Project UK

- A collaborative pre-competitive partnership working towards an environmentally sustainable future for UK fisheries, led by MSC and Seafish.

- Builds on the outputs and methods of the successful and innovative Project Inshore which used the MSC pre-assessment process as a tool to assess and inform the management of English inshore fisheries.

- Aims to:
  - Replicate the PI model to identify, improve and ultimately certify market relevant UK fisheries.
    - replicate in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
  - Establish and facilitate FIPs for priority species identified by PI, using MSC FIP tools and definition of a credible FIP to create change on the water.
  - Establish a ‘FIP conveyor belt’ to identify, improve and certify UK fisheries.

- Supported by a multi stakeholder PUK Advisory Group and individual FIP Steering Groups.
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MORRISONS
Waitrose
TESCO
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W2: PUK Fisheries Improvements

• Standalone work-stream with separate funding – original intention to provide match funding
• Advantageous in current situation – enable progress while taking stock

6 Fisheries identified:
• North Sea plaice
• North Sea lemon sole
• Channel scallop
• Western Channel monkfish
• South West brown crab
• South West lobster

3 FIP regions:
- North Sea flatfish
- Channel scallop and monkfish
- South West shellfish
Credible FIPs make an important contribution to improving overall fisheries health and in promoting sustainable seafood – with potential market benefits.

1. Gap analysis against the MSC Standard – Pre Assessment.

2. Action plan linked to MSC PIs & Scoring Guideposts - including activities, budgets, roles & responsibilities

3. Regular reporting of progress against the action plan.

4. Verification of progress – show improvement.

5. Pre-determined limit to amount of time spent as a FIP.

6. Commitment to enter MSC Full Assessment to demonstrate their sustainability
PUK FI: where are we now?

- All 6 Steering Groups established and have met.
- Finalising membership – still open.
- Agreement from all to update PI PAs and determine action plans.
  - PA updates out to tender very soon.
- Interest in setting up further FIPs for additional species and wider areas – funding dependent so exploring possibilities.
- 6 monthly Steering Group meetings.
- Annual industry workshops.
- Annual progress reports for those agreed to move forward.

For discussion:
- Brexit
- EMFF
- W1 & W3 leads
## PUK FI Timeline

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