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**Fisheries Management and Innovation Group news alert**

<https://www.seafish.org/responsible-sourcing/seafood-issues-groups/the-fisheries-management-and-innovation-group/>

**Funding**

**Funding schemes for the UK seafood industry**

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

**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.

**Seafood funding must prioritise UK fishing fleet, government committee urges (22 July 2022)**

The UK Environment Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) Committee has called on UK Seafood Fund (UKSF) to prioritise the wild-catch sector when allocating money from the next round of its seafood fund. The Committee recommended the size of the fund should be increased by 50% £150 million because of the strong level of interest in the first round of infrastructure funding from ports, fish farms, and processors.

**UK SF Skills and Training Scheme (bids open in summer 2022 for eight weeks)**

The Skills and Training Scheme will provide a one-off fund of up to £10 million to improve training in the seafood industry, including the catching, processing and aquaculture sectors.

**New and reports**

**Review of fishing practices adapted in commercial fisheries (28 July 2022)**

Marine Scotland has published a comprehensive literature review on the specific interventions taken in Scotland, the UK and EU to reduce the climate related impacts of the marine wild capture fisheries sector complemented with a series of stakeholder interviews on direct experiences and challenges. The literature review identified eight key areas where potential changes in fisheries practices could be implemented.

**Future of Our Inshore Fisheries (FOIF)**

FOIF is an industry-led project, administered by Seafish, which brings together active fishermen with industry leaders, policy-makers, and researchers. It aims to lay the foundations for an effective inshore fisheries management system in the UK. Since 2019, the project has built a work programme to develop solutions to practical fisheries issues and advise on some of the UK's first Fisheries Management Plans. It is paving the way for sustainable, post-Brexit fisheries through co-management, science, and cross-sector engagement

**i-Fish Marine Electronics report first successful trial of wireless sensor on scallop gear to measure pitch and roll in real-time (28 July 2022)**

i-Fish Marine Electronics have reported successful results from a trial with a Kilkeel-based scallop dredger testing a wireless sensor on their gear which measures pitch and roll in real-time. This enables fishermen to increase catch and lower running costs.

**[Crown Estate announces areas of search for floating wind in the Celtic Sea \(5 July 2022\)](#)**

The Crown Estate has identified five broad 'Areas of Search' for the development of floating offshore wind in the Celtic Sea. These areas have been identified following technical analysis and extensive engagement between The Crown Estate, the UK and Welsh governments and key agencies, and specialist stakeholders. Further stakeholder and market feedback will be used to refine the Areas of Search into smaller project development areas. These project development areas will be offered to the market via competitive tender, to be launched in mid-2023.

**[Who's who in UK Fisheries \(July 2022\)](#)**

Fishing into the Future have created an online graphic to explain 'Who's who in UK Fisheries'. It is part of a new [Fishing Porthole](#) which provides bite-size learning, links and resources to give people working within the UK seafood sector the confidence, knowledge and connections to take an active role in fisheries management and data collection.

**[New edition of Seafish Quay Issues magazine \(11 July 2022\)](#)**

Quay Issues is a magazine for the fishing industry. This edition of Quay Issues shines a light on the way in which some businesses are rising to the challenges that the sector faces.

**[Seafish Marine Environment News in Brief \(July 2022\)](#)**

**[UKHO introduces the new Seabed Mapping App \(30 June 2022\)](#)**

The UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) has launched the Seabed Mapping App as part of its Seabed Mapping Services, available via the ADMIRALTY Marine Data Portal (for wide-ranging data sets from seabed to surface).

**[Parliamentary debate on bottom trawling in MPAs \(28 June 2022\)](#)**

On 28 June, Chris Grayling MP led a Parliamentary debate on prohibiting bottom trawling in Marine Protected Areas. Several other MPs participated in the debate, including Victoria Prentis, Matthew Offord, and Luke Pollard, and the recording is now available. A Bill on the matter had its second reading in Parliament in May.

**[Fishing industry still 'bulldozing' seabed in 90% of UK marine protected areas \(31 May 2022\)](#)**

This article in the Guardian talks about a 'mystifying' lack of progress in post-Brexit pledge to curb bottom-trawling, two years after landmark legislation. More than 90% of Britain's offshore marine protected areas are still being bottom-trawled and dredged, two years after analysis of the extent of destructive fishing exposed them as 'paper parks'.

**[Consultations and events](#)**

**[Herring in the Firth of Clyde - setting the total allowable catch for 2022: consultation \(13 July 2022. Closes 3 August 2022\)](#)**

Marine Scotland is carrying out this consultation on behalf of the UK Fisheries Administrations, to seek views on the level of the 2022 TAC, to permit the allocation of Clyde herring quota to UK fishermen.

**[Defra seeks views on Highly Protected Marine Areas \(HPMAs\) in English waters \(6 July 2022. Open for 12 weeks\)](#)**

The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has launched a consultation to gather views and evidence on five candidate sites for pilot HPMAs.

**[Consultation on Managing Quota in 2023 and Beyond](#) (27 June 2022. 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 the Principles of Marine Net Gain](#) (10 June 2022. Closes 30 August 2022)**

Defra has opened a consultation 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.

**[Government seeks views on sustainable approach to offshore developments](#) (7 June 2022. Closes 30 August 2022)**

The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has launched a consultation to gather views on a sustainable approach to marine development that will help meet the UK’s ambitious target to reach net zero. The consultation seeks views on the principles of marine net gain. This will inform policy and approaches to marine net gain implementation.

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