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3 years of the Sea Source Seafood Shop

Sea Source Seafood Shop has been opened for three years on 5th July



It's success is down to the quality of the seafood, landed by the local fishermen - who own the shop. Most of all it is our loyal and growing customer base - thank you! Local people - buying local - supporting a local industry.

Sustainability of the Irish Sea

UK first as Conservation Zone proposed by the fishing industry is designated in the Irish Sea.

Another first for Northern Ireland's fishermen and something else they deserve credit for as an Irish Sea Conservation Zone is proposed. As with so much work done locally, it is done quietly, with little fanfare. An example of our fishermen working together for the long term sustainability of the Irish Sea and coastal communities in Northern Ireland. To read the full article visit www.seafish.org and search for Conservation Zone.



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Visits to Kilkeel Harbour

Seafish representatives visit Kilkeel Harbour

It was a pleasure to host two of Seafish UK's rising stars in Kilkeel on Thursday 25th July 2019.

Aoife Martin, Operations Director and Dr Annika Clements, Seafish Northern Ireland Manager are very talented ladies who have been talking with us about inshore fisheries, innovation, safety and crew welfare.



Naomi Long MEP visits Sea Source

It was good to welcome Naomi Long MEP to Sea Source and Kilkeel Harbour on the morning of Wednesday 7th August 2019.

On Brexit the Alliance Party is in remain camp, but Naomi acknowledges the challenges the CFP has brought to NI's fishermen, the opportunities Brexit offers our industry and the unique characteristics of the fishing industry here. It is good to talk and exchange views. We look forward to welcoming

Visit from Chris Davies MEP, Naomi Long MEP and John Blair MLA

We were pleased to welcome Chris Davies MEP, Naomi Long MEP and John Blair MLA to Kilkeel harbour today. Mr Davies Chairs the European Parliament's Fisheries Committee. Robust discussions around Brexit and the opportunities it provides the UK's fishing industry, as well as useful exchanges



NI Fishing Industry meet Ireland's Minister

17th September 2019



“A positive meeting in a friendly atmosphere” was how Alan McCulla OBE, CEO of ANIFPO described a meeting in Dublin on Tuesday with Ireland’s Government Minister with Responsibility for the Marine Mr Michael Creed TD.

The meeting, arranged by Margaret Ritchie, had been requested some time ago to discuss issues around the so-called Voisinage Agreement and specifically Ireland’s decision to block access to Northern Ireland fishing vessels to Irish inshore waters. However, the meeting afforded local fishing industry representatives a timely occasion to discuss with the Irish Minister and his officials a full range of current issues affecting fishermen and the wider industry.

Alan McCulla told the Minister that whilst there was widespread recognition of Mr. Creed’s efforts to resolve the Voisinage issue, recent Irish legislation had not fully restored access to pre-2016 levels as had been promised. Unfortunately Minister Creed stated there was no likelihood of the issue being further reviewed.

Michael Creed also heard that changes in the way Irish authorities applied the EU’s

Fisheries Control Regulation were deterring Northern Ireland trawlers from landing in Irish ports, resulting in a loss of revenue to harbours and processors in the Republic, as well as processors in Northern Ireland and inconvenience to local fishing vessels. Whilst there was recognition that EU rules had to be applied in a common fashion the Minister agreed there were issues that deserved further consideration. There was agreement that a working group to include Ireland’s Sea Fisheries Protection Agency and industry from Northern Ireland would meet within the next few weeks to examine and clarify the issues.

With the annual autumn fisheries negotiations just commencing, which will culminate in decisions being made on the level of catches in 2020, Minister Creed heard the industry in Northern Ireland generally accepted the latest fisheries scientific advice that advised increases in some catches and cuts in others. However, Alan McCulla explained to the Minister there was strong disagreement with the advice for Irish Sea cod. He told the Minister that for the past 20 years the fishing fleet in the Irish Sea had done everything to avoid catching cod, but the scientific model now being used interpreted this cod avoidance as a signal the cod stock was now at a historic low.

The Minister heard that Northern Ireland fishermen regrettably concluded that Irish Sea stocks were not a priority for fisheries administrations either in London or Dublin, but if the flawed advice with cod was followed this would in turn trigger other fisheries management problems via the discard ban, regardless of whether the UK was an independent coastal state come December or not. Minister Creed indicated that he would review the situation on Irish Sea cod with his officials and fisheries scientists in coming weeks.

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Clearly the issue of Brexit loomed large at the meeting. Whilst Minister Creed reiterated Ireland's view that the UK had made a huge mistake by voting to leave the UK, Alan McCulla pointed out that fishermen in Northern Ireland had concluded Brexit was the only way left to address the injustices brought about by the EU's Common Fisheries Policy. Discussions ranged over future access arrangements for fishing fleets to UK and EU waters including

opinions on a new Voisinage Agreement and the north/south trade in seafood.

Alan McCulla said, "Over the past few months we have hosted politicians from across Europe who are interested in why local fishermen voted to leave the EU. Therefore I had no hesitation extending an invitation to Mr. Creed to visit Kilkeel where he can meet inshore fishermen impacted by the Voisinage dispute and not only hear more

about the inequalities afforded on Northern Ireland's fishermen by the CFP, but also learn about the links between County Down's fishing communities and those in the Republic."

"We have been seeking this meeting for some time and understand the sensitivities created around the Voisinage issue. We are yet again indebted to Margaret Ritchie for securing the meeting and arranging the details."

Training Courses

We run a variety of courses throughout the year. To register interest or book onto a course please call the ANIFPO Office on 028 417 62855.

Please see the list of courses available below:

- Fire Fighting and Prevention
- STCW Personal Survival Techniques (Sea Survival)
- STCW Elementary First Aid
- Safety Awareness and Accident Prevention
- Health and Safety for Fishermen

We can look into running other courses if there is sufficient interest.



Discussions with DEFRA

18th September 2019

Alan visits Nobel House in London for discussions with DEFRA about 2020 fishing opportunity priorities. Irish Sea cod must be a UK priority, especially when fisheries scientists record a lack of confidence in cod scientific advice that recommends a 86% cut in the TAC .

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