



# FISHING ANIMATEUR

## NEWSLETTER

### APRIL 2024

*We provide hands-on support to identify, develop and find funding for projects, with and on behalf of, fishermen.*

**Cornwall Rural Community Charity**

<https://www.fishinganimateur.co.uk/>

**CRCC**

CORNWALL RURAL COMMUNITY CHARITY

SUPPORTING &  
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CORNWALL'S  
COMMUNITIES



**THE FISHING ANIMATEUR  
PROJECT IS DELIVERED  
BY THE CORNWALL RURAL  
COMMUNITY CHARITY  
(CRCC), WITH FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT FROM TRINITY  
HOUSE, THE SEAFARERS'  
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*The*  
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# Grant Availability



## Fisheries and Seafood Scheme (FaSS) is now open.

The Fisheries and Seafood Scheme re-opened in February 2024. Grants are available between £650 and £100,000. Please contact the Fishing Animator Team to explore how we can help you. We also work closely with the Commsave Credit Union (<https://www.commsave.co.uk/fish>) who can help with finance while your project is undertaken and the claim has been made. If you would like to receive this information by post, please text 07534 580450.

Under the scheme the MMO will be prioritising applications made by pollack fishermen but we can not see anything which will help income short term. A grant will still take many weeks from application to offer letter, please ring the team if you would like to chat about what grants are available. You can apply for a variety of projects under the scheme from health and safety to improving energy efficiency. All projects must be claimed and completed by March 2025. The Fisheries and Seafood Scheme is managed by the MMO on behalf of Defra, who we have no formal relationship with. We act as your agent throughout the process and do the paperwork on your behalf, taking the pain out of the process. At the Animator project we specialise in offering support to the under 10m fleet, and those who need help with the paperwork and IT skill required to complete an application. Our priority is safety improvement and adding value projects.

### *What is eligible under the scheme?*

- Health and Safety projects including safety investments and upgrades to vessels, Personal protective equipment (PPE), and Non-mandatory life saving equipment.
- Adding Value projects including ice machines, insulated tubs, fish boxes, cold room & freezers, davits/winches, and Investments in processing equipment.
- Projects under the following titles diversification & new forms of income, conservation & restoration of the marine environment, support for cooperative activities, building capabilities and advisory services, and improving the energy efficiency of fishing and mitigating climate change.

Funding rates can vary from 50%-80% depending on the applicant and project type.





# UK Seafood Fund



## Improved infrastructure, health and safety, and energy efficiency of ports and harbours.

Defra has recently expanded the UK Seafood Fund: Round 3 to offer grants to improve boats, ports, and health and safety. The UK Seafood Fund has allocated up to £10 million for the catching sector. The fund is open to the catching sector in Scotland, Wales and England. Rates of match funding vary depending on applicant type.

### *The fund is open to:*

- Owners of vessels who are commercial fishers.
- Individuals or businesses engaged in commercial fishing that facilitate health and safety equipment or training.
- Public bodies or local authorities in a local community that focus on fishing, including trust ports and local authority ports.
- Universities and research institutes.
- New entrants to the industry that could benefit from knowledge or skills in fishing.



**Please note this money comes directly from Defra through the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). We have no formal relationship with them and will simply act as your agent.**

**We specialise in the under 10m static fisheries and complete the paperwork on your behalf, helping you through every step of the process.**



# Is my project eligible?

## *Eligible projects include:*

- Improved energy efficiency and reduced emissions on vessels
- Improved infrastructure of ports and harbours
- Grant funds starting at £150,000 up to £500,000.
- Improve health, safety and well-being of the workforce
- For many, the grant rate is 80%

You need to provide match funding for your project and evidence of this when you apply. Although the new scheme has many hoops to jump through, we have previously had good success in gaining access to the funding and the delivery of projects. Projects may be made up of different aspects such as; winch and slipway improvements, davits and lighting, and ladders and access walkways.

## Timeframe

All projects must be submitted by the 13th of December 2024 and completed by March 2025.





# Engine Replacement Grants



## The UK Seafood Fund: Round 3 is open for engine replacement grants.

The grant can include the cost of modifications to the vessel required for the installation of a new engine, including engine modifications that reduce fuel consumption or emissions. Commsave credit union offer loans to help finance the project, bridging the gap between receiving the offer letter and receiving your grant. For more information on the help they offer go to <https://www.commsave.co.uk/fish> or call 0303 0402660.

### *What is eligible under the scheme?*

- New electric and hybrid engines to replace petrol and diesel engines of any age
- new petrol and diesel engines to replace existing petrol and diesel engines manufactured before January 2016
- Modifications to a vessel that are required to install a new engine
- Engine modifications that reduce fuel use or emissions, including the introduction of hydrogen injection technology to reduce fuel use
- Engine modifications to allow alternative fuels to be used in existing engines that emit fewer emissions

### *Grant rates:*

Engines manufactured prior to 2016 will be replaced with a new model having the same or lesser power. You will receive 50% grant funding for a project up to £80,000.

If you opt to replace your engine with an electric or hybrid engine, regardless of its age, you will be eligible for 90% grant funding for a project up to £160,000.

All engine replacement or modification applications must be submitted by midday on December 13, 2024. However, if all funding-





-has already been awarded, this date may be moved forward. Successful projects must be completed by March 31, 2025.

Please be aware that the Fishing Animateur Project is not in formal association with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), which is responsible for managing the fund.

**“We provide assistance to under 10 meter commercial fishing vessels holding a licence to obtain grants under all three of the current schemes available .”**



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### ***Where can I find out more?***

If you would like to know more please contact the Animateur team on 01736 362782 or email [info@fishinganimateur.co.uk](mailto:info@fishinganimateur.co.uk). To receive our starter pack information about engines text 'ENGINE' and your email or postal address, to 07452 728469. To receive our starter pack information text ' Starter Pack' and your email or postal address, to 07534 580450.



# Fishermen's Association Toolkit



## **A new Toolkit to Support the Development of Fishing Associations.**

Fishing Associations sit at the heart of local fishing industries and provide fishers with a voice in decisions that affect them. A new toolkit, funded by the Company's Fisheries Charitable Trust provides essential guidance to support fishers interested in establishing an association.

Fishing Associations provide a number of benefits to the local community by bringing people together to share their opinions to form a representative organisation or association. It acts as a collective and enables your opinion along with others to be discussed and shared to the relevant organisations. The reasons for setting up an association should include a broad range of activities that benefit the community as a whole and be aimed at improving livelihoods and sustainability of the sector.

### ***This could include:***

- Improving the value of landed catch.
- Implementing new management measures.
- Collecting data and research.
- The purchase of gear, technology and infrastructure.

We understand that setting up an organisation can seem like a daunting and challenging process, therefore The Fishmongers Company' have come up with a specially designed toolkit. It is complete with practical guidance, tools and templates to help you develop a strong fishing association.

### ***Access the toolkit here:***

<https://fishmongers.org.uk/new-toolkit-supports-development-of-fishing-associations/>  
For a printed version of this document, please contact the Fishing Animteur team at: [info@fishinganimateur.co.uk](mailto:info@fishinganimateur.co.uk) or 01736 362782



# SeaFit Health Events



SeaFit aims to improve the health and wellbeing of active and retired fishermen and their families. It is a joint initiative run by the Fishermen's Mission and the Seafarers Hospital Society around the UK coastline. Based around tide times and fishing seasons, SeaFit brings services to the quayside. This gives fishermen easier access to health and wellbeing providers to help them make positive lifestyle choices.

***If you are interested in a SeaFit event near you, please visit:***

<https://www.fishermensmission.org.uk/our-news/whats-on-category/health-checks/>





# Service Provider Of The Year Awards



**Please vote for us today.**

The Fishing Animateurs have been shortlisted for the Fishing News Awards in the service provider of the year category. We would very much appreciate your vote which you can cast via this link:

<https://fishingnews.co.uk/awards/>

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# National Fishing Remembrance Day - 12<sup>th</sup> May



National Fishing Remembrance Day is a day for reflection and commemoration of all those who have lost their lives while working in fishing in the UK.

It is an opportunity to raise awareness of the dangers of fishing as a profession to a wider audience and to remember those who have lost their lives at sea. For those living and working in local fishing communities it is hoped that this will become an annual focal point for remembrance and connection with the national fishing industry. This period of remembrance will also provide an opportunity to focus on initiatives aimed at improving safety in commercial fishing.

Statistically fishing is one of the most dangerous professions in the UK with 11,000 people working on fishing vessels in a harsh and unpredictable environment to bring ashore much needed seafood.

Many fishing harbours have suffered tragedies and this National Fishing Remembrance Day will recognise and honour the loss of life. It is important to manage those same risks today. Safety management systems and improvements to working practices are key to keeping people safe and families and communities together.

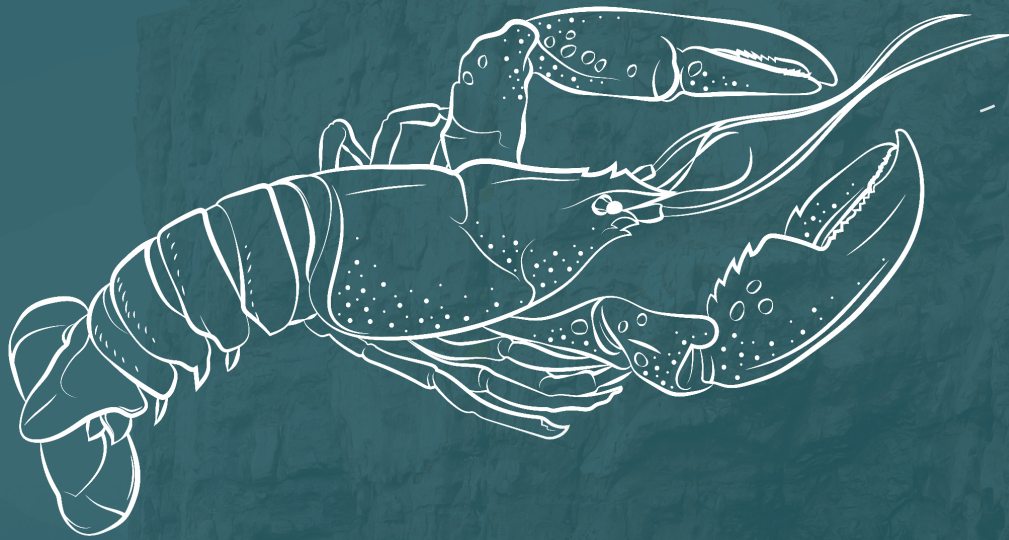
Head to <https://www.theseafarerscharity.org/get-involved/national-fishing-remembrance-day> to learn more.



**NATIONAL FISHING  
REMEMBRANCE DAY**

12th May 2024





If you'd like to receive information by post, please send us your name and address.

**Call: 01736 362782 to leave a message about your project idea.**

**Text: 07534 580450 with your name, project theme and size of vessel.**

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