

NEWS UPDATE for OUTER HEBRIDES RIFG Website December 2024/January 2025.

A series of fishery consultation meetings were organised throughout the Outer Hebrides in December 24 and January 2025 by the Western Isles Fishermens Association and OHRIFG. The meetings took place in Tarbert, Harris on 19/12 and Stornoway on 21/12. There were meetings in Benbecula on 7/1/25 and Barra on 8/1/25. The meetings were reasonably well attended and focussed primarily on the Interim Shellfish Measures and the Call for Evidence although several other matters were discussed relating to fishery issues, as can be seen from the agenda used at these meetings.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Introduction.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Interim Shellfish Measures.
4. Call for Evidence.
5. Future Designations, PMF's, Management within existing sites.
6. Western Isles Vessel Ownership Age Profile.
7. Aquaculture-Loch Snizort-Morrison Rock—North Kebock.
8. Entanglement Project.
9. Lorna Jane CN73—possible event.
10. CNES Update—Potential projects for spend prior to end of March 2025, Fleet Assistance and Community Quota.
11. Training Update.
12. A.O.C.B.