

Regional Fisheries Groups NEWSLETTER

Find out more about our upcoming port and coastal visits on our webpage [here](#)

Regional updates and ongoing actions: **YOU SAID**

You wanted to see a breakdown of bass entitlements, and what the uptake is of those.

You wanted access to Spurdog fishery.

You are experiencing gear conflict in Lyme Bay.

Regional updates and ongoing actions: **WE DID**

Those who asked received an email of breakdowns.

A Spurdog fishery has now opened as of 1st April 2023 in UK waters.

MMO quota team has run a consultation to find out what the situation is and what management may or may not be needed.

Grant fund opportunities

Fisheries and Seafood Scheme

The FaSS is currently open for applications and is aimed at small, local business. The FaSS can provide a maximum contribution to a project of £250,000.

[Fisheries and Seafood Scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Infrastructure Round 4: Recreational Sea Fishing (Closed 19 June 2023).

You can apply for a minimum of £10,000 and a maximum of £100,000 for projects supporting the recreational fishing sector that develop infrastructure & promote sustainable growth.

[Apply for the UK Seafood Fund: Infrastructure Scheme round 4 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Infrastructure Round 3: Fleet Modernisation (Closing 31 October 2023).

Funding of up to £40,000 is available to replace engines for the small-scale coastal fleet using static gear.

[Apply for the UK Seafood Fund: Infrastructure Scheme round 3 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Lyme Bay consultation closed

The Fisheries Management team in the MMO visited multiple ports over the course of the 12 weeks of the Lyme Bay consultation and helped gather responses.

The consultation has now closed with over 200 responses received by the MMO, both online and through paper copies. We have now begun the process of analysing these responses to identify the next steps, and a workshop to discuss the result of the consultation and potential next steps is being held on the 19th June.

Catch recording application focus group

Lex Palmer, from the under 10m catch recording team, is seeking participants for a focus group to give feedback on the catch recording app.

The time commitment will be minimal, with online meetings taking place once every three months or so. Interested volunteers, please contact the RFG team:

regionalfisheriesgroups@marinemanagement.org.uk

Do you have views on Fisheries Management Plans?

Do you know what a Fisheries Management Plan is? Have you been able to participate? Is it meeting your expectations? Have your say!

Defra have commissioned an independent research team to assess how the development of FMPs is progressing. Your views and opinions will be a key part of this evidence.

If you are interested in discussing the FMP stakeholder engagement process with the research team or would like to know more please contact **Ellie Cook** at:

FMPEvaluation@icf.com or on +44 (0) 20 3096 5511

Inshore Vessel Monitoring System (I-VMS)

The MMO are posting regular updates to the [iVMS webpage](#) and will be posting letters directly to all affected vessels.

If you have any questions, please contact the I-VMS team or the funding team:

I-VMS emails to:

ivms@marinemanagement.org.uk

Grants team email:

FaSS.queries@marinemanagement.org.uk

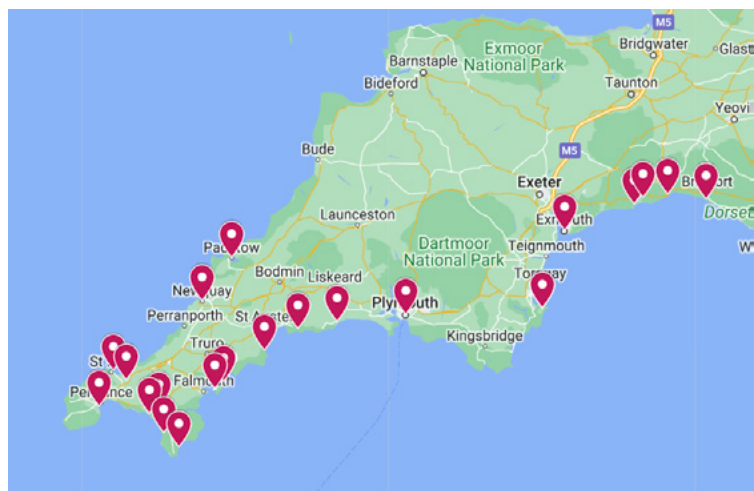
Coastal visits

We are continuing to make visits to coastal ports, if you would like us to come and visit you to discuss all things inshore fisheries, please email:

regionalfisheriesgroups@marinemanagement.org.uk

Ports we have visited already:

- West Bay
- Lyme Regis
- Axmouth
- Beer
- Exmouth
- Brixham
- Plymouth
- Looe
- Fowey
- Mevagissey
- Portscatho
- St Mawes
- Cadgwith
- Mullion Cove
- Porthleven
- Helston
- Newlyn
- St Ives
- Hayle
- Newquay
- Padstow



Porthleven, Helston, UK

