

Field Researcher (Fleet Survey)

Job Status	Full-time, temporary (approx. 10-12 weeks)
Location	UK based (travel across the country will be required)
Team	Economics
Line Manager	Economics Project Manager / Interim Chief Economist

Job Purpose

To support the Economics team's activity on the implementation of the sector data collection exercise by conducting face-to-face surveys of UK fishers.

Dimensions

- Travelling to ports and harbours across the UK to conduct research.
- Contributing to economic and financial data collection by undertaking in-person interviews of vessel owners and skippers in the UK's fishing sector.
- Entering data collected in digital survey forms to ensure that the Seafish Economics team data sets are comprehensive and robust.
- Encouraging participation of the fishing sector in data collection exercise.

Accountabilities

- Collecting primary and secondary data from the UK fishing sector, so that the Seafish Economics team can undertake evidence-based analysis.
- Managing and quality checking elements of primary and secondary research, to deliver raw data suitable for analysis.

Planning and organising

- Organising own research tasks, with guidance and advice from senior staff.
- Planning own workload within specific projects, prioritising as necessary to achieve results by agreed deadlines.
- Utilising project management and recording systems.
- Managing own workload and priorities on a day-to-day basis.
- Organising and delivering work via digital survey forms and Microsoft Teams channel.

Decision making and judgement

- Ability to make sound judgement in conducting project research.
- Ability to make sound judgement when interviewing members of industry for research.
- Ability to work under pressure against tight deadlines.

Essential working relationships

Internal:

- Reporting to the Interim Chief Economist, while working closely with the Economics Project Manager and the Economics team.

External:

- Daily communication with members of the UK fishing sector, and other industry representatives, to undertake interviews and gather information on fishing sector activity.
- Frequent communication via telephone and/or email with office-based staff, particularly members of the Economics team, to provide progress updates.
- Semi-regular communication with Seafish stakeholders via social media platforms to promote the annual fleet survey.

Knowledge, skills, and experience

Essential:

- Excellent communication with strong interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate effectively and with confidence in-person and in written form with colleagues and industry members.
- Reliable, enthusiastic and self-motivated, with the ability to deliver agreed results and outputs in a timely manner.
- Results – oriented with the ability to work unsupervised using own initiative.
- A full, clean driving license.
- An HNC/HND or Undergraduate/Postgraduate Degree, preferably in social sciences/business studies/law, to include a research component.

Desirable:

- Competent in using Microsoft Teams & the Microsoft Office package.
- Knowledge of primary research techniques, ability to exercise critical thinking, and a good understanding of the importance of data quality.
- Experience working in professional project teams.

Special features

- This job will involve a significant amount of travel around the UK.
- Possible that in some instances antisocial working hours may be necessary to achieve targets.
- All travel and subsistence costs paid while working in the field.
- Opportunity to contribute to team publications.

Interested? Please email your CV and a covering letter to recruitment@seafish.co.uk.

You can also get in touch with us on this email address if you have any questions about this role.

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