

THE FISHERIES & SEAFOOD SCHEME

HOW FISHING ANIMATEUR CAN HELP

OUR SERVICES & SUPPORT ARE FREE!

GRANTS FOR
UNDER 12M
REGISTERED
FISHING
BOATS



FUNDING RATES

80%

Under 12 metre vessels
not using towed gear

75%

Fishing associations,
POs and public bodies

60%

Micro entities & most
vessels over 12 meters



WHAT IS ELIGIBLE?

The Fisheries and Seafood Scheme was re-launched by the MMO in April 2022

HEALTH & SAFETY PROJECTS

- Safety rails
- Non-slip decking
- Lighting, hatches
- Raising gunnels
- Personal protective equipment
- Safety ladders & MOB recovery

SHORESIDE IMPROVEMENTS

- Landing cranes/Davits
- Winches
- Shelters/toilets
- Cold rooms and Ice facilities
- CCTV
- Water and Electrics
- Processing equipment

ADDING VALUE PROJECTS

- Ice machines
- Insulated tubs
- Fish boxes
- Traceability projects
- Fish hold improvements
- A more efficient propellor
- Streamlining the vessel
- Non-toxic antifouling catalysers conversion of engine to run on biofuels
- More selective mesh size

NOT-ELIGIBLE

- New pots OR Anything mandatory under the MCA code of practice OR anything seen to increase your catch effort. Engines feature under another scheme.

HOW TO APPLY?

1. CHECK YOUR IDEA IS ELIGIBLE ON THIS POSTER, OR GIVE US A CALL
2. IF IT IS, YOU WILL NEED TO FIND QUOTES FOR THE WORK YOU WANT
3. YOU SEND US QUOTES, ACCOUNTS AND A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION
4. WE WILL APPLY ON YOUR BEHALF WITH PRIORITY TO SMALL SCALE COASTAL VESSELS
5. WAIT UP TO 8 WEEKS FOR APPROVAL, FROM THERE, YOU CAN START YOUR PROJECT

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE NO FORMAL OR INFORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MARINE MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION OR DEFRA

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

WHAT IS A GRANT?

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has a fund to support the fishing industry. There are grants available to support your business. This is money you do not have to pay back.

HOW MUCH GRANT CAN I GET?

The money has to be spent on approved items and before you can spend it you need to make an application and get back an offer letter. The smallest project is £650 and the maximum is £150,000. Grants are from 50% to 80%.

IS IT EASY TO DO?

No, there is a fair amount of paperwork and detail needed.

DO I GET THE CASH UP FRONT?

No. You need an offer letter, then you buy the items on your offer letter, have the work done on your boat or building works or equipment or vehicle and then you claim the money back.

HOW MUCH CASH DO I GET BACK?

For safety work on your boat its 80% so if it cost £2,000 you would get back £1,600. For other work it depends on how you fish and how big your business is.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE ALL THE MONEY TO PAY OUT?

The Commsave Credit Union has a special fund to make loans to fishermen and fisherwomen to cover the full cost. You payback when the MMO pay your grant.

WHO CAN HELP?

You can make your own application or you can appoint an agent (such as us) to work for you.

WHAT ARE THE FISHING ANIMATEURS?

We are a team based in Newlyn in Cornwall who help fishermen and fisherwomen to understand the rules and make applications. We work anywhere in the UK and will visit your harbour, especially if you have a number of fishermen or women we can speak with.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO USE THE ANIMATEURS?

Our services are free if your project is under £150,000. Our priority is the under 10m fisherman and fisherwoman. If your project is bigger it may take us longer.

HOW MANY PROJECTS HAVE THE ANIMATEURS DONE?

In this financial year we have completed over 100 applications and supported over £2million of projects. We have worked on over 650 projects in total with a 99% approval rate.

HOW CAN IT BE A FREE SERVICE?

None of our work would be possible without the financial support of The Seafarers' Charity, Trinity House and The Fishmongers' Company.

I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT PAPERWORK AND READING - CAN YOU STILL HELP?

Yes, we do all the writing, application forms, claims and just about anything we can to make it happen. We do this for both the grant and the credit union application.

CAN I USE MY LOCAL CHANDLERS OR BOAT YARD?

Yes, you need to get a quote for the work, not an estimate; we can help source comparative quotes.

DO I NEED TO BUY EXACTLY WHAT'S ON MY OFFER LETTER IF I CAN FIND IT CHEAPER OR QUICKER?

You must ONLY buy what is on your offer letter from the supplier on your offer letter. You must pay from your bank account and NEVER use cash. There must be a paper trail.

I DON'T USE A COMPUTER OR HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS - CAN YOU STILL HELP?

Yes, we do all the computer work for you. We can post all that's needed to you with a prepaid envelope so you can post it back.

WHO DO YOU WORK FOR?

The team work for CCDL Innovation, the trading company of the Cornwall Rural Community Charity.

MY BOAT IS NOT ON THE REGISTER CAN YOU HELP?

No, not with a grant. The boat needs to be on the register. Talk to us as we can offer some guidance.

ARE ANY GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR MY HARBOUR?

Yes, the grants cover harbours for a wide range of projects - just ask. The rate is 75% for all eligible work.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

We have a range of guidance available and are happy to answer your enquiries by phone or text. We can send out our information by post.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

It all depends on how complicated your job is and how big. If it is over £30,000 we need to write a business case. We usually submit applications within 20 working days. You will then get a go ahead at your own risk email and an offer letter usually within 8 weeks.

DO I NEED TO CONTACT THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY?

If you are planning any work on your boat, it is vital to make contact with the MCA and seek approval. The MMO will not start an application check until you have done this. We can help with the format for this.

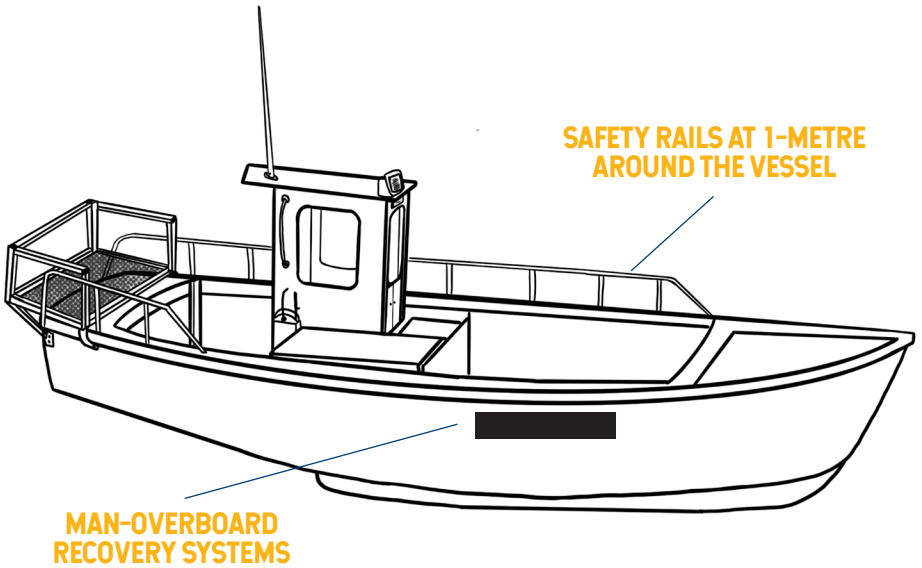
HOW LONG DO I HAVE?

Applications are open now and money is available now. The programme closes in March 2025 so all projects will need to complete in January 2025 at the latest and claimed then at the very latest.

SHOULD I BE IN A RUSH?

YES. If your boat is under 12m and you want to undertake work on your boat the rules change on 6th September 2023 and what is grant aided now will NOT be grant aided after that date.

The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Fishing Vessels of less than 15m length overall has the details. Ask and we will send you a copy in the post or email the link to you.



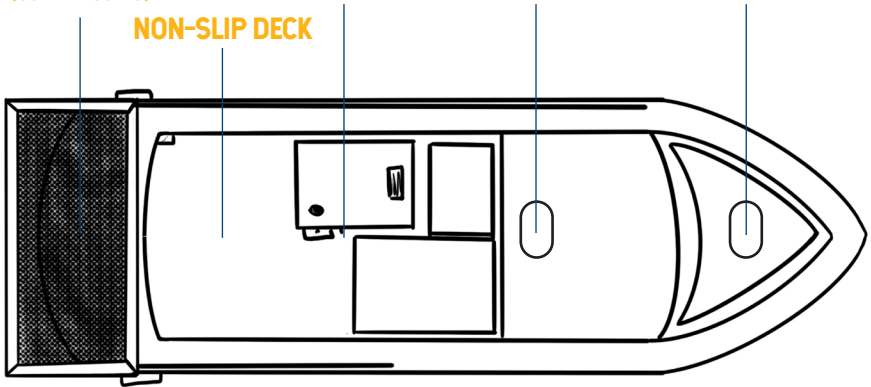
A FIXED FIRE-FIGHTING SYSTEM (SOME VESSELS)

KILL SWITCH

RADAR

ALARMS INC. GAS, FRIDGE & BILGE

NON-SLIP DECK



Also Eligible: wheelhouse windows, auto pilot, LED lighting, generator, flaker, cat catcher, ice, net or fish boxes, bad weather gear & gloves, engine cut out, solar power battery.

HELP BEYOND A FISHING BOAT GRANT?

I'M THINKING OF SELLING DIRECT AND ADDING VALUE?

A wide range of things are grant fundable from crab boilers to fridges, website and all you need to set up a shop.

I AM PART OF A FISHING ASSOCIATION CAN YOU HELP US WITH ANYTHING?

Yes we work with a wide range of partners and can help with a wide range of projects from new sheds to direct selling or help with setting up a new association, give us a call.

CAN YOU DO ANYTHING FOR MY HARBOUR?

We can support a wide range of smaller projects from ice machines and bait stores, davits and cranes to winches, low level light and CCTV. The grant rate is up to 75% we have harbours happy to share their experience.

DO YOU KNOW ANY SCIENTISTS WHO COULD HELP WITH AN IDEA I HAVE?

The animateurs work closely with the Fishmongers' Company who support science projects from fishermen and fisherwomen with a network of universities. If an idea is taken further it can be 100% funded and the research undertaken.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

I'M WORRIED ABOUT FISHING, MY HEALTH, PAYING BILLS JUST THE STRESS

That's not us, you may want to speak with the Fishermen's Mission.

The Fishermen's Mission is the only national charity that provides emergency support at sea, alongside practical, financial, wellbeing support. They help all fishermen, active or former, and their families.

Find your nearest Fishermen's Mission Port Team by looking on their website at www.fishermensmission.org or call their Freephone Number (UK only) **0800 634 1020**.

SHOUT 24/7 is a free confidential mental health support service for fishermen that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The service was identified by the SeaFit Programme, a joint health and wellbeing initiative between the Seafarers' Hospital Society and the Fishermen's Mission, as one that would enable free, confidential, round-the-clock support for fishermen who might be experiencing mental health problems. If a fisherman or fisherwoman is feeling anxious, stressed or depressed, they can text 'FISH' to 85258 for free, confidential support.



DO YOU OFFER ADVICE ON PENSIONS, GRANTS, HEALTH?

That's not us talk with SAIL; SAIL stands for "Seafarers Advice and Information Line" and is a completely free advice service dedicated to all seafarers and their families across the UK. SAIL give free, confidential advice on debt, benefits, charity grants, pensions, housing, consumer issues and housing problems. SAIL is run by Citizens Advice Greenwich and is quality assured. It's funded by Seafarers Hospital Society, The Seafarers' Charity, and Greenwich Hospital.

Talk to a specialist advisor by using our online contact form; **www.sailine.org.uk/contact** or call **0800 160 1842** (Mon-Fri/10am-4pm)

CAN I SAVE WITH THE COMMSAVE CREDIT UNION IF I DON'T WANT A GRANT?

Commsave is a Credit Union that offers safe savings and low-cost loans facilities. Their services are available to anyone working in the UK fishing industry – whether you are a fisher; working in fish processing; or if you're a fishmonger.

commsave.co.uk/fish
0303 0402 660



ENGINES

CAN I GET A GRANT FOR A NEW ENGINE?

Yes. It's a complicated area with grants available for electric, hybrid and diesel or petrol. We can email or post you the full guidance. Your boat must be under 11.99 metres and fished selling its catch for 60 days over the last 2 years. With a valid licence and on the register.

I WANT TO REPLACE MY OLD DIESEL OR OUTBOARDS

You can apply for 50% of the costs including fitting and any modifications needed up to a maximum of £40,000 grant towards a £80,000 project. If you have two engines already grant aid is available on both

HOW OLD DOES MY ENGINE HAVE TO BE TO BE ELIGIBLE?

Engines constructed before 2016 can be replaced for a like for like, new model with the same or less power.

HOW BIG CAN MY ENGINE BE?

An engine power matching or below the power stated on your license will be eligible. The replacement engine can not be any more powerful than your current engine.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY OLD ENGINE?

You can do as you wish, keep as a spare, sell it or scrap it.



DO I NEED TO CONTACT THE MCA BEFORE I START?

Yes, you will need a business plan and quotes before you seek approval from the MCA. The MCA require a non-grant eligible payment up to £882 to carry out a survey once the work is completed.

DO I NEED A QUOTE FOR THE NEW ENGINE?

Yes, you will need 2 quotes if your engine is under £5,000 or 3 quotes if over £5,000. It needs to be a detailed quote from an authorised dealer with the associated confirmation statements. If you get the quote you want we can help with the other quotes.

DO I NEED RECORDS?

Alongside your fishing records you will need to record before the grant your fuel usage in litres per month,

distance covered per month, landings data and turnover. Once the new engine is fitted you will need to record these for 12 months and do an on line survey.

CAN THE ANIMATEURS HELP?

Yes we can support you, please email call or text for our application pack.

The detailed guidance can be seen at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1131205/Invitation_to_Apply_-_Grant_for_UK_Seafood_Fund_-_Infrastructure_Scheme_round_3.pdf

Call and we can put a copy in the post with our application pack and business plan starter.



MAKE CONTACT WITH US AND WE WILL TALK THROUGH YOUR PROJECT

CALL: 01736 362782

to leave a message about your project idea

WWW.FISHINGANIMATEUR.ORG.UK

USEFUL STARTING POINTS

Code of Practice for small fishing vessels.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-code-of-practice-for-the-safety-of-small-fishing-vessels-of-less-than-15m-length-overall/the-code-of-practice-for-the-safety-of-small-fishing-vessels-of-less-than-15m-length-overall#introduction

www.gov.uk/guidance/fisheries-and-seafood-scheme

Listen to Fathom podcast:

cfpo.org.uk/the-fathom-podcast

Please note: The Animateurs are under no obligation to support projects which they feel are not viable/appropriate/legal or safe. An example of our terms and letter of engagement are available. We have no formal agreement or arrangement with the MMO or Defra. We simply act as your agent.



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www.sailine.org.uk

SAIL is a Citizens Advice service for anyone who's ever worked at sea.

Contact us for free advice and help with benefits, money worries and much more.



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