

AGENDA

Southwest Regional Inshore Fisheries Group

30th October 2025

1. Welcome and Introduction.

2. Marine Directorate Update:

An update will be available regarding the Marine Directorate's Inshore Fisheries Management Improvement programme that may impact the inshore industry for the coming year. This will include information on:

- Plans to introduce inshore vessel tracking systems in 2026:
- Personnel changes in the Marine Directorate Policy Team:
- The development of the National Marine Plan 2.

3. Update on Solway Science Project:

It is hoped to have up to date information on the collection of data regarding the measuring and sexing of lobsters landed along the Solway.

4. Scoping Exercise Regarding National Creel Limits:

A discussion on a scoping exercise to lay out options for introducing national creel limits is sought. This project is underway, led by the RIFG Network and early outcome reports are scheduled for mid-2026.

A discussion on the views and needs of SW skippers is sought.

5. Cetacean Entanglement:

Susan Calderan of the Scottish Entanglement Alliance will be attending the meeting. She manages a trial project using weighted line in fleets with 150 vessels involved. She is seeking participation of more Solway skippers.

6. Planning and Other Consultations:

1. Clyde Cod Box consultation- update:
2. Machair Wind Farm Power Export cable:
3. Inshore Marine Protected Areas & Priority Marine Features.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

Proposed for Glasgow at 15 00 on 16th January 2026- to be confirmed.

8. Any other business:

9. Close: The meeting will close at 20 00 if not before.