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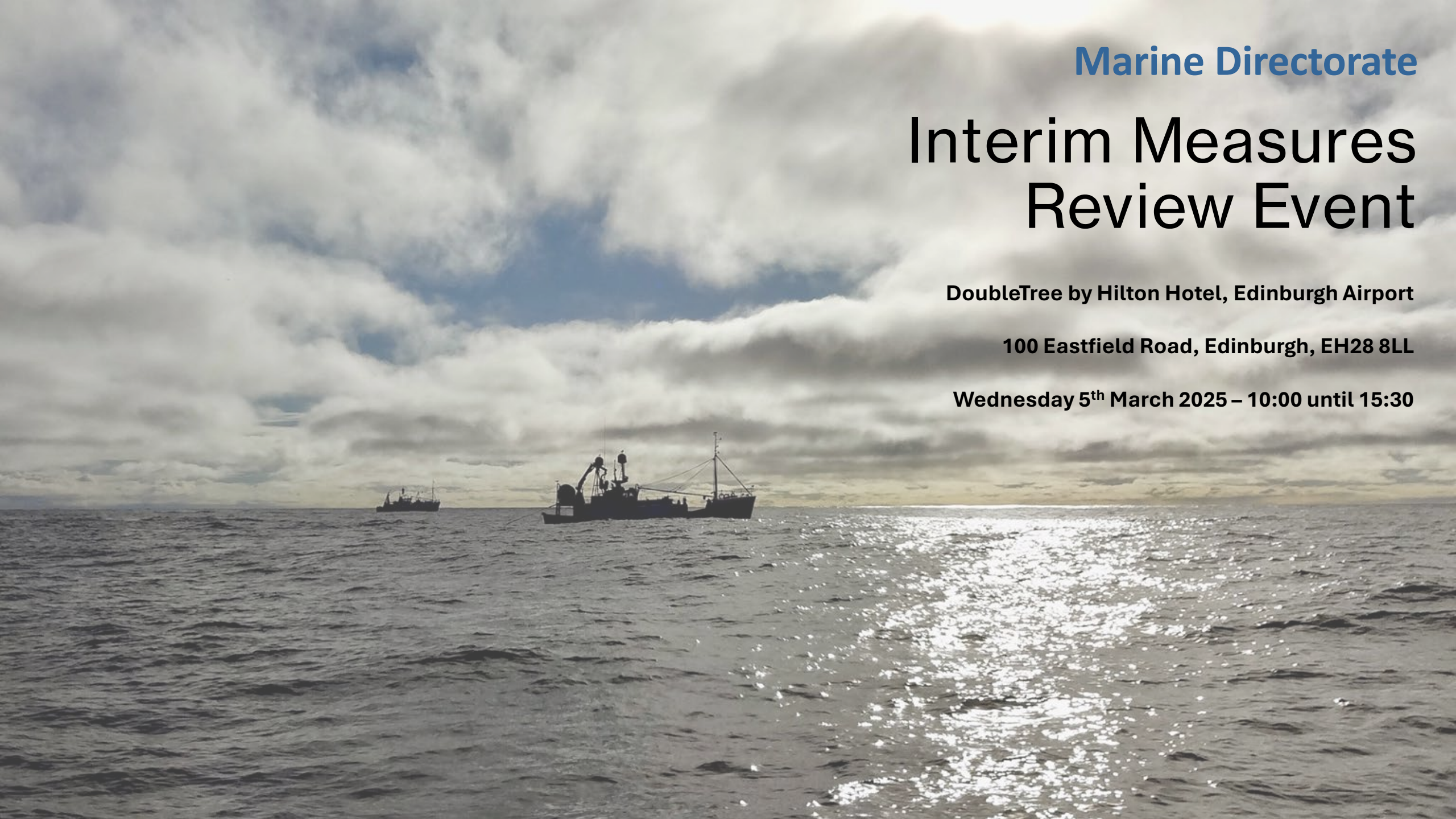
**Marine Directorate**

# Interim Measures Review Event

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Edinburgh Airport**

**100 Eastfield Road, Edinburgh, EH28 8LL**


**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – 10:00 until 15:30**



## **AGENDA**

**Marine Directorate**

# **Interim Measures Review Event**

- 1: Arrival and informal discussions**
  - 2: Opening remarks and plan for the day**
  - 3. Overview of Interim Measures**
  - 4. RIFG survey on Interim Measures**
  - 5. Crab and lobster stock assessment update**
  - 6. Solway lobster project**
  - 7. Panel Q&A on all presentations**
  - 8. Lunch**
  - 9. Intro to afternoon session and break into discussion groups**
  - 10. Group discussion on Interim Measures**
  - 11: Summaries from group leaders**
  - 12: Final questions on afternoon session and closing remarks**
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- A background image showing a large fishing vessel on the sea under a cloudy sky. The sun is reflecting on the water in the foreground, creating a shimmering path. Another smaller boat is visible in the distance to the left.

## Overview

- Exclusion from 0-6nm of vessels recording >200 tonnes crab and lobster in a 12-month period.
- Prohibition on landing berried lobster landing.
- Basis for implementation.
- Introduced May 2025.
- Review process.
- Decision making ahead of Q2 2025.
- Inshore Fisheries Management Improvement Programme

### New landing controls for crab & lobster fisheries in Scotland

With effect from 12 May 2024

**Lobster**  
(*Homarus gammarus*)  
Prohibition on retention, landing, offering for sale or consigning berried (egg bearing) lobster



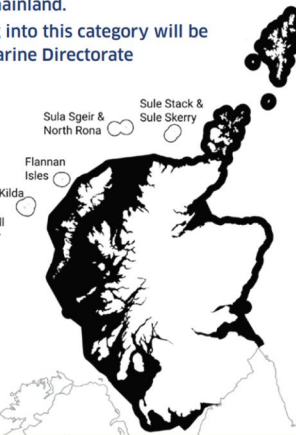
**Brown / Edible Crab**  
(*Cancer pagurus*)  
Prohibition on retention, landing, offering for sale or consigning berried (egg bearing) brown crab



### Restriction on vessels landing more than 200t of brown crab and lobster

- Controls are being applied to restrict creel fishing activity within 6 nautical miles of Scotland's coastline.
- If your vessel is over 12 metres in length and you have recorded catches over 200 tonnes of crab and lobster in any 12 month period since 2020 you must work outside of 6 nautical miles from the Scottish mainland.
- Vessels falling into this category will be notified by Marine Directorate

Any part of Scottish inshore waters (0-6 nautical miles), with the exception of the inshore waters surrounding St Kilda (Hirta and Boreray), Flannan Isles, Rockall, Sula Sgeir, North Rona, Sule Stack, and Sule Skerry



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### Existing controls

**Berried velvet crab**  
It is prohibited to land a berried (egg bearing) velvet crab.

**V Notched lobster / crawfish**  
It is prohibited to fish for or land a lobster or crawfish that bears a v notch, or that has been mutilated to obscure a v notch.

**'Crippled' female lobster**  
It is prohibited to land a 'crippled' female lobster (missing one or both claws) caught in the inshore waters of the Outer Hebrides.

### Further information

- More information can be found on the Scottish Government website: [www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Sea-Fisheries/InshoreFisheries/crab-lobster-landing-controls](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Sea-Fisheries/InshoreFisheries/crab-lobster-landing-controls)
- If you have any questions about these controls, please contact your local Fishery Office: [www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Compliance/fishoffices](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Compliance/fishoffices)



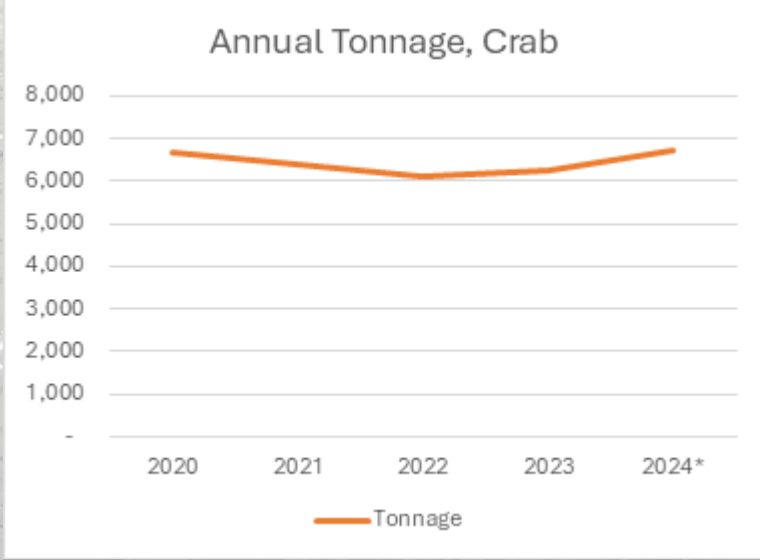
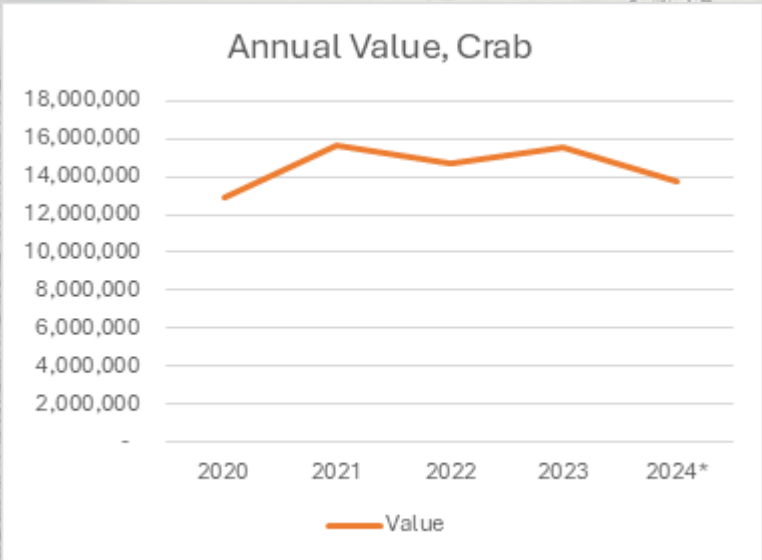
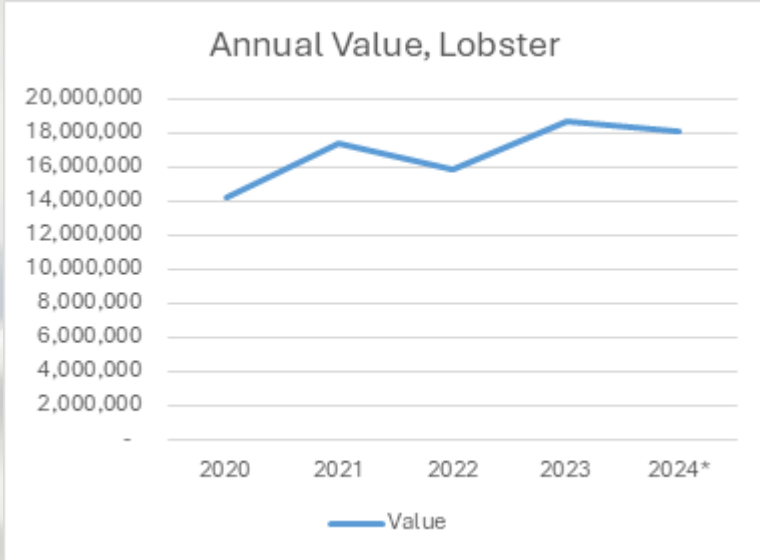
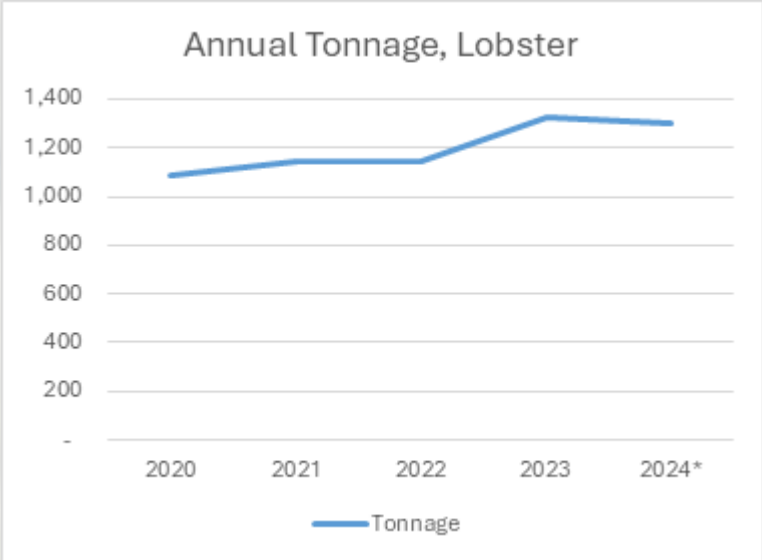
How are we monitoring the impact of this policy?

- Assessment of landings and sales.
- Licensing information maintained by Coastal Offices.
- Coastal Offices, RIFG network, FMAC group.
- Direct communication.



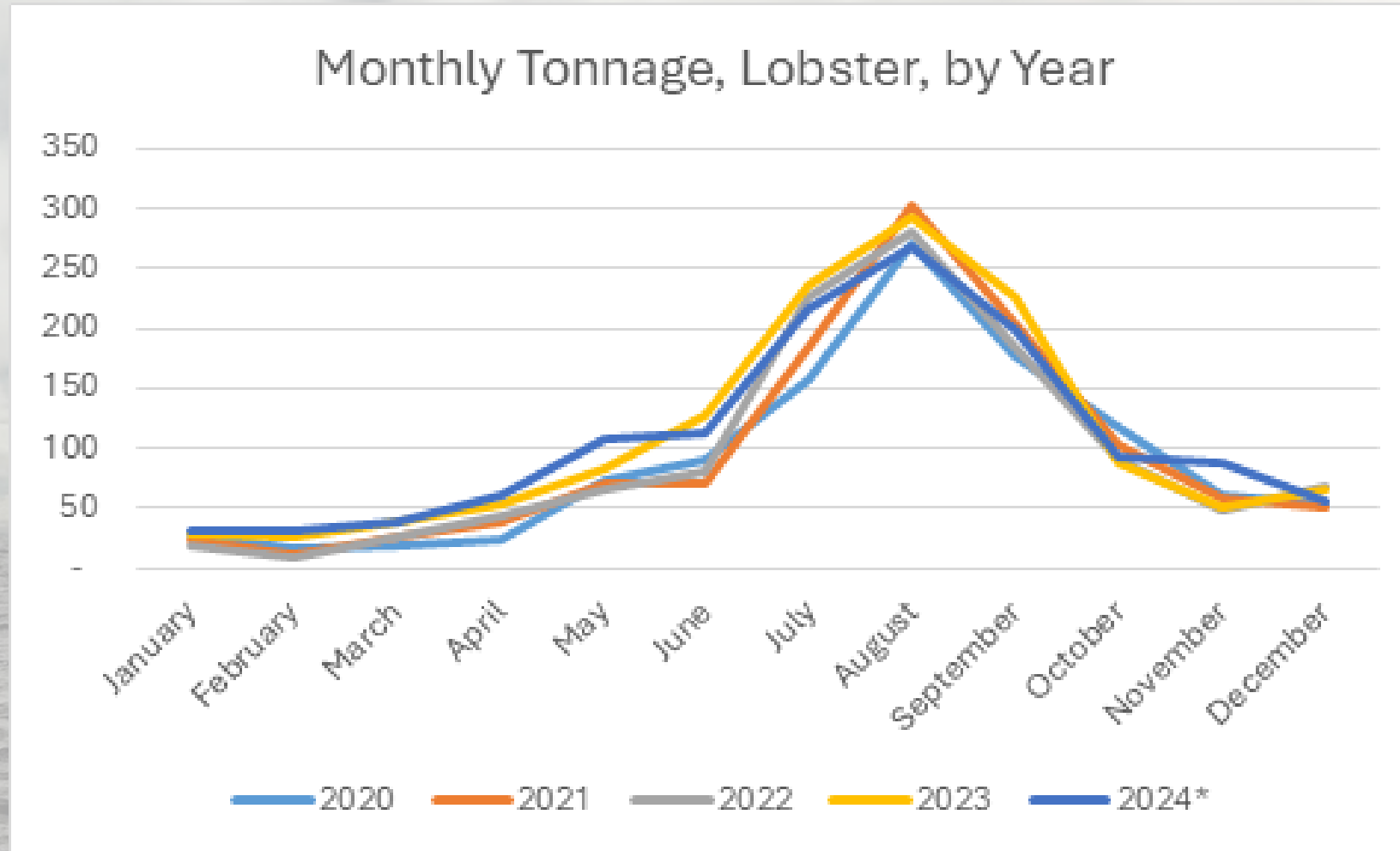
# Crab and Lobster landings and value in Scotland 2020 - 2024

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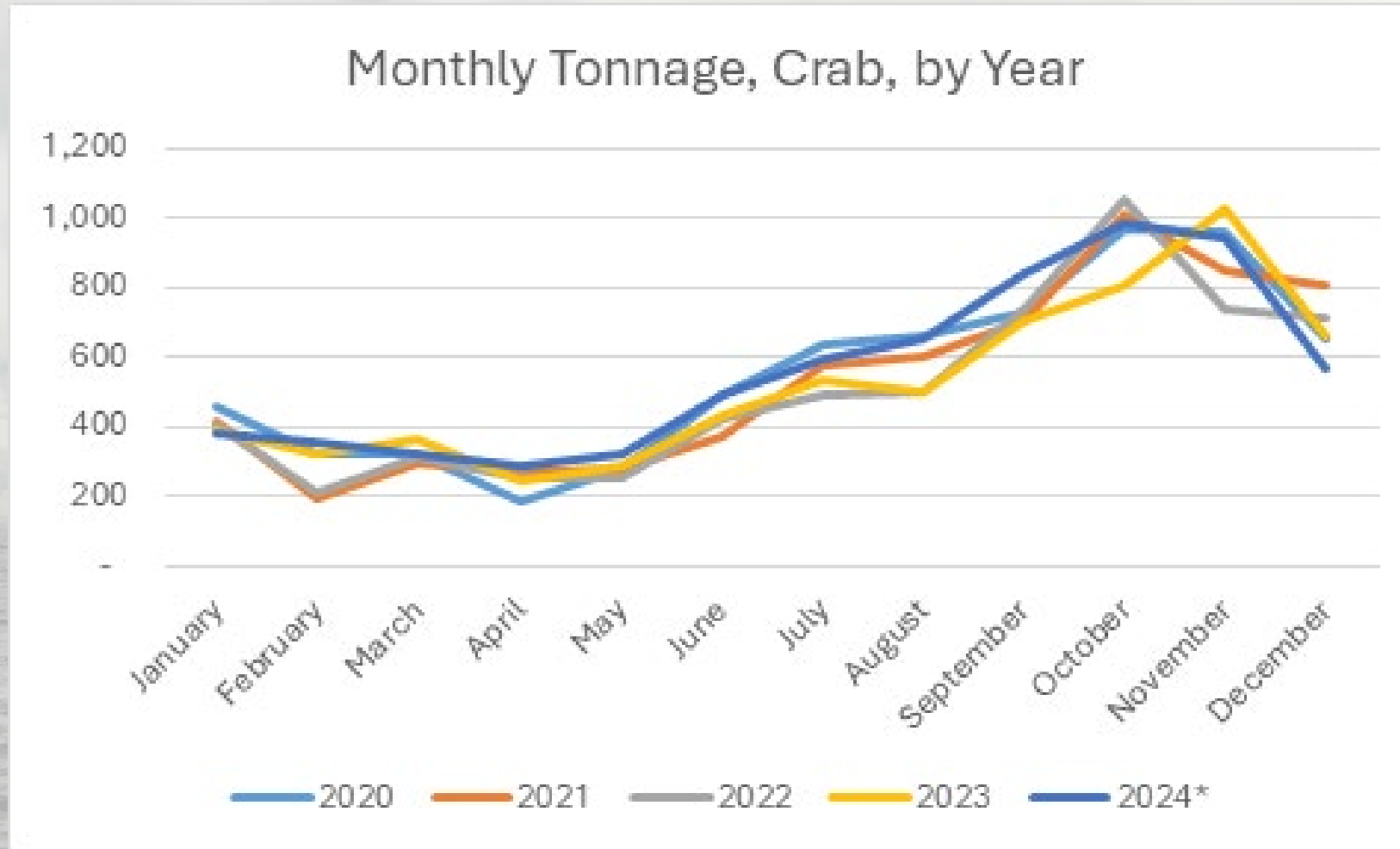
# Monthly lobster landings in Scotland 2020 - 2024

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# Monthly brown crab landings in Scotland 2020 – 2024

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## In summary

- Impacts of interim measures are complex and variable and other factors also at play.
- Discussion and your expert opinion is at the centre of informing the way forward.
- We expect to formalise our next steps in Q2 2025.
- Make the most of the discussion group this afternoon!



Table 1

Ailsa Ellis

Hilary Burgess

Nick Turnbull

Jenny Mouat

David Gilchrist

Frazer Scott

Craig Beckett

Table 2

Stuart Bell

Helen Holah

Kenny Coull

Kirsten Leahy

Beth Mouat

Shaun McGuire

Allan Beckett

Table 3

Helen Downie

Gordon Taylor

Neil Brunton

Kevin McDonnell

Duncan  
MacInnes

Elaine Whyte

Alasdair  
Macleod

Table 4

Mark Caldwell

Alastair  
Hamilton

Bally Philp

Elsbeth  
MacDonald

Sheila Keith

Susan Gray

Bobby Guthrie

Carlos Mesquita

Table 5

Lynda  
Blackadder

Phil Bennett

Hannah Fennell

Neil Robertson

Iver McBay

Andrew  
Lochhead

Paul Virtue