

Orkney Shellfish Data Collection and Management Development Project

Area – Orkney wide

Summary

The proposed project will underpin the development of inshore fisheries management out to 12 nautical miles (nm) and will specifically include the development of a harvest strategy and harvest control strategy for brown crab and lobster, as well as ongoing shellfish stock assessments. The project fits with the aims of the local development strategy through developing and delivering local research and data collection while enhancing and diversifying fisheries assets.

The project demonstrates support from the fisheries industry, and would directly benefit the members of Orkney Fisheries Association, all shareholders in Orkney Fishermen's Society Ltd and Westray Processors Ltd, and all members of Orkney Sustainable Fisheries Ltd, as well as the wider economy and our communities.

- Objective: To facilitate the diversification and sustainable management of the local fisheries sector

The project aims to:

This project aims to extend the collection of local fishery data throughout the Orkney creel fleet and to build a management structure and system that sits within a Scottish Inshore Fisheries strategy at a national level, but that is responsive to real-time changes in the creel fishery at a local level. Doing so will empower local decision making while maximising economic benefits to the wider Orkney community and helping secure the future of the inshore fishery.

Financial Information	£	%
Total Eligible Costs	249260	
Orkney Fisheries Local Action Group Award	174482	70
Highlands & Islands Enterprise	24926	10
Orkney Islands Council	49852	20