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Training and Education for the Fish Industry in Cornwall

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A new fund has been arranged by SW Pesca and CFRC to develop education and training in the sector.

The project will develop more links with schools, colleges and careers advisers. The aim is to encourage more schools and colleges to promote the fish industry in a positive way.

The project has also won an Objective One grant towards the cost of training courses for fishing and fish processing businesses.

Through this new project, new grants from Objective One & ESF shall be available for both on and offshore workers to attend courses which develop more skills in the industry such as **Radio courses, Skippers and Engineers tickets, Forklift driving, Food Hygiene, Net Mending, Fish Filleting and Risk Assessment.**

Pyskessa Kernow is funded by Objective One ESF, Cornwall County Council and Cornish Fish Producers Organisation.

Please contact Sarah at the CFRC for more details.



Do you know a bit about fishing?

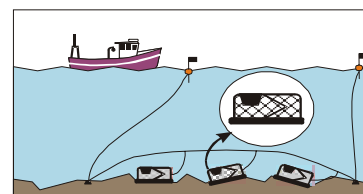
Could you share your knowledge and experience about fishing with students and children?

Perhaps you already do!.....

We are looking for ambassadors to visit schools and promote the industry as one worth working in....to ensure fishing has a future workforce in the South West.

The Pyskessa Kernow (Cornish Fishing) project is helping to develop more links with schools and promote the positive and interesting side of the fish industry.

We are able to supply teaching aids such as the one shown above. If you are already visiting schools or would like to know more, please call Sarah at CFRC.



Would you like to be a trainer?

Would you like to be a trainer for a new Fish Filleting course and Fish Mongering course?

We are looking for suitable people with industry experience to be trained by Seafish to deliver new courses in Cornwall

Seafish Smart Gear Award 2007

£15,000 Grand Prize
2 x £5,000 Runner up prizes
Plus £2500 from Seafish for winning UK entry

What is your smart idea to reduce by-catch?

Fisheries by-catch is the leading threat to many marine mammals, cetaceans, sea turtles, seabirds and certain fish species. WWF and partners created the **International Smart Gear Competition** to inspire innovative, practical, cost effective ideas that allow fishermen to fish smarter, to better target their intended catch while reducing by-catch. The competition is open to all fishermen, professional gear manufactures, teachers, students, engineers, scientists and individual inventors.

Visit: www.smartgear.org for entry materials.

Contact: smartgear@smartgear.org

Entry deadline: 31 July 2007.

Decommissioning call for SW...

The Marine and Fisheries Agency is inviting applications from owners of beam trawlers over 10 metres long which will be affected by cuts in fishing effort required by the agreed long term management plan for Western Channel sole.

Application forms have been sent to potentially eligible vessel owners and are also available from MFA port offices in the South and South West. Completed application forms must be returned to port offices by Friday, 25 May at the latest.

Invest in Fish

The Invest in Fish South West initiative, supported by FIGG funding from MFA has developed a computer bio-economic model to predict trends for the future of fisheries in the South West. You can see the options and results from the project at www.investinfish.org For further information please contact Heather Squires: 01736 333733/hsquires@investinfishsw.org.uk

Free English courses

Link Into Learning shall be offering free English courses to help migrant workers improve their language skills. Please call Jerry Drew on 01736 365890 for more info.

Mapping

The CFPO are able to report that the Mapping Project will kick-off again shortly. So far four port visits have taken place (Padstow, Port Isaac, Sennen & Penberth, and Cadgwith & Helford). Attendance and reception has been very encouraging and they have gained a lot of valuable feedback as well as data.

The intended venues for the immediate future are Helford (again), Falmouth and Looe. Later they intend to go to Mevagissey, Newquay, St Ives and finally Newlyn.

Safety Training Update

STABILITY

14th May Looe

SEA SURVIVAL

15th May Plymouth

5th June Plymouth

19th June Plymouth

FIRST AID

16th May Plymouth

6th June Plymouth

FIREFIGHTING

18th May Plymouth

8th June Plymouth

Please contact Hazel Bennett at the Western Training association to ensure that these dates are still available and to book your place
Tel: 01752 770589



Introductory Fishmongering Course

Open to anyone wishing to enter the industry



(Paul Neve in action at Billingsgate)

A new introductory fish-mongering course is now available to people who are keen to start a career in the seafood retail industry.

The Introduction to Fishmongering course is a Seafish training course which has been developed in collaboration with Billingsgate Seafood Training School. It aims to raise the skill levels of people who are interested in pursuing a career in fishmongering.

The one-day course consists of both theory-based and practical modules. These include knife skills, hygiene and customer service.

Pilots have recently been very successful, and as a result Seafish have rolled the course out across the UK.

Funding will be available towards the cost of this course. Please call Sarah to register your interest.

Would you like to be a trainer for these 2 new courses? We are looking for suitably skilled with industry experience to be trained by Seafish to deliver new courses in Cornwall.

Fish Filleting Training Programme

Open to anyone wishing to improve their fish filleting skills.



(Students learning new knife skills at Billingsgate)

A training programme for fish filleters has been updated by Seafish in collaboration with Billingsgate Seafood Training School.

The programme was originally developed by Seafish in 1989 and focuses on various fish filleting techniques, such as skinning and steaking, using both round and flat fish.

An assessment of competence is carried out to confirm that candidates are able to reach the standard required, based upon factors including quality and yield. By the end of the programme candidates should be competent in a wide range of processing techniques.

This is a fantastic training programme which allows inexperienced fish filleters to develop their skills and knowledge. It also allows experienced fish filleters who pass their assessment to be rewarded with a certificate which recognises their fish processing techniques that they have developed over the years.

Funding will be available towards the cost of this course. Please call Sarah to register your interest.

Local fisherman David Pascoe goes live!

David Pascoe has been flying the flag for Cornish fishing on the Seafish website. David has been posting a weekly *blog* along with Scottish Fishermen Jimmy Buchan of Trawlermen fame. As part of the sixth generation of a family of fishermen, David acts as the second coxswain at the local Penlee Lifeboat station and catches a wide variety of species off the Cornish coast incl. Monkfish, Brill, Sardine, Pollack, Crab, Crayfish, Lobster, Ray, Herring and Spider Crabs.

Follow David's exploits by visiting www.seafish.org/sea/blog.asp

