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INSHORE FISHERIES GROUPS
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INSHORE FISHERIES GROUPS (IFGs)

IFGs aim to improve the management of Scotland's inshore fisheries out to 6nm and to give commercial inshore fishermen (owners, skippers and crew) a strong voice in wider marine management developments.

The first pilot IFGs are launching now.

The first Groups will be Outer Hebrides, the South East and the Clyde. The North West, the Moray Firth and the Small Isles & Mull IFGs will follow soon after.

IFGs' effectiveness depends on the support and active participation of commercial fishermen themselves and we urge you to get involved.

IFG STRUCTURE, MEMBERSHIP AND ROLE

Membership of the IFG shall be open to owners, skippers and crew of Scottish or UK registered fishing vessels. Each IFG will have an **Executive Committee** to drive its work, supported by an **Advisory Group** (including for example Fisheries Research Services, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency). An **independent chairperson** will chair Executive Committee meetings and the IFG as a whole.

The **Executive Committee** is made up of commercial fishing interests drawn from:

- (i) the Fishermen's Associations that operate in the IFG area;
- and
- (ii) a spokesperson to represent those fishermen who operate in the area but who are not members of an Association ('non-affiliated fishermen'). Those non-affiliated fishermen who are registered with an IFG will elect this spokesperson.

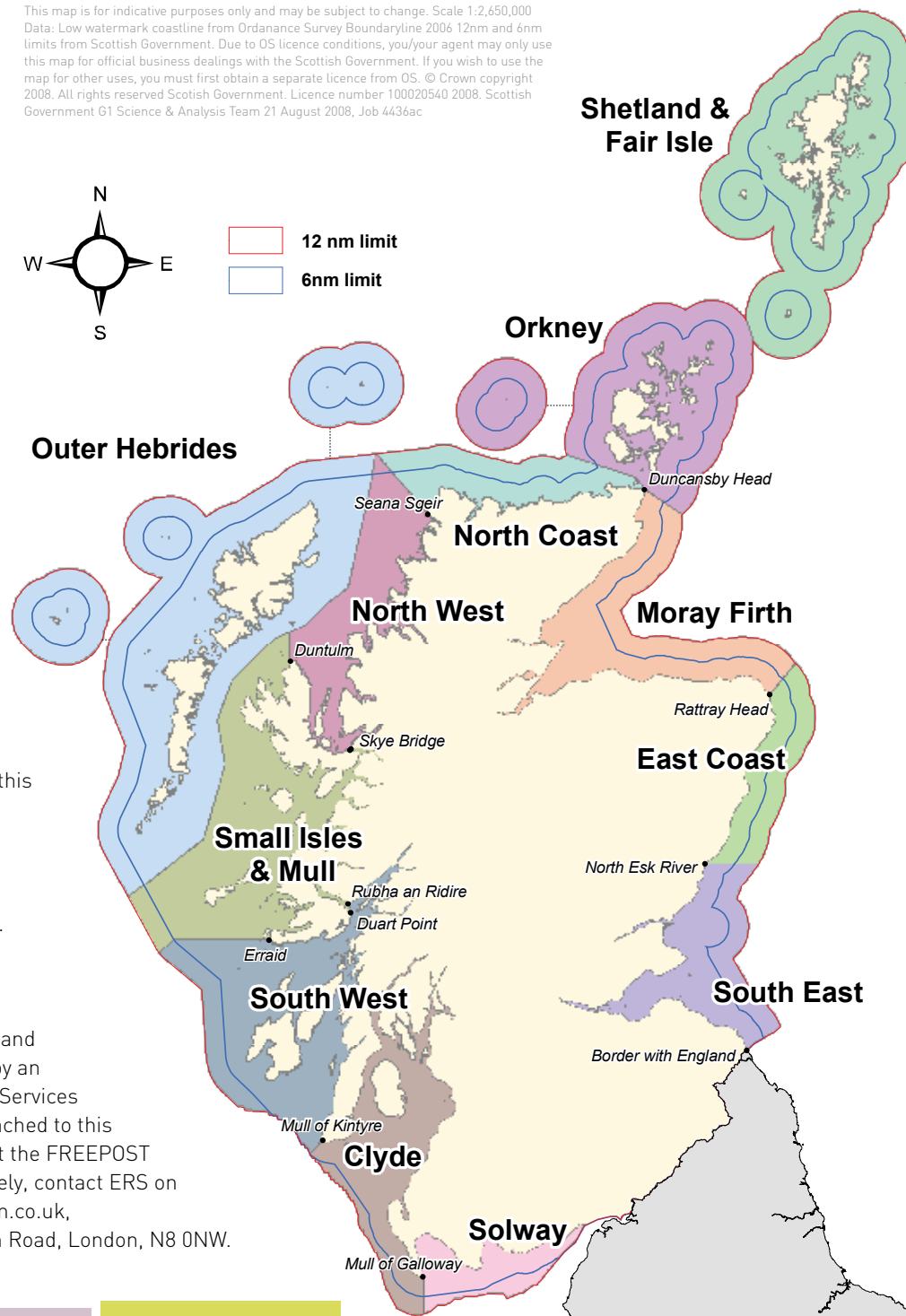
IFGs will produce realistic fisheries management plans for their areas that fit with wider strategic goals such as sustainable stocks, a healthy marine environment and a profitable fishing sector that supports strong coastal communities.

GETTING INVOLVED IN THE PILOT IFGs - HOW TO REGISTER

Fishermen's Associations should register their interest in the IFG, on behalf of their members, advising which of its vessels fish in the areas of the 6 pilot IFGs by contacting the National Co-ordinator, in writing, by post or email, to the address on the back of this leaflet.

Non-affiliated fishermen should register their wish to join the pilot IFG using the form within this leaflet. Registration allows participation in the election for the non-affiliated spokesperson, be it as candidate, nominator or voter. The registration and election process is being facilitated by an independent body, Electoral Reform Services (ERS). Simply complete the form attached to this leaflet, cut it off and send it to ERS at the FREEPOST address on the other side. Alternatively, contact ERS on 0208 365 8909, at ifg@electoralreform.co.uk, or The Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 0NW.

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REGISTER OF INTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP OF AN IFG

Note: These arrangements are for fishermen who are not members of a Fishermen's Association. There are separate registration arrangements for Fishermen's Associations, which will register interest on behalf of their members – please refer to the leaflet.

Name

Contact details

Address

Phone

Email

Vessel

Name

PLN

Please confirm you are not a member of a Fishermen's Association by ticking this box.

Which of the 6 pilot IFG areas (see map) do you currently operate in? Please tick

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| Outer Hebrides <input type="checkbox"/> | North West <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Clyde <input type="checkbox"/> | Moray Firth <input type="checkbox"/> |
| South East <input type="checkbox"/> | Small Isles and Mull <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you wish to be considered as a prospective candidate for election to an IFG's Executive Committee please tick this box.

Please also write here which of the 6 pilot IFGs you wish to be considered as a candidate for.

N.B. We are asking only for registration for the first 6 pilot IFGs at present. Details regarding how to become involved in the remaining 6 will follow in due course.