

The background image shows a harbor scene with several fishing boats docked at a pier. In the background, there are buildings, including a large one with a gabled roof and another with a flat roof. The sky is overcast. The text is overlaid on this image.

Inshore Fisheries Interim Measures Evaluation Survey

Regional Inshore Fisheries Group Network

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Interim Measures

1. A ban on the landing, offering for sale or consigning of berried lobsters or brown crab and
2. Restrictions on the operation in 0-6nm of Super crabbers (vessels greater than 12m in length that have caught over 200 tonnes of brown crab and or lobster during any 12 month period from 2020 onwards).

The Survey

14
Questions

Went live on
Monday 13th
January

4
Optional
Questions

Different
Question
Stream for
Shetland

Closed
midnight on
Friday 31st
January

Open for
19 days

Promotion of Survey

- **Fishing News**
- **Local press**
- **Local radio**
- **Through associations**
- **At meetings**
- **Direct contact with fishermen**
- **Social media**

Responses

178

responses

20.2%

current active
inshore creel boats

273

comments

Some
resistance

Shetland
Regulating Order

Low response

North
coast

Low response

Response by Region

East Coast 47.75%

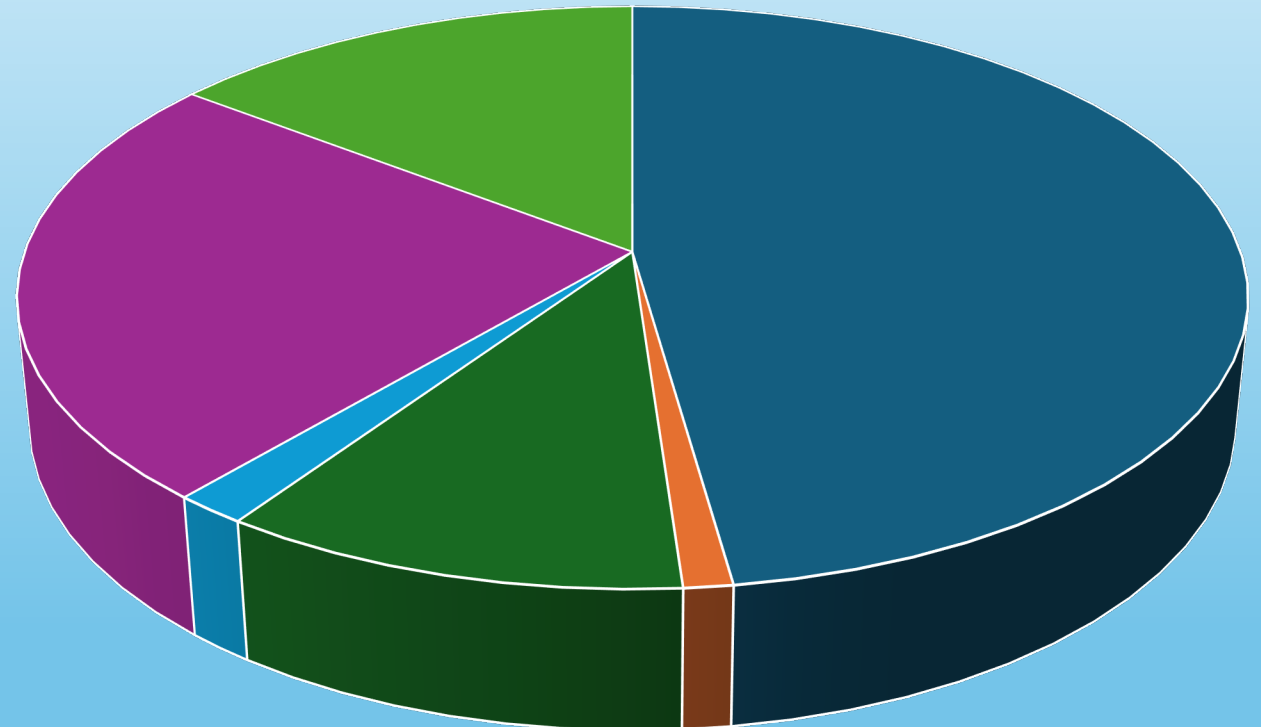
North Coast 1.12%

Orkney 10.6%

Shetland 1.69 %

West Coast 24.16 %

Western Isles 14.61%

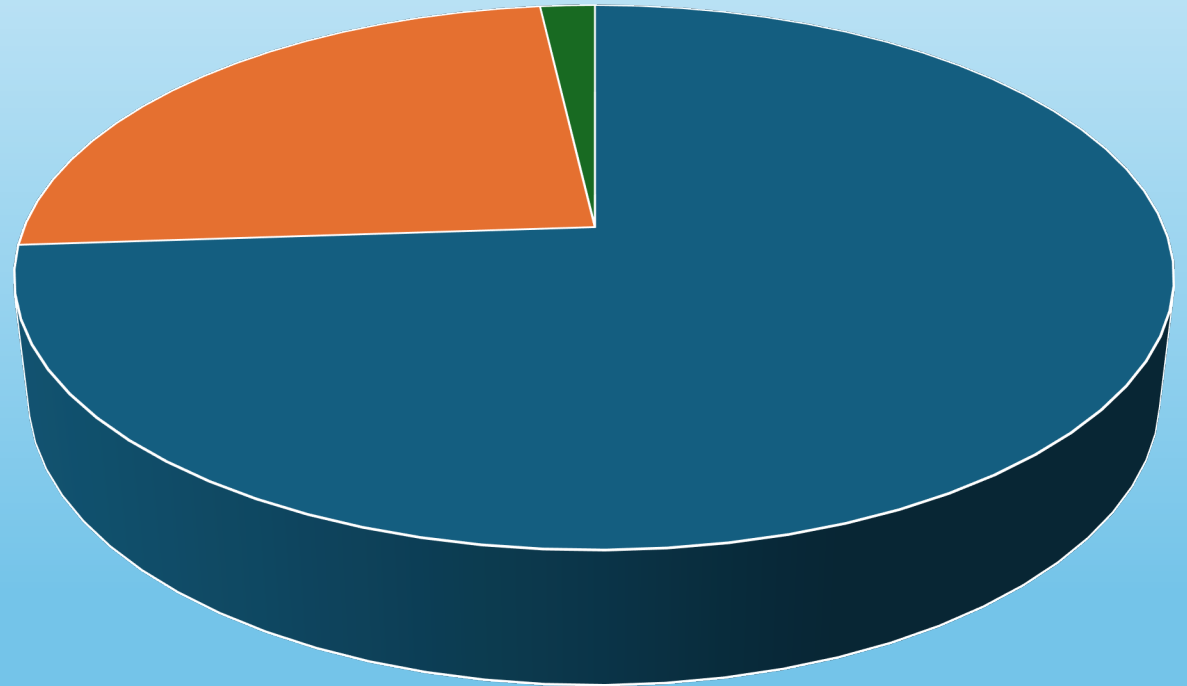


Familiarity with Interim Measures

Very 73.94%

Somewhat 24.24%

Not familiar 1.82%



Comm's from Scottish Government

Excellent 5.4 %

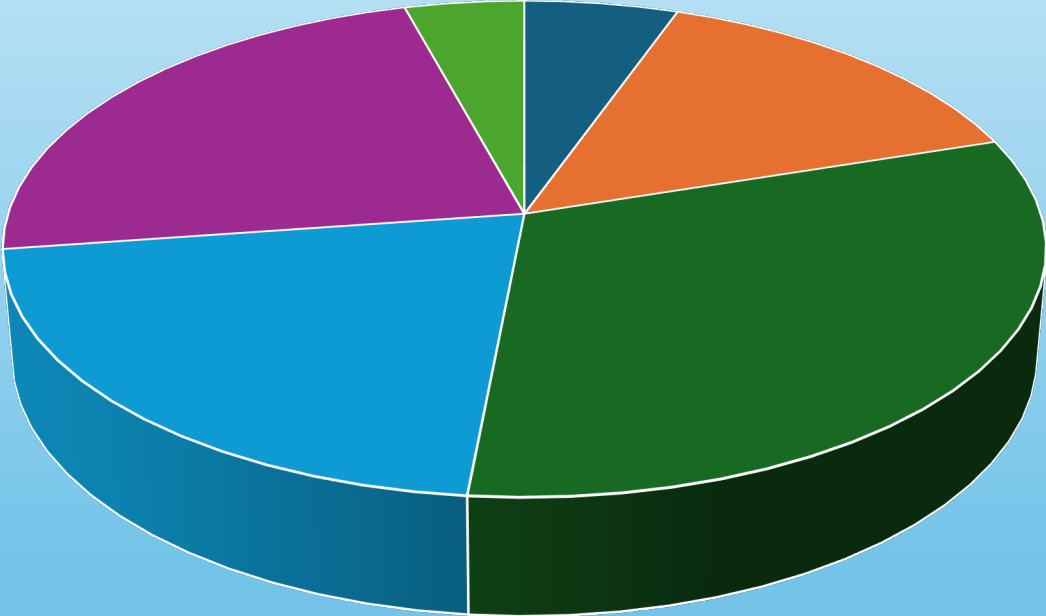
Good 14.55 %

Fair 31.52 %

Poor 21.21 %

Very poor 23.03 %

No Opinion 4.2 %



Agreeing with the introduction of Interim Measures

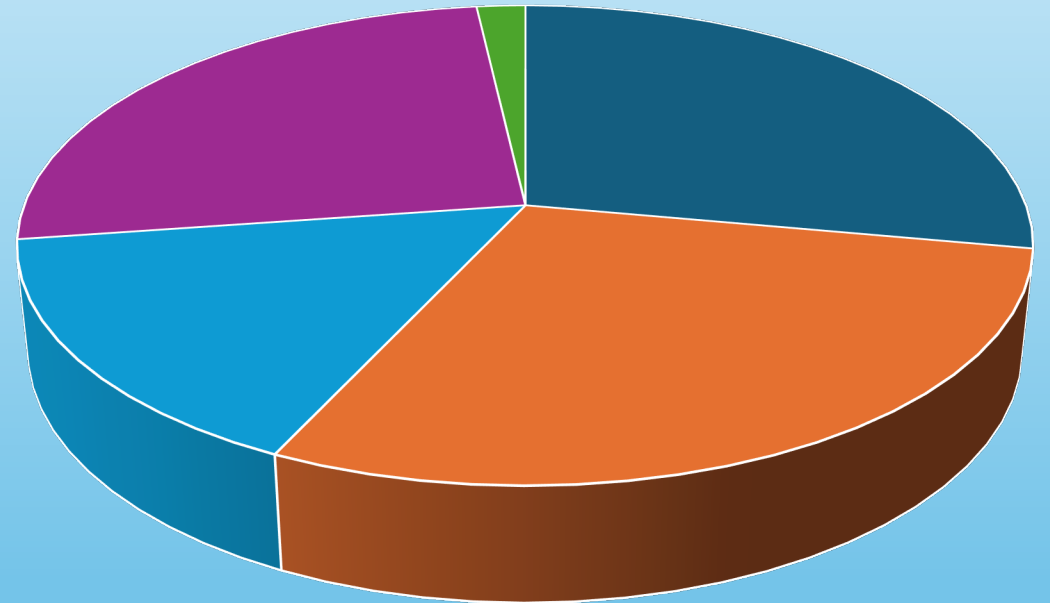
Fully Agreed 27.88%

Somewhat Agreed 29.09%

Somewhat Disagreed 15.76%

Wholly Disagreed 25.45%

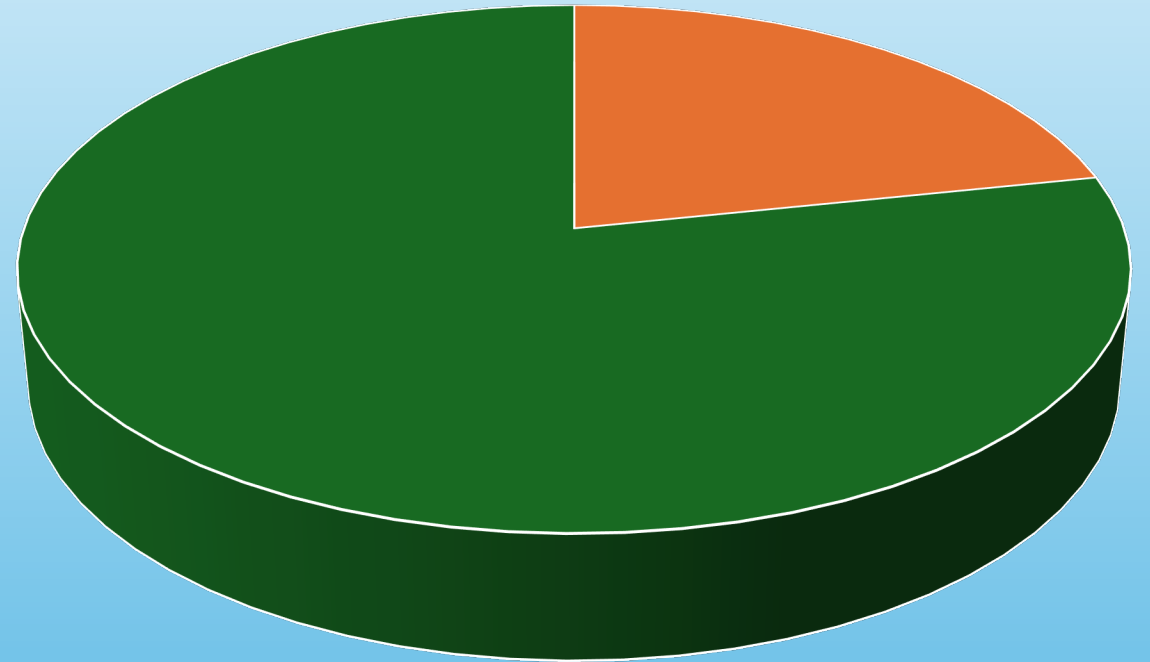
No Opinion 1.82%



Targeted Stock

Lobster 21.74%

Crab and Lobster 78.26%

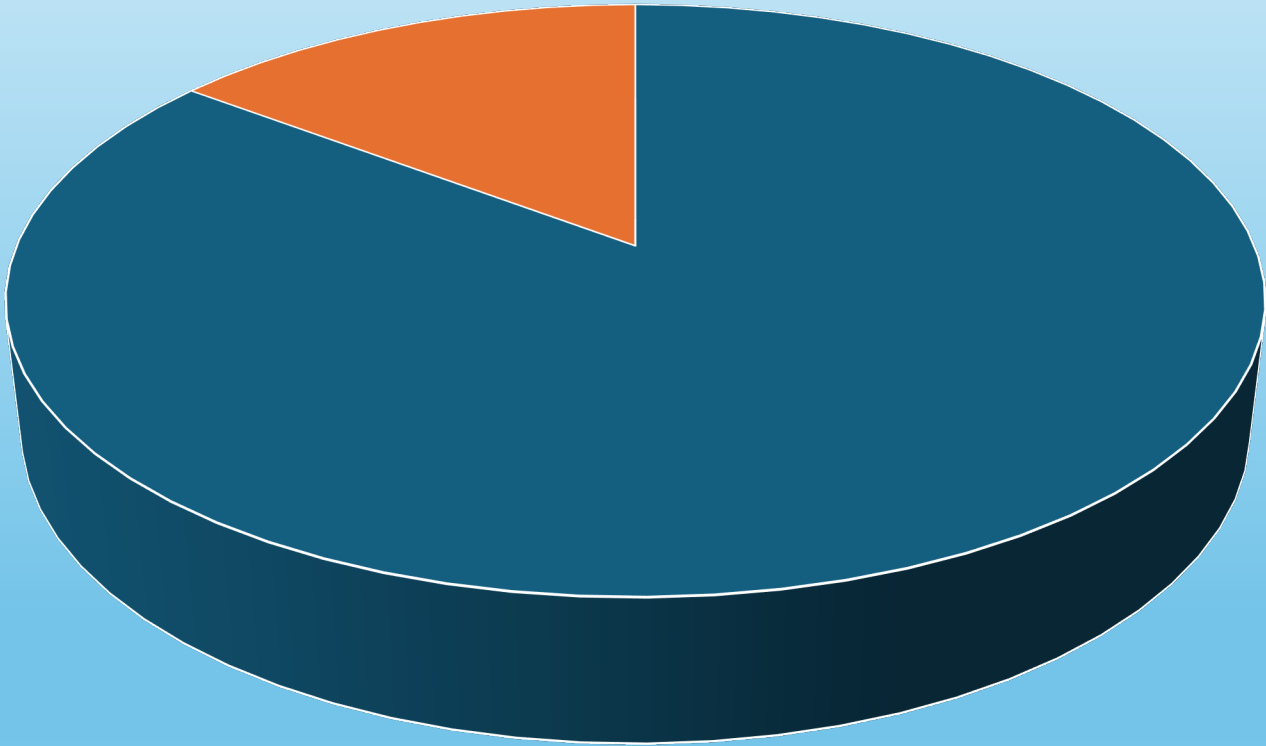


Lobster – Creel numbers

(in the water at any one time)

0 – 500 85%

500 – 1000 15%



Crab & Lobster Creel Numbers

(in the water at any one time)

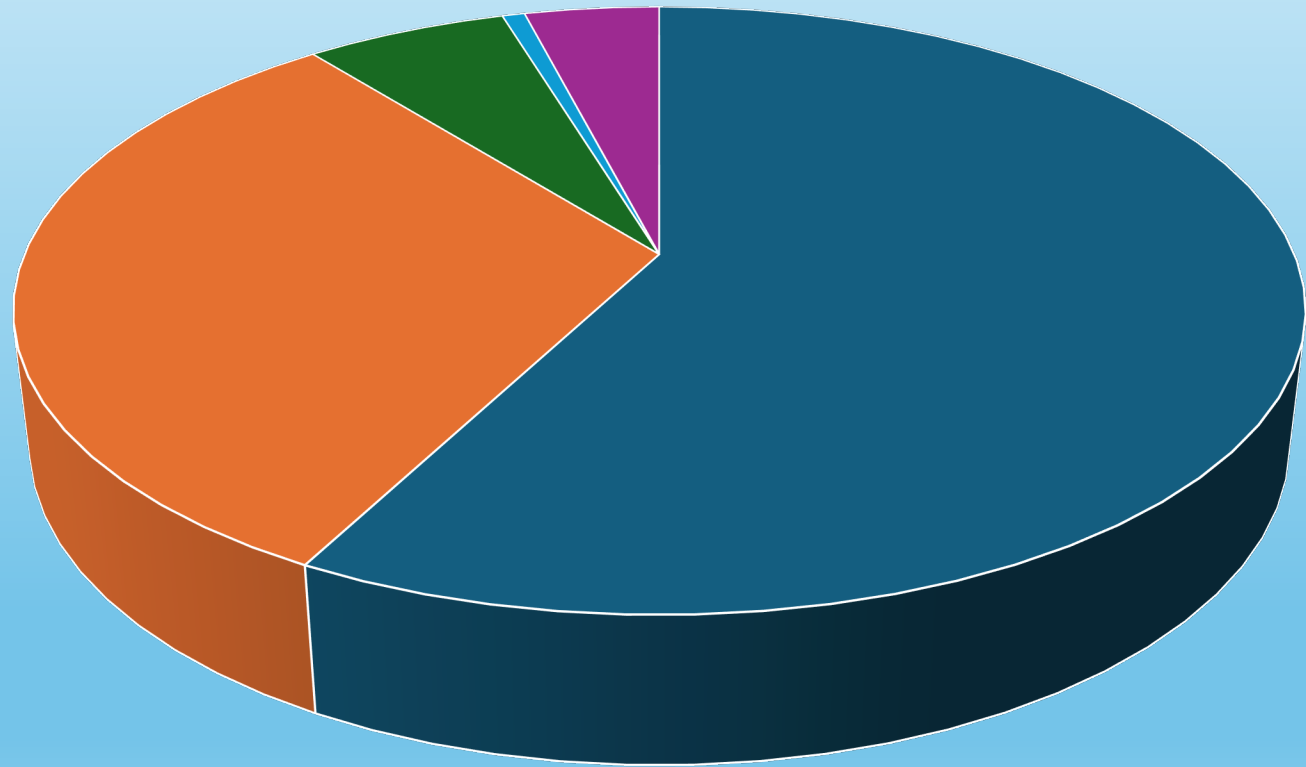
0 -500

500 – 1000

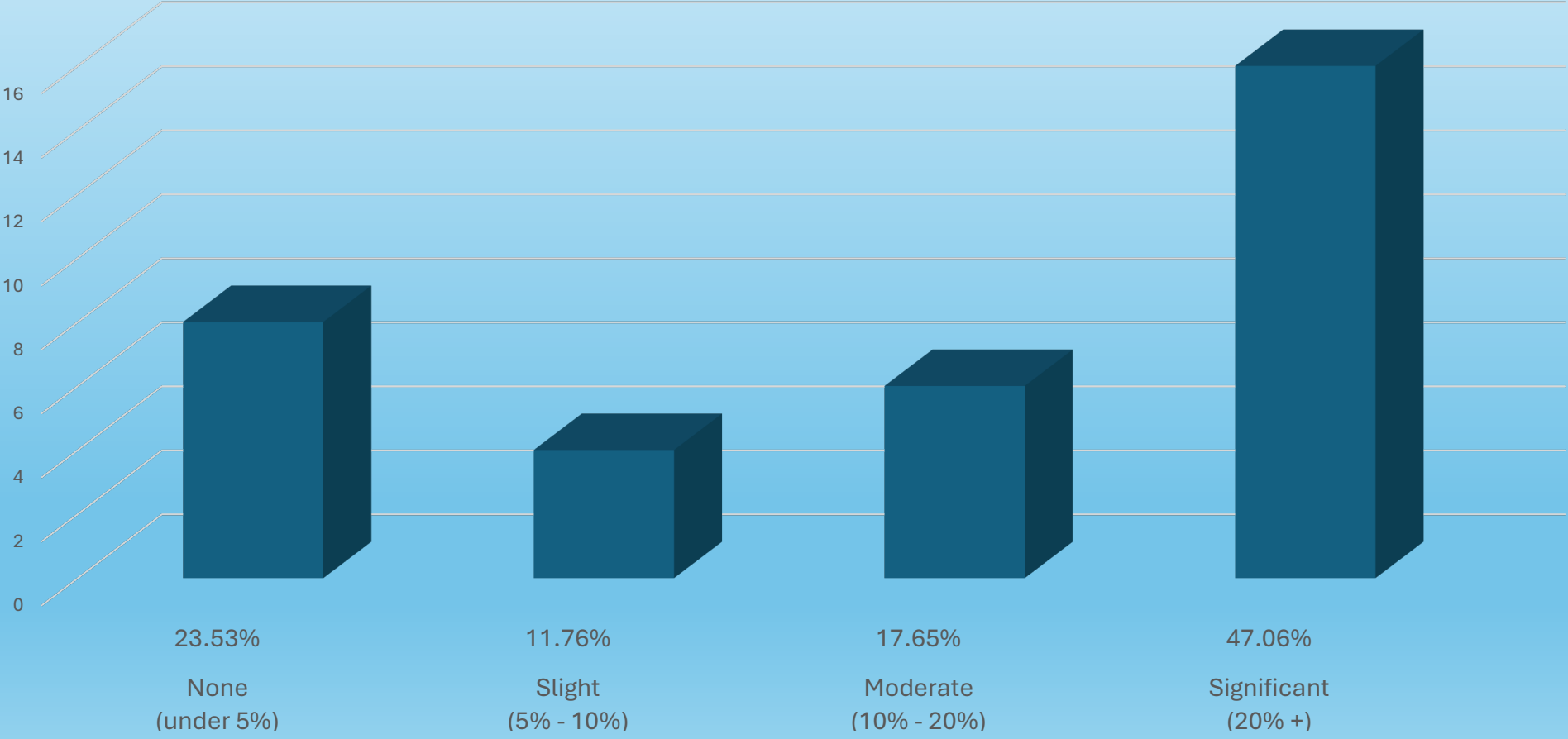
1500 – 2000

2000 – 2500

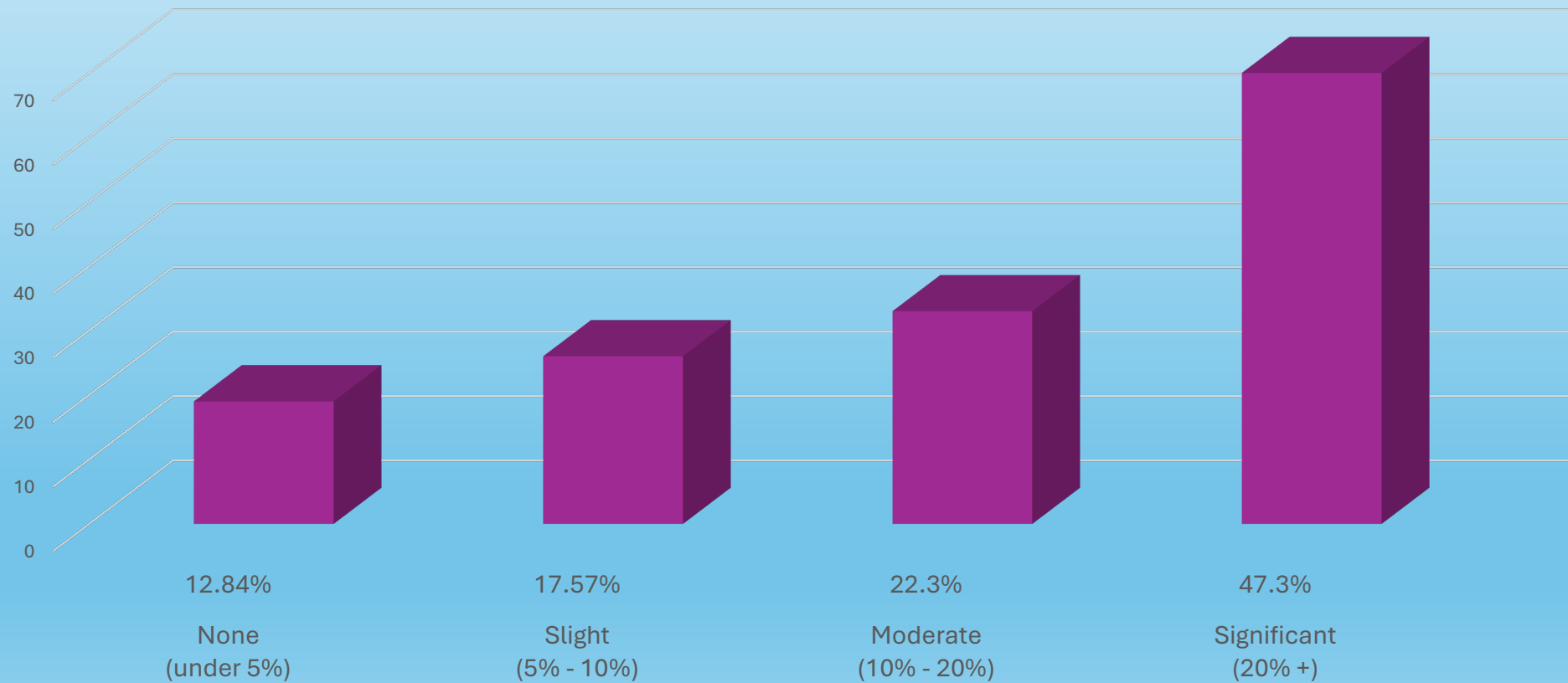
2500 +



Lobster Reduction in catch



Crab & Lobster Reduction in catch



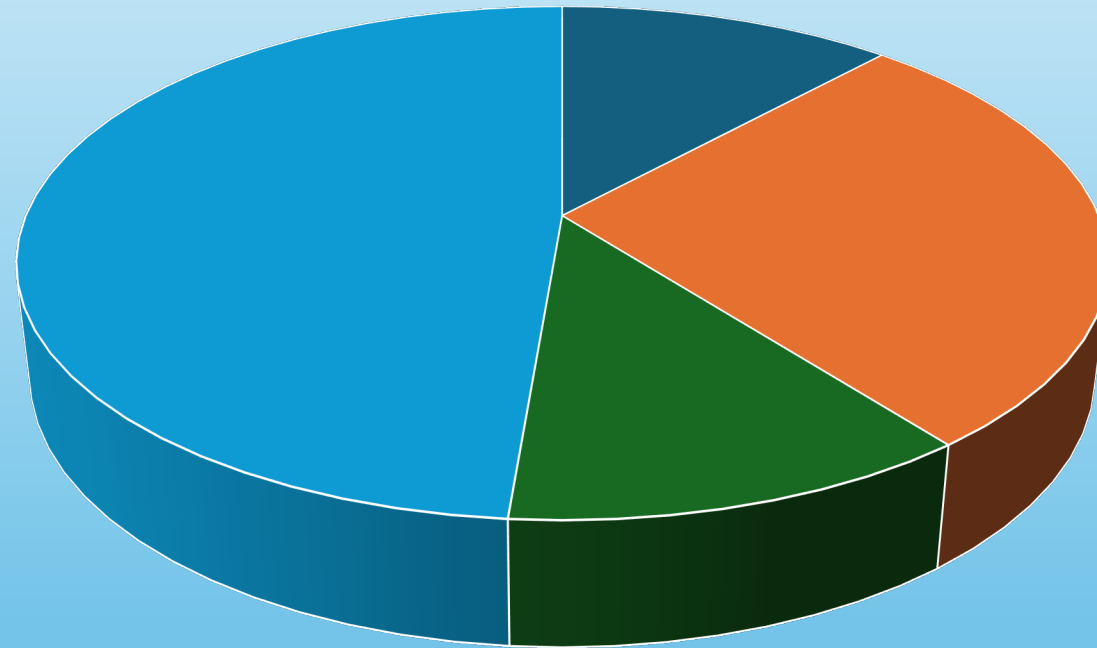
Change in Supper Crabber Activity

Increase

No Change

Decrease

Unaware

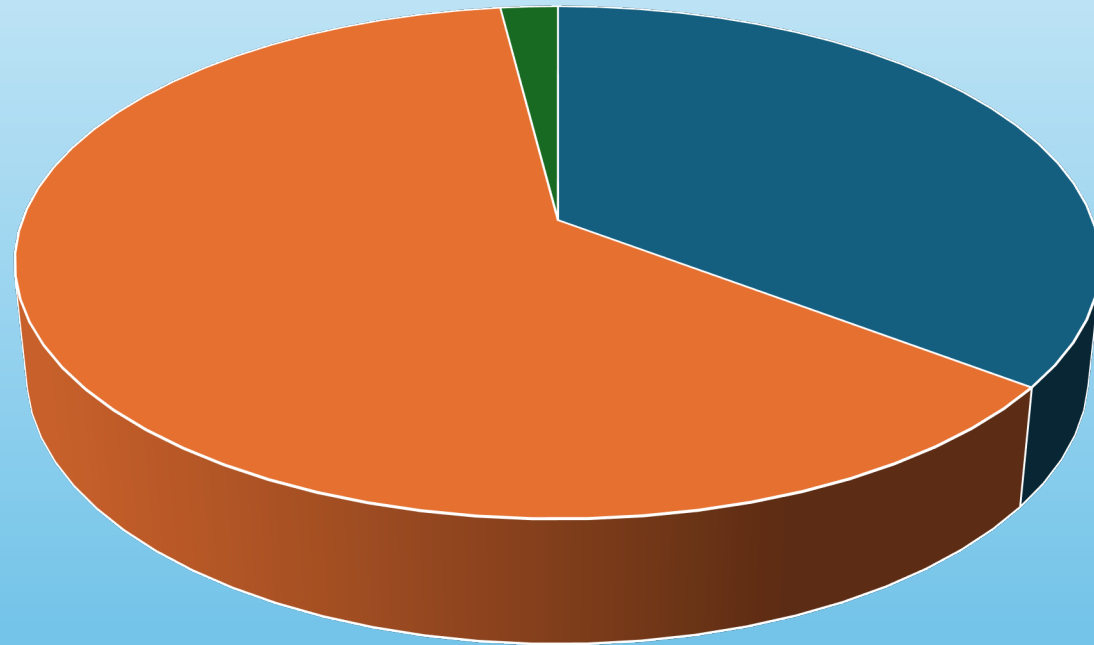


Change in Effort

Increased

No Change

Decreased



Should Interim Measures Continue?

Stop 12.23%

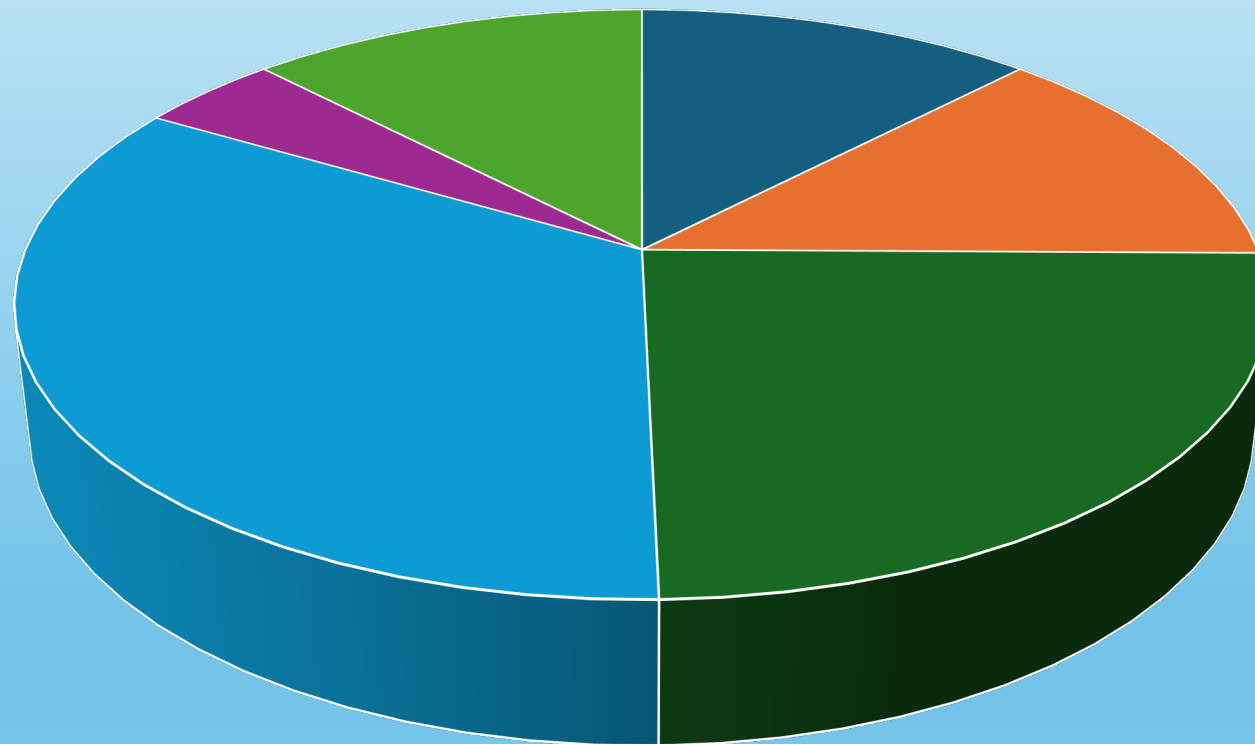
Keep 12.95%

Build 24.46%

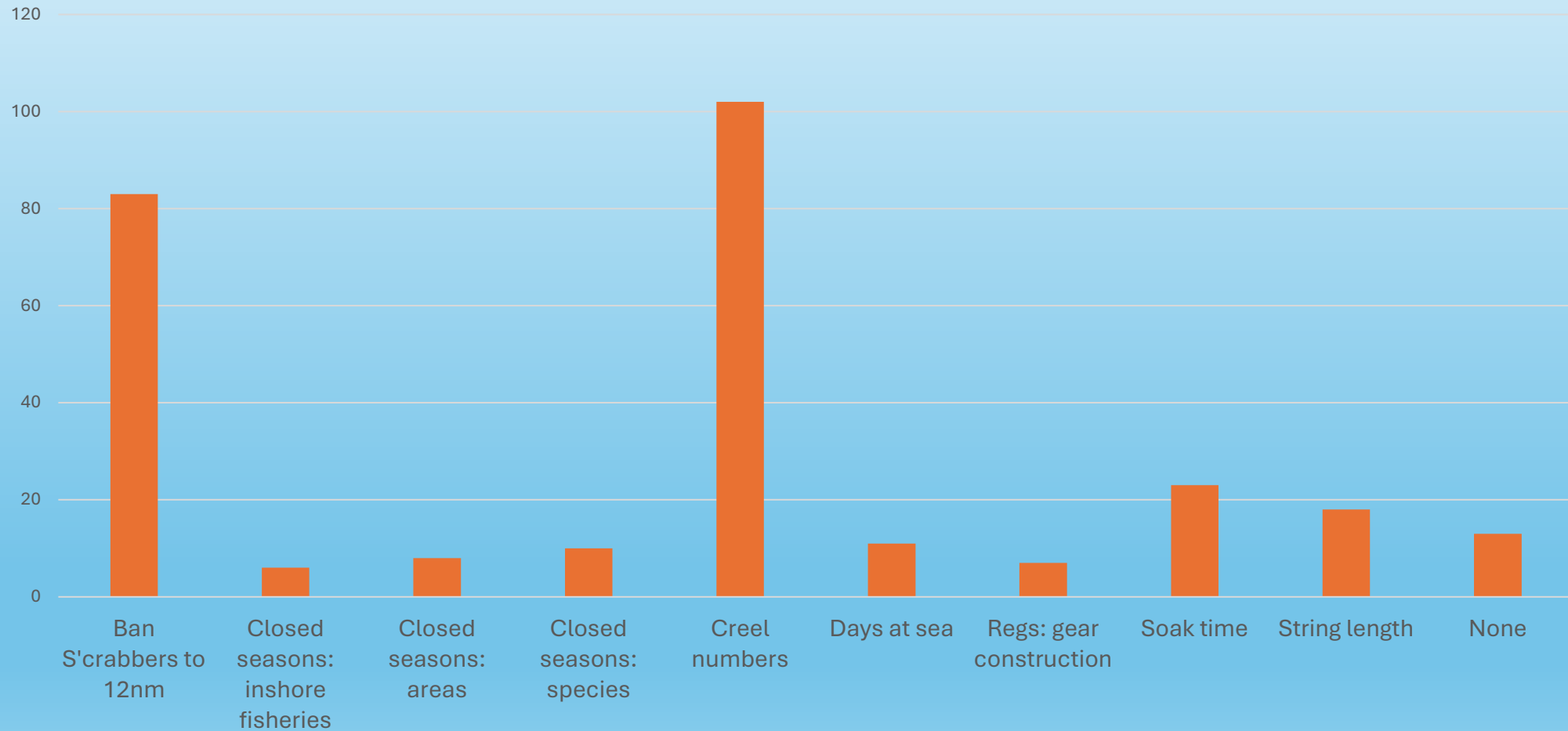
Rethink 33.81%

No Opinion 4.32%

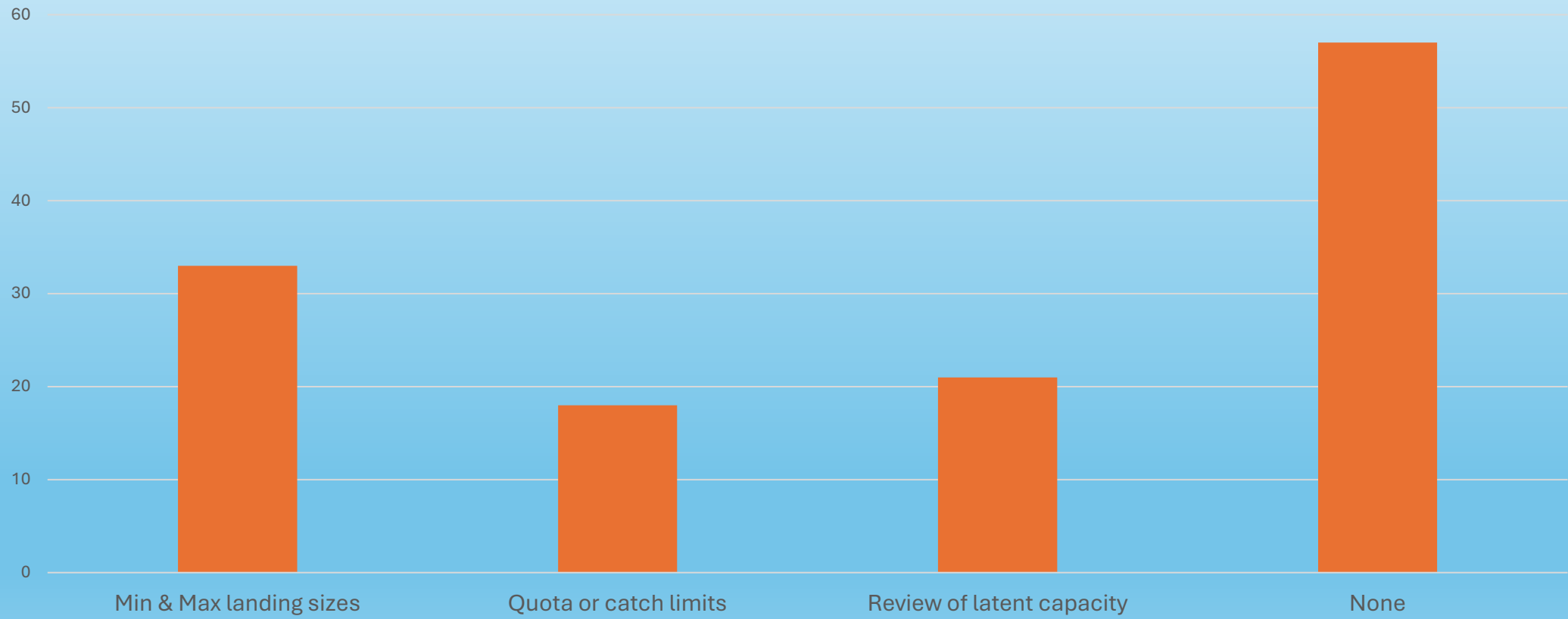
Other 12.23%



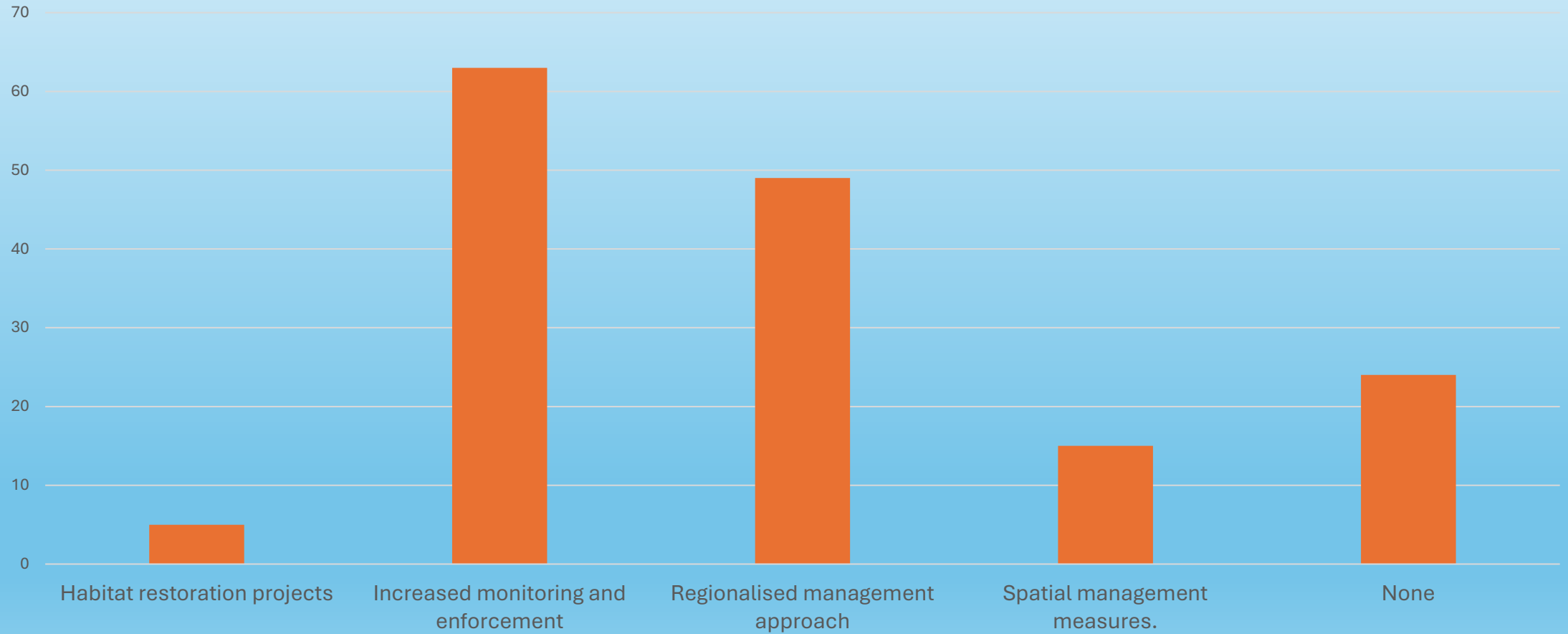
Input Controls



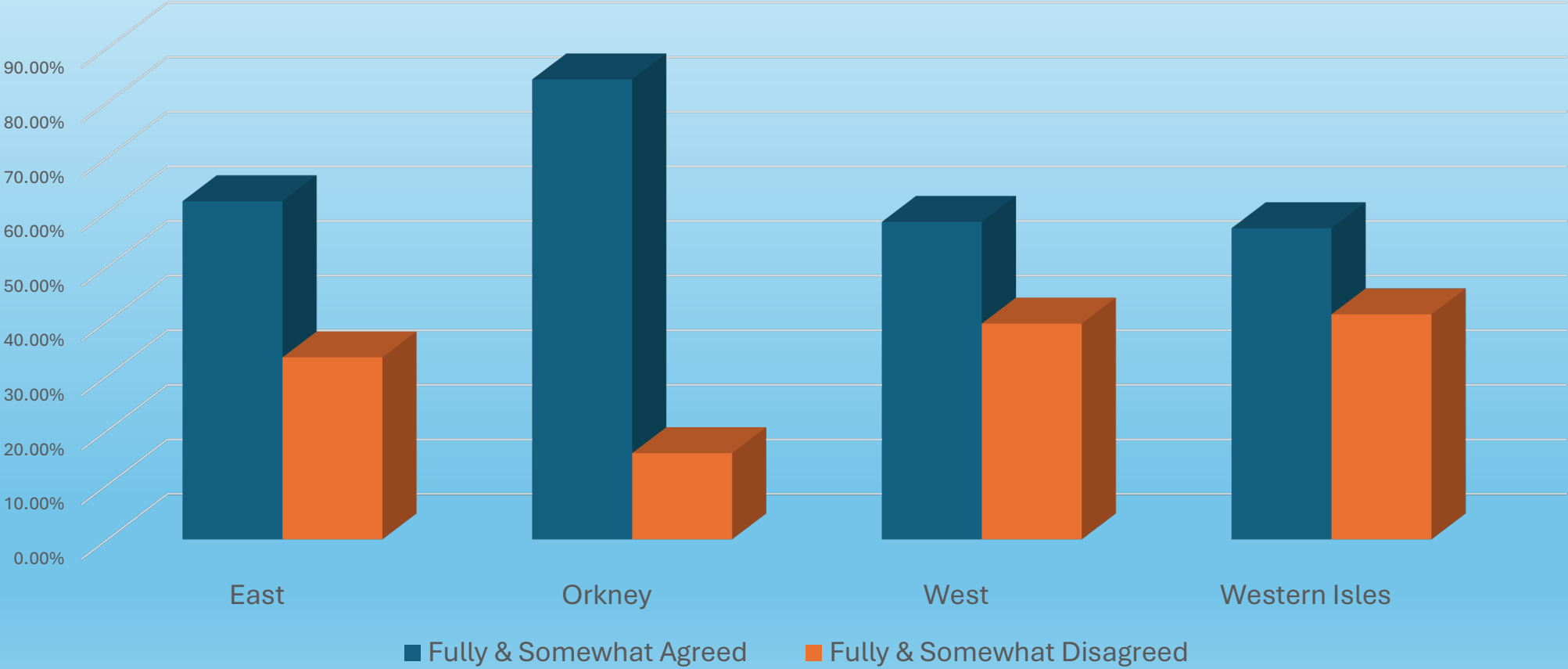
Output Controls



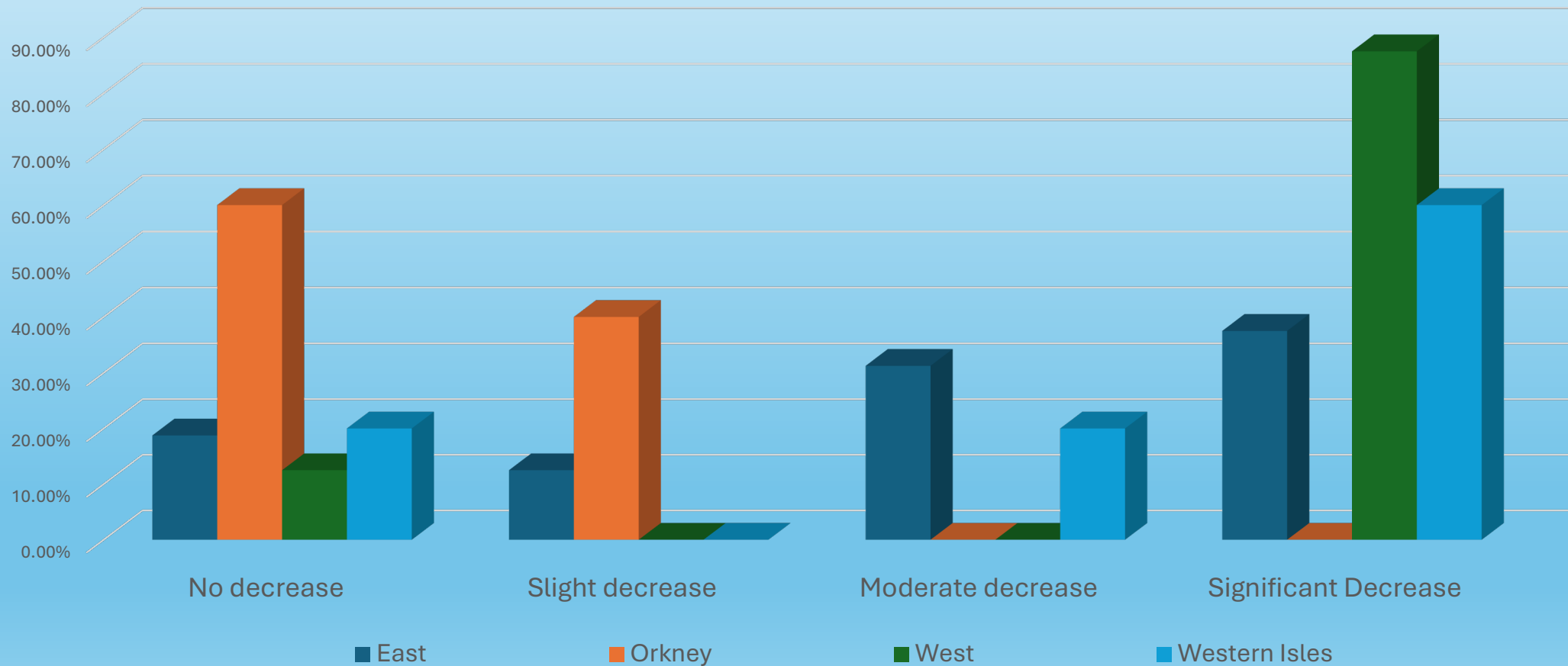
Technical Controls



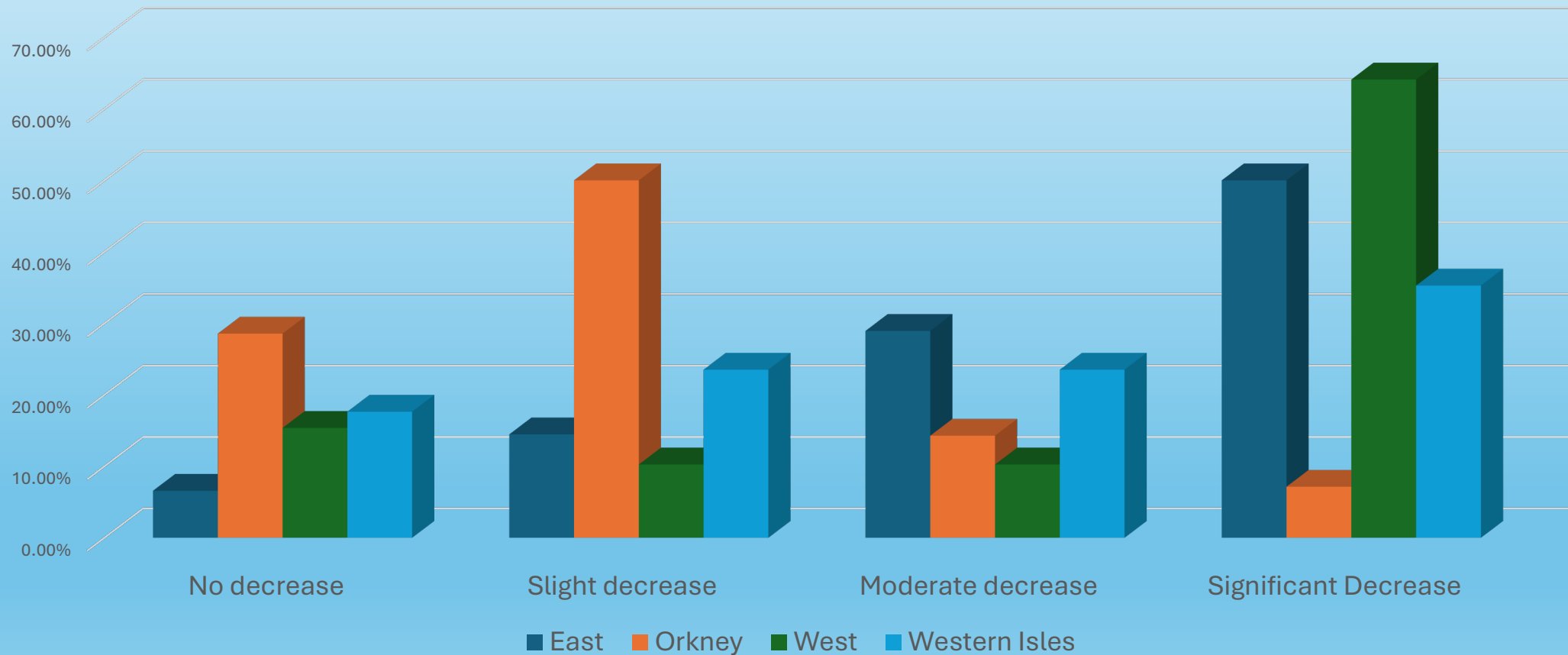
Agreement with interim measures



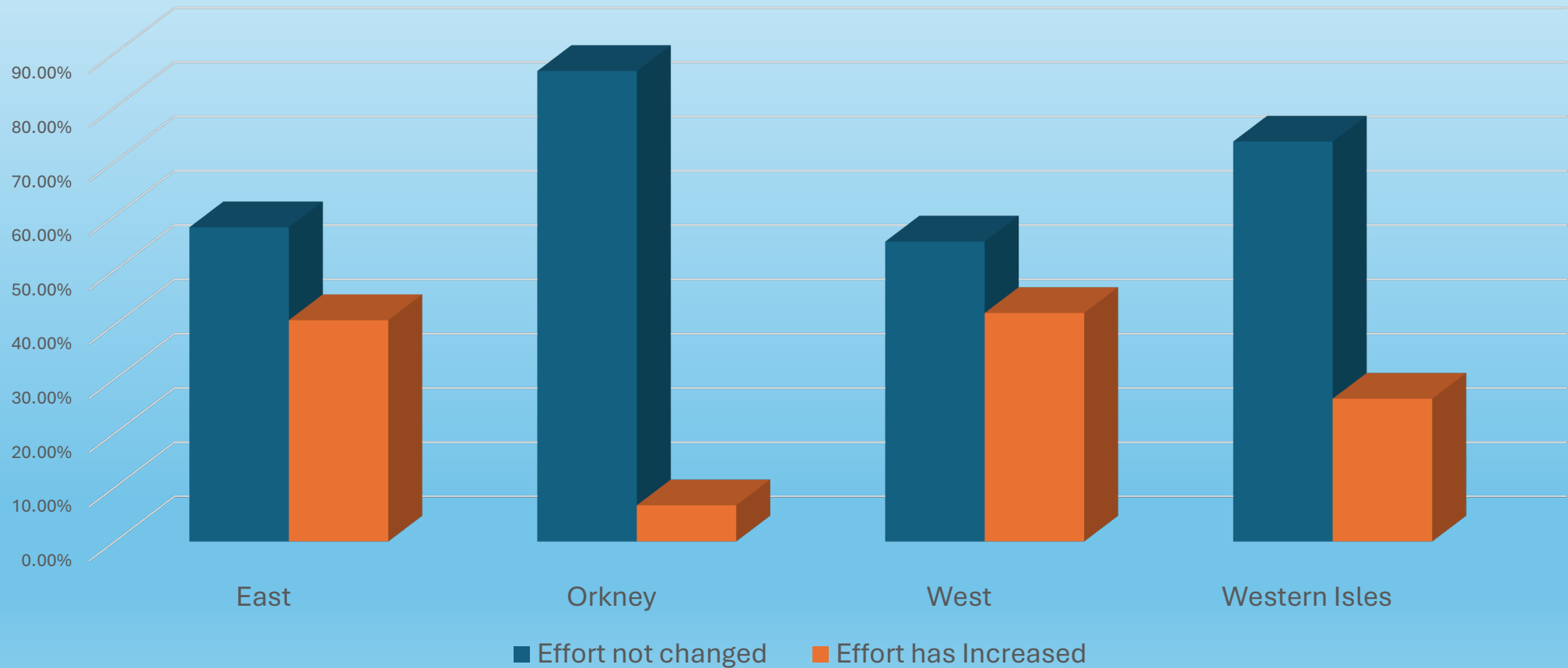
Lobster Landings



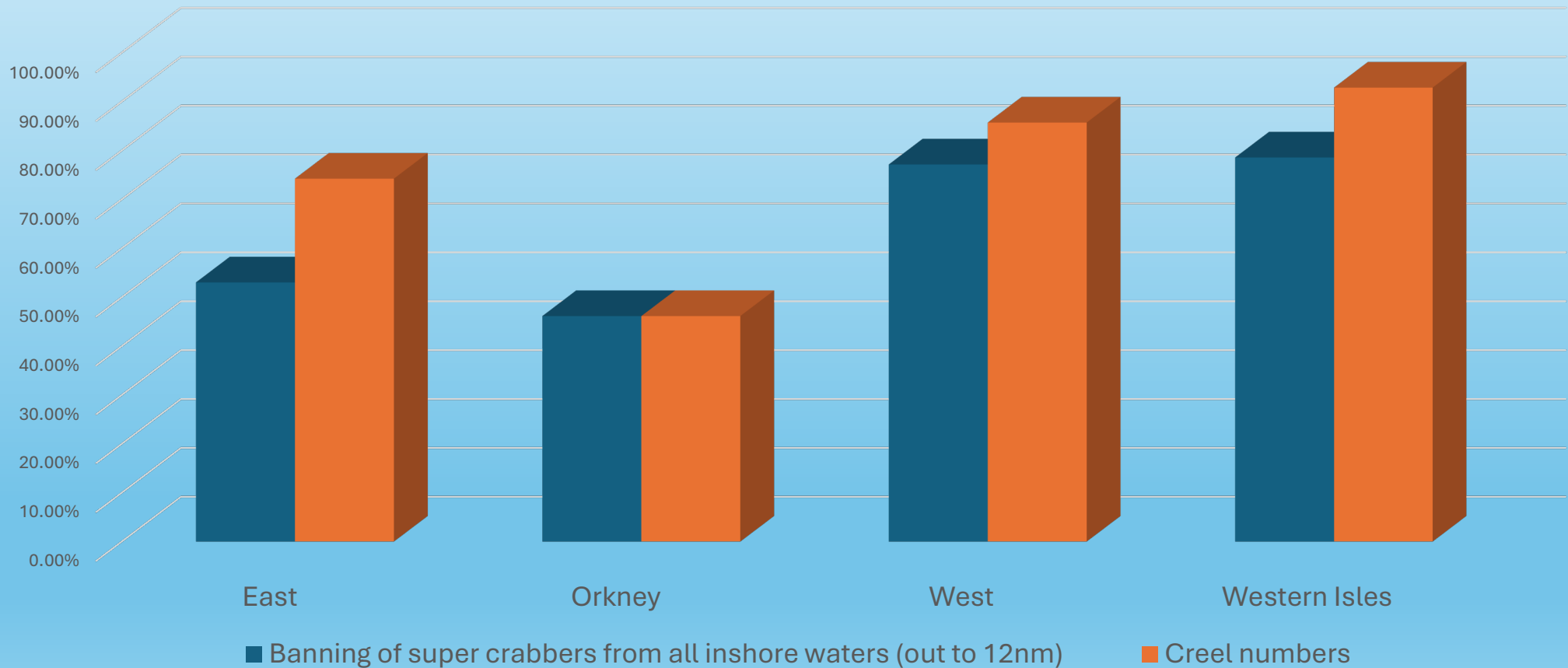
Crab & Lobster Landings



Change in effort



Future input controls?



Future technical controls?



Emerging Themes

There is a strong regional difference

Ban on super crabbers within 12nm

Restriction on creel numbers

No real appetite for output controls

Increased monitoring and enforcement

Regional management approach



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