

Bangor University

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Fisheries and Conservation Science Group of Bangor University needs to engage up to six fishing vessels to assist in an experimental investigation to determine the effects of different levels of scallop fishing intensity on seabed organisms and habitat in the Cardigan Bay Special Area of Conservation (SAC). Ultimately we seek to be able to advise the Welsh Government and the fishing industry on potential sustainable levels of scallop fishing activity that might be permitted in this area.

The experiment will be undertaken in pre-defined areas of Cardigan Bay and the amount of fishing undertaken by each vessel will be directed by the Fisheries and Conservation Group. The experimental fishing is planned to take place between the 1st of April and the 30th of April 2014. The proposed location of the experiment is a scallop bed that has been closed to fishing activities for almost 5 years.

Vessel owners are invited to tender to participate in this experiment by specifying an hourly rate that accounts for all costs associated the fishing activities required. All proceeds from the landed catches will be held in a solicitor's client account and used to reimburse vessels according to their specified rate. As a result, tenderers need to appreciate that there may be a risk of a shortfall of funds if insufficient scallops are landed and they will accept this risk at their own expense. Excess funds will remain in the client account and will fund future science related to this fishery.

Tenders must be submitted by noon Tuesday 25th February 2014. The tender specification and instructions regarding how to submit tenders can be found on the <http://fisheries-conservation.bangor.ac.uk/> website or by emailing anwen.williams@bangor.ac.uk with the subject 'Scallop fishing tender' in the subject text.