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Fisheries Management and Innovation Group news alert

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Funding

Funding schemes for the UK seafood industry

This page on the Seafish website has information on key national grant and funding opportunities that are available to UK seafood and marine businesses.

UK Seafood Fund (UK SF) funds ground-breaking fishing research projects, with new funding rounds open (3 August 2022)

17 projects have been awarded funds from the £100 million UK Seafood Fund (UK SF), which has been extended from 2024 to 31 March 2025.

- [**UK Seafood Fund \(UK SF\): Round 3 of Fisheries Industry Science Partnerships \(FISP\) scheme now open for applications \(Closing date 5 September 2022\)**](#). FISP aims to improve and share knowledge of fisheries and aquaculture by funding data collection and research to support sustainable fisheries management. Up to £1 million is available for two-year projects.
- [**UK SF: Round 1 of Skills and Training Scheme now open \(Closing date is 12 October 2022\)**](#). There is up to £10 million in the UK SF Skills and Training Scheme to fund training projects for workers in the seafood and aquaculture industry, to develop and improve courses to upskill the industry in essential skills.
- [**UK SF: Round 2 of Infrastructure Scheme due to open in early September**](#). At least £65 million in grant funding is available through the UK SF Infrastructure Scheme to build improved capability at ports, harbours, processing, and aquaculture facilities.
- [**UK Seafood Innovation Fund awards £1.29 million to projects transforming the seafood sector \(3 August 2022\)**](#). The UK [**Seafood Innovation Fund**](#) (SIF) has awarded a further £1.29 million to 28 new projects in its most recent round of funding (Call 3). To date the fund has supported 94 projects, each receiving between £13,600 and £50,000 to support cutting-edge ideas designed to improve the sustainability and resilience of the UK fishing, aquaculture, and seafood sectors.

Marine Scotland survey to help develop their new online funding portal (July 2022)

Marine Scotland is working on a new online funding portal. This includes creating new application guidelines and forms. They are also hoping to simplify the post-application claiming and monitoring process, and would like feedback from past and potential future applicants to their funding schemes.

Marine management new and reports

Marine Environment News in Brief (August 2022)

Launch of three dynamic new projects to safeguard marine life alongside offshore wind (30 August 2022)

The Ecological Consequences of Offshore Wind research programme (ECOWind) has confirmed funding for three pioneering projects. Together, these projects will investigate the cumulative impacts of offshore wind on the marine environment. The findings will be used to inform marine policy and management.

[Future of our inshore fisheries: three years on \(23 August 2022\)](#)

Big steps are afoot for the trailblazing Future of Our Inshore Fisheries (FOIF) project, which is paving the way for thriving and resilient inshore fisheries. During the past three years, the project has laid the foundations for much-needed reforms of the UK's inshore fisheries management system, in order to place working fishermen at the very centre of decision-making.

[Three Shetland ScotWind projects announced following clearing process \(22 August 2022\)](#)

Three projects will be offered seabed agreements for offshore wind projects following Crown Estate Scotland's ScotWind clearing process. The three projects are expected to generate 2.8GW of electricity.

[Research needed before offshore wind farms east of Shetland are built, fishing industry warns \(22 August 2022\)](#)

Reacting to today's announcement by the Crown Estate Scotland of three Shetland ScotWind projects, Shetland Fishermen's Association Executive Officer Daniel Lawson said the areas in question overlapped with known haddock nursery grounds and saithe spawning sites, two of the Shetland fishing fleet's valuable and popular whitefish catches.

[Greenpeace UK to create underwater boulder barrier in Marine Protected Area near Cornwall to block destructive industrial fishing \(15 August 2022\)](#)

Greenpeace has announced plans to build an underwater boulder barrier. Greenpeace's ship Arctic Sunrise will sail to the South West Deeps (East), a Marine Protected Area (MPA) almost 200 kilometres off the Cornish coast, to make a portion of it off-limits to bottom-trawling.

[Bycatch Mitigation Initiative published \(10 August 2022\)](#)

UK Government and the Devolved Administrations have published the UK Bycatch Mitigation Initiative (BMI). This is linked to ambitions in the Fisheries Act 2021 and UK international commitments to minimise and, where possible, eliminate the bycatch of sensitive marine species.

[CFPO introduces voluntary increase in Minimum Landing Size \(MLS\) for Cornish crawfish \(10 August 2022\)](#)

The Cornish Fish Producers' Organisation (CFPO) has announced the rollout of a new, industry-led, voluntary management measure for the Cornish crawfish (also known as spiny lobster) fishery. The voluntary measure will see an increase in the MLS from 95mm to 110mm outside the six nautical mile (nm) limit.

[Conservationists call for three-mile coastal fishing limit in Scotland \(2 August 2022\)](#)

Despite several setbacks, Scottish static-gear interests and conservation groups have taken another step in their ongoing campaign to push the government into a three-mile mobile-gear ban in selected inshore areas of Scotland.

[Offshore renewables in England and Wales \(15 July 2022\)](#)

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has confirmed that The Crown Estate can proceed with the Offshore Wind Leasing Round 4 plan, which aims to generate up to 8GW of offshore wind energy.

[Consultations and events](#)

[Managing fly seine vessel pressure on demersal Non-Quota Species \(25 August 2022. Closes 16 November 2022\)](#)

The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has launched a consultation to

gather evidence on the impact of fly shooting and demersal seine netting in English waters to protect non-quota fish stocks.

[Consultation on the principles of Marine Net Gain](#) (Closes 13 September 2022)

Defra is consulting on Marine Net Gain, an approach to marine development that aims to help the UK reach net zero while protecting key marine species and habitats. [Seafish blog: Will Marine Net Gain make waves for fisheries and aquaculture?](#)

[Marine Conservation Society summer ratings consultation](#) (8 August 2022. Closes 2 September 2022)

The MCS routine summer ratings update for the Good Fish Guide is now open for comments. This summer's review includes ratings for farmed species (halibut, oysters, rainbow trout and tilapia) and wild-caught (Alaska (walleye) pollock, Canadian lobster, various UK fisheries, scallops in Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales, and various small pelagic, and flatfish species).

[Consultation on managing quota in 2023 and beyond](#) (Closes 19 September 2022)

Defra is consulting on how additional fishing quota gained after Brexit should be distributed among fleets across the UK in 2023 and beyond, as part of its work to deliver new fisheries management plans.

[Consultation on Scottish Biodiversity Strategy 2022](#) (Closes on 12 September 2022)

The Scottish Government are seeking views for their Biodiversity Strategy, which includes targets for the marine environment.

[Defra seeks views on Highly Protected Marine Areas \(HPMAs\) in English waters](#) (Closes 28 September 2022)

Defra is gathering views and evidence on five candidate sites for pilot HPMAs.

This is an amalgamation of the news alerts issued in August 2022.