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Shetland Community-Led Local Development Programme

Project Expression of Interest

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| **Proposed project start date:** |  |
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| **Estimated cost:** | £ |
| **Estimated EMFF CLLD** **grant:** | £ |
| **Potential match funding source(s):** |  |

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| **Outline of proposed project:** |

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| **Brief reference to fit with EMFF High Level Objectives and Shetland Local Development Strategy Priority Actions (see Appendix 1):** |

**APPENDIX 1**

**EMFF High Level Objectives**

**Regulation No 208/2014, Article 6, Union Priorities:**

(1) **Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource–efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge–based fisheries by pursuing the following specific objectives:**

(a) the reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches;

(b) the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems;

(c) the ensuring of a balance between fishing capacity and available fishing opportunities;

(d) the enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small–scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety and working conditions;

(e) the provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer;

(f) the development of professional training, new professional skills and lifelong learning.

(2) **Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource-efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge-based aquaculture by pursuing the following specific objectives:**

(a) the provision of support to strengthen technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer;

(b) the enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, including the improvement of safety and working conditions, in particular of SMEs;

(c) the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and the enhancement of ecosystems related to aquaculture and the promotion of resource-efficient aquaculture;

(d) the promotion of aquaculture having a high level of environmental protection, and the promotion of animal health and welfare and of public health and safety;

(e) the development of professional training, new professional skills and lifelong learning.

(3) **Fostering the implementation of the CFP by pursuing the following specific objectives:**

(a) the improvement and supply of scientific knowledge as well as the improvement of the collection and management of data;

(b) the provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, thereby enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden.

(4) **Increasing employment and territorial cohesion by pursuing the following specific objective: the promotion of economic growth, social inclusion and job creation, and providing support to employability and labour mobility in coastal and inland communities which depend on fishing and aquaculture, including the diversification of activities within fisheries and into other sectors of maritime economy.**

(5) **Fostering marketing and processing by pursuing the following specific objectives:**

(a) the improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products;

(b) the encouragement of investment in the processing and marketing sectors.

(6) **Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP)**.

**Shetland Local Development Strategy**

**Priority Actions:**

1) **Add value, create jobs and promote innovation at all stages of the fisheries and aquaculture seafood supply chain**

Actions:

* Support programmes and projects aimed at improving data collection at all levels of the supply chain.
* Support projects which examine new carbon reduction techniques within the fisheries sectors.
* Support projects which lead to improvements in quality and traceability across the marine food sector.
* Support projects which seek to enhance and/or increase understanding of the marine environment and species management, in the context of economic development.
* Develop projects which help to improve industry standards, particularly where these seek to improve the health of the marine environment and local best practice with regards to production processes.
* Develop projects which increase utilization of by-catch in line with the discard ban, including improving linkages between catching and processing outside the human food chain and develop market demand for certain species.

2) **Support diversification within the fisheries and aquaculture sectors**

Actions:

* Investigate, develop and access new, higher value markets for fisheries products.
* Support research and development and knowledge transfer with regards to implementation of new reference testing methods for shellfish.
* Encourage research into new production methods, biological research and new technology.
* Support projects which aim to promote cross sectoral links between sustainable fisheries and other areas of the local economy, including retail and tourism.
* Support projects and initiatives which will diversify the use of assets and infrastructure in fisheries areas, and to utilise the marine environment to pursue activities in areas where fisheries activity is no longer present.
* Support community efforts to enhance local facilities and services by finding use for disused or underutilised local assets.

3) **Support lifelong learning and job creation in fisheries areas**

Actions:

* Encourage projects which look to reskill local workers in response to changing sectoral and market needs.
* Support projects which find avenues for the use of traditional skills and encourage development of skills which may be transferable.
* Support projects which seek to improve local opportunities for young people, in particular skills and learning opportunities, leisure and recreation and employment/business opportunities.

4) **Strengthening the role of fisheries communities in local development and the governance of local fisheries resources**

Actions:

* Support projects which improve local marine resource management.
* Investigate opportunities for research and development which are appropriate and beneficial to local industry and have the potential to develop skills and employment opportunities.
* Encourage the development of local initiatives which provide community groups with decision-making powers, such as participatory budgeting.

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