

# Orkney Green Fishery Development Strategist

## Area – Orkney wide

### Summary

This project will see the creation of a 3 year post dedicated to collaborative working with fishermen, to evaluate current practise in the industry and develop consensual strategies to enable collective adaption to improved gear, practises and access to species, underpinned by sustainable objectives.

The information gathered and production of an innovative piece of gear for the sector will help sustain the fisheries industry for the benefit of the community.

### The project aims:

The overall aim of the project is to assist in a move to a more sustainable, profitable fisheries sector, with improved management in Orkney.

To achieve this aim, the project plans to produce:

- A set of strategies that will be evidenced and provide a basis for successful consensual fishing adaptation towards greener practices with a view to implementation through the relevant body.
- A comprehensive fine grain social and economic audit that will provide a sound basis for evidencing the Orkney fishery and its secondary benefits.
- Practical research and development and production of selective gear to improve efficiency, reduce unwanted catches and reduce fuel.

The collation of sufficient quality of material, that will withstand scrutiny and foster evidential confidence, will take dedicated practitioners 24 months to complete. The benefits of time taken with the local industry practitioners will ensure full buy-in and ownership from the fishing community, and enable positive progress towards best fishing practices and optimum prices in turn.

Financial Information.	£	%
Total Eligible Costs.	101,886.03	
Own Contribution	695.88	0.68
Orkney Fisheries Local Action Group Award.	101,190.15	99.32