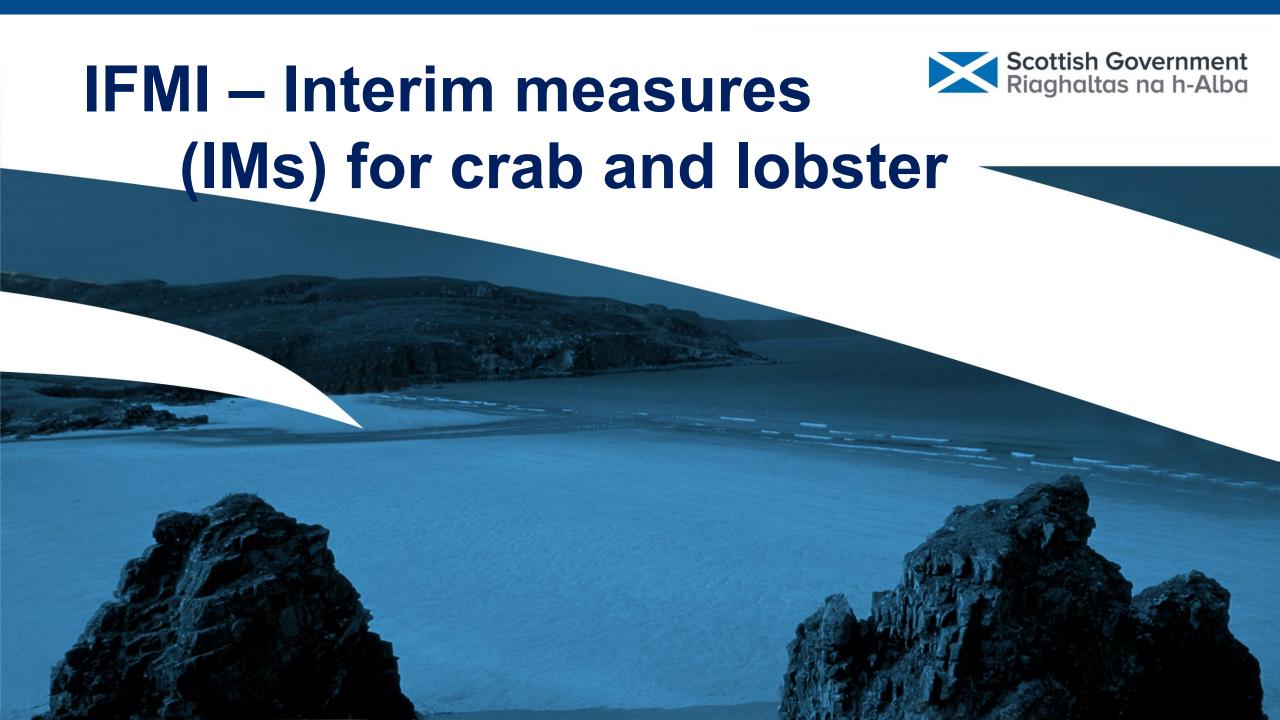
FMAC Inshore



- Commercial Fishing Industry







IFMI – Interim Measures – Overview

- Initially implemented in May 2024
- Reviewed from May 2024 April 2025
- Updated scientific advice
- Reinstated with changes from May 2025
- The Solway Trial
- Emerging themes



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



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
- 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
- Vessels falling into this category will be notified by Marine Directorate

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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

'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.



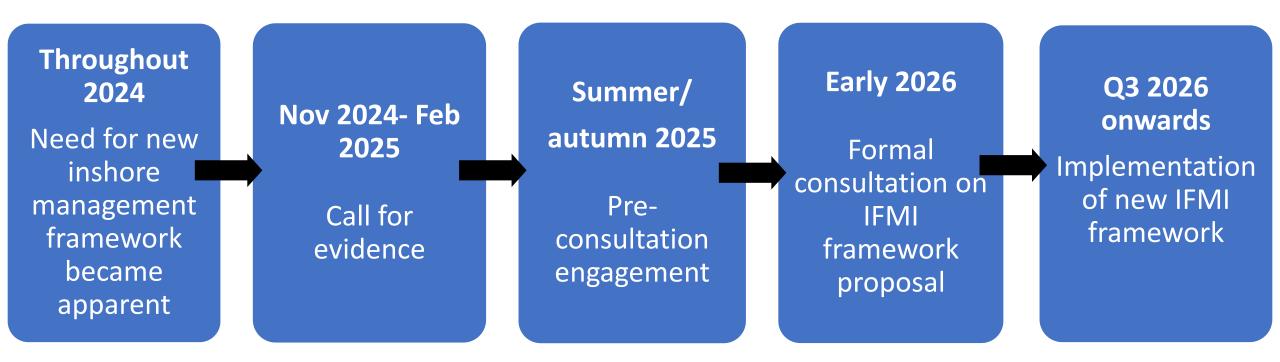


IFMI – Framework





IFMI – Framework – Overview



Significant interest in policy

- RAI session on 05 February 2025
- Excellent response to call for evidence
- Has potential to help us meet a wide range of commitments/aspirations



IFMI – Call for evidence (CfE)

- 100 responses from 52 individuals and 48 organisations
- Questions sought input on four key themes:
 - Current inshore fisheries management
 - What does success look like?
 - Regional management
 - Governance and co-management



IFMI – CfE – Main messages

Current inshore management

- Asked what works well and what doesn't work well with current framework
- Voluminous responses!
- Some themes appeared in both "works well" and "doesn't work well", usually with some nuance.



CfE – Main messages

What does success look like?

- We asked about successful management with regards to environmental, social and economic outcomes.
- Responses to different outcomes were often linked due to interdependencies
 - Economic outcomes Increased sustainability and viability.
 - Environmental outcomes Wider ecosystem benefits.
 - Social outcomes Feed back to supporting local community and ecosystem.



CfE – Main messages

Regional management

- Asked about regionality; whether you were supportive of this approach; what regions might be most appropriate; and what we should be mindful of if transitioning to a regional approach
 - 76% favour regional approach
 - 20/54 respondents (37%) favoured SMRs



CfE – Main messages

Governance and co-management

- Asked who should be involved and how, and what checks should be in place to ensure transparency/ fairness/ accountability.
- Some polarised views regarding co-management
- Will consider appropriate checks and balances to support effective governance & accountability.
- Must ensure it complements existing structures.



IFMI Framework – What comes next?

Reviewing evidence & building framework

- Responses to call for evidence & analysis report
- Evidence linked within call for evidence
- MAU literature review
- Wider sources as appropriate



Framework – What comes next?

Engagement

- Engagement with subject matter specialists to help inform nuances of policy.
- Engagement with Cabinet Secretary to inform direction of policy development.
- Consultation early 2026.