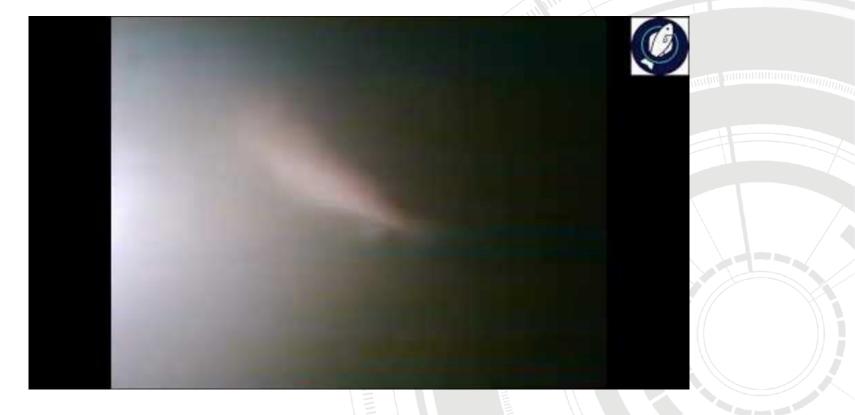
Approach is critical

- We must work hand in hand with the fishers
- Use the right tools
- Communicate better
- Clear the way for adoption



Approach is critical

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BexuUzxq-RM&t=5s



Precision Fishing tools

If you can't measure it you can't manage it!

SeaSensor



CatchCam



Seeing is knowing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_nJ4Somd-o



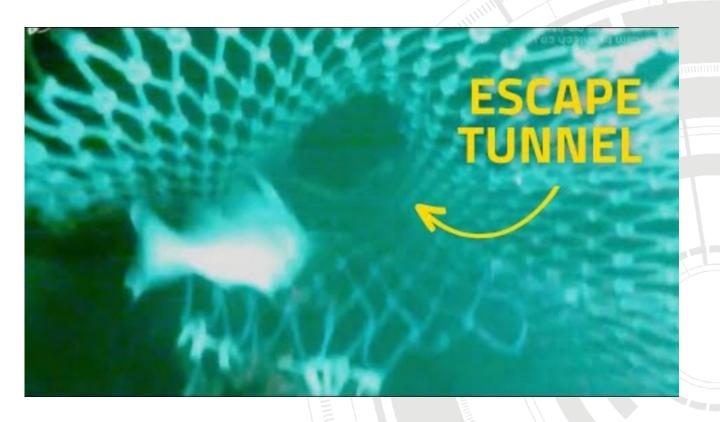
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Precision Fishing incentives

Operational efficiency

Ecological efficiency

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4nAnfH0zzs



Precision Fishing incentives

• Operational efficiency

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Present the facts

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzU7dWkOz2k&t=1s



Future work Priorities

- Measuring the impacts of fishing gears & developing / trialling mitigation measures
- Selectivity & Fish behaviour

Catch welfare and quality





Thank you & Questions

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