

Wales Seafood Strategy Delivery

Grant-aided PFDs with PLBs

The Seafish team in Wales have had a busy June and July. In collaboration with the Welsh Fishing Safety Committee (WFSC) and RNLI, Seafish have been involved in the delivery of the WFSC 'Essential Safety Equipment' project, which has provided grant-aided Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) with integrated Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) to Welsh-licensed commercial fishermen at a heavily reduced price of £15.00 per item (normal RRP. over £350).

The scheme has been a remarkable success, with over 275 applications received for over 630 PFD-PLBs to date. Due to the success of the project and the high demand for the equipment the application closing date has been extended until the end of August. Distribution of the first batch of PFDs took place at safety workshops at various locations throughout Wales in July 2018. Successful late applicants will be contacted in due course for the final batch roll-out in due course.

This project aims to contribute to the Wales Seafood Strategy target of zero fishing-related deaths by reducing fatalities resulting from man-overboard incidents.

Wales Fishing Safety Awareness Project

Lee Haigh has been appointed as Seafish's Wales Fishing Safety Officer to deliver an EMFF-funded 'Wales Fishing Safety Awareness' project; a two year industry-led, insight-driven programme of communication and engagement activity, designed to increase commercial fishermen's awareness of key health and safety issues, and improve the safety culture of the Welsh fishing fleet. Further information about this project will be published next month.

Other News

Seafood study trip for college staff

Seafish helped to facilitate a tour of the Welsh fishing industry for teachers and students of Grwp Llandrillo Menai on the 28 June 2018. The itinerary saw the group learn from Bangor Mussel Producers, the Lobster Pot in Anglesey, and Catch 22 Brasserie in Valley.

Seafish Wales Advisory Committee

The next meeting takes place at Swansea University on Wednesday 12 September 2018.

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