

Dear all,

This bi-monthly newsletter aims to give you an update on Seafish work in Wales, and to highlight any interesting happenings or opportunities that are relevant to the Welsh seafood industry. I'm very keen to hear your feedback, so if you have any comments or suggestions please don't hesitate to let me know.

Offshore training update

- Upcoming safety training courses (First Aid, Sea Survival, Firefighting, and Safety Awareness) in November and December:
 - Milford Haven; 28th Nov – 1st Dec
 - Bangor; 9th Dec – 12th Dec

For more information or to book a place please contact the Welsh Seafish Industry Training Association Ltd at welsh.sfi@tiscali.co.uk or on 01558 824099.

- Free refresher safety training is available to experienced fishermen who completed their safety training over three years ago. For more information see <http://www.seafish.org/training/seagoing-training/safety-training/refresher-training> or call the Welsh Seafish Industry Training Association Ltd on 01558 824099.
- The Marine Centre at Coleg Llandrillo will be delivering two, **fully-funded Introduction to Commercial Fishing courses** in January and February 2014. This three week course is designed to encourage new entrants into the fishing industry, and will ensure that individuals are trained to a level higher than the minimum legal requirements and will have all the essential basic skills to begin working at sea. On completing the course learners will be supported by Coleg Llandrillo and Seafish to find meaningful work experience and progression within the industry. It is hoped that the course will become a stepping stone for learners to progress onto the Maritime Apprenticeship programme, which the College will be offering later in the year. **The courses will be starting at the Coleg Llandrillo, Rhos-on Sea campus on the 13th Jan and 3rd Feb.** For more information or to apply please contact Andy White, Coleg Llandrillo Marine Coordinator at white1a@gllm.ac.uk or Holly Whiteley at holly.whiteley@seafish.co.uk before 11th December.

Fish and Shellfish skills training update

- Seafish and the Seafood Training Academy have **successfully secured funding for fish and shellfish training in Wales**. The funds are part of the National Skills Academy (NSA) for Food and Drink's Sector priorities Fund for Wales. Most forms of fish and shellfish training will be supported, along with some vocational qualifications, with **up to £1000 available per individual**. Employers are expected to make a contribution to the cost of training at a rate of 30% for SMEs and 50% for large employers. For more information please contact lee.cooper@seafish.co.uk.
- The Seafood Training Academy are currently establishing a **Seafood Training Network for Wales** based around a number of key training providers and fish & shellfish employers. If you are interested in being involved in this initiative or wish to find out more please email academy@seafish.co.uk.
- **Coming Soon!** The Seafood Training Academy will be offering **apprenticeships for processors, fish friers, fishmongers and bivalve purification centres in Wales in the near future**. These apprenticeships are often fully or partially funded, similar to many other of the Seafood Academy recognised training programmes. Employers interested in apprenticeships or funded training programmes in Wales should view this webpage or contact academy@seafish.co.uk for more information.

Promotion update

- **Advertising your seafood business.** The 'Local Catch' app and [website](#) are useful tools to help anyone locate their local seafood, whether this is from a local fisherman, fishmonger or seafood restaurant. It is currently **FREE to register your business** with Local Catch until January 2014. [Cywain Fisheries](#) are providing support to anyone interested in signing up, and will be promoting the Local Catch app and website amongst consumers in Wales next year. For more information or if you would like any assistance in adding your business, please feel free to contact Caroline Dawson at Cywain Fisheries on 01745 770272/ 07577 934106 or caroline.dawson@menterabusnes.co.uk.
- **Promoting local Welsh seafood.** [Cywain Fisheries](#) have produced a number of printed materials as part of their campaign to promote seafood in Wales, including a **Consumer Guide to Welsh Seafood**, a Welsh seafood species poster and eight Welsh seafood recipe cards. If you are interested in using any of these resources, for example to distribute to customers, please contact Caroline Dawson at Cywain Fisheries on 01745 770272/ 07577 934106 or caroline.dawson@menterabusnes.co.uk.

European funding update

- The Cardigan Bay Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) now has access to European Fisheries Funding to help sustain the local fishing industry, fishing heritage and fishing communities in Ceredigion and Aberdyfi. Alison Kinsey, the Cardigan Bay FLAG project coordinator, is looking for project ideas from local individuals, businesses, community groups and other bodies with an interest in the sea or inland fisheries, that will contribute to the FLAG's four key themes:
 1. Community engagement, to raise the profile of the local fishing industry and engage with young people,
 2. New Product Development and Innovation,
 3. Raising the profile of local fisheries produce,
 4. Research, including feasibility studies, on a range of topics that could lead to larger projects and applications for funding in the future.For further information about the Cardigan Bay FLAG please contact Alison Kinsey on 01545 574162/07583 847206 or alison.kinsey@ceredigion.gov.uk.
- [Cywain Fisheries](#) has funding available to support the fisheries sector to **add value through developing new products and markets**. The service is available to **fishermen, fishmongers and aquaculture businesses in Wales**. For further information please call Caroline Dawson (north Wales) on 01745 770272 or Jon Parker (south Wales) on 07841 869893.

Upcoming meetings and events

- Making the best of Wales' natural resources in the 21st Century Conference - Cardiff - 25th November
- Inshore Fisheries Group (IFG) North - Menai Bridge - 27th November
- IFG South - Carmarthen - 3rd December
- IFG Mid - Aberystwyth - 4th December
- FishMap Mon Conference and Workshop - Bangor - 10th December
- Seafish Wales Advisory Committee meeting - Aberystwyth – 18th December

FishMap Mon Conference and Workshop 10th December 2013

FishMap Môn is a European Fisheries Fund funded, collaborative pilot project between Natural Resources Wales, the North Wales Fisherman's Cooperative Limited, Bangor Mussel Producers Limited and the Welsh Federation of Sea Anglers. The Project aimed to inform the sustainable management of the Welsh marine environment by collecting and mapping fishing activity data from over 500 stakeholders and combining it with information on seabed habitat types and their sensitivity to fishing activities.

Natural Resources Wales are hosting a free FishMap Mon conference and workshop on the 10th December 2013 at Reichel Hall, Friddoedd Site, Bangor University (LL57 2TR). The event will bring together a wide variety of stakeholders from the fishing community, Government and other interested organisations to:

- *Showcase learning and outcomes from FishMap Môn.*
- *Launch the FishMap Môn Guidance Tool and discuss how it can inform sustainable management of the marine environment.*
- *Discuss stakeholder engagement, partnership working and applying an ecosystem-based approach to managing the marine environment in Wales.*

To register an interest in the conference and request a registration form, please email Annwen Hope at annwen.hope@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk or call 01248 387361.

If you have any questions or would like any further information about any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact me at holly.whiteley@seafish.co.uk or on 07984 561 918. If you do not want to receive this newsletter please let me know and I will take your name off the mailing list.

The next Seafish Wales e-newsletter will be released w/c 3rd February 2014.

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