

# HOLDERNESS COAST FLAG

## HOLDERNESS COAST FISHERIES LOCAL ACTION GROUP

### NEWSLETTER NUMBER SIX

**Welcome to the sixth newsletter of the Holderness Coast Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG)**

#### **Additional European Fisheries Funds Awarded**

Following a review of England's Fisheries Local Action Groups by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) we are pleased to announce that an additional £250,000 has been allocated to the Holderness Coast FLAG, bringing the total allocation for this area to £1.4 million. Of this, £1.1m has already been committed.

#### **European Fisheries Fund deadline extended**

The MMO have also announced that European Fisheries Fund grant applications (including applications to FLAGs) can continue to be submitted until 30 June 2014. In a recent press release, the MMO have said:

"The EFF has already made a positive difference to the UK fisheries sector with over £90 million of European funding being committed to projects and fisheries local action groups since the start of the scheme.

"The continuation of EFF into 2014 will give applicants a chance to access European funding between now and the start of the successor scheme, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), the details of which are still being agreed.

"EFF funding remains available for a range of projects including fishing vessel improvements, aquaculture, fish processing and port and harbour regeneration.

"There will be individuals and businesses in the UK fisheries sector that have good project proposals and can utilise the EFF funding available to help them turn their ideas into a reality. We would urge all potential applicants to contact their EFF teams in the first instance to provide guidance on funding options and the applications process. Although funding is still available under all strands of the scheme I would recommend that applicants don't delay in applying."

**Applicants should note that the end date of 31 December 2015, by which time all projects must be completed, remains unchanged.**





### **Fisheries & Coastal Business Adviser**

Andrew Wheeler was appointed to the post of Fisheries & Coastal Business Advisor at the beginning of August 2013.

He has spent his first few months in post actively introducing himself and promoting the role, ensuring individuals involved in the fisheries sector are aware of the Fisheries Local Action Group and how they can benefit from funding and current activity. Initial contact has been made with 40 businesses, with 12 businesses becoming fully engaged through a programme of formal meetings and site visits. To date, 3 businesses have been identified with whom Andrew will work with to improve effectiveness and performance. 1 business is looking to diversify to pesca- tourism and another has successfully applied to the FLAG Board with an application to progress a new business start-up.

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**Help is available to develop proposals and submit applications**

**For an Expression of Interest form, initially consult Ray Williamson on 01482 391709, James Wood on 07795 047157 or Susan Denness on 01482 391647 who will be able to advise you on the eligibility of your project and provide advice on the application process**

## PROJECT FOCUS

### Holderness Sea Fishing Apprenticeship Scheme

The three apprentices enrolled during February completed all 10 weeks of class based training, and passed their mandatory basic safety courses and 11 multi-choice exam papers successfully. All three passed their Functional Skills in Maths and English.

These three apprentices returned to Bridlington in May. The apprentices are working very well on local vessels and the company receives excellent reports of their sea duty training and progress.



Three further applicants will be enrolled during July this year, two from Bridlington and one from the Withernsea area.

The Whitby based Development Manager has further visited Bridlington and skippers/crews in the Holderness area have indicated great interest and support for the scheme.

### Crab Meat Yield Sensor Feasibility Study

The objective is to be able to determine, with a good level of accuracy, whether a freshly caught crab has an acceptable meat yield and if not it can be returned to the sea. If a successful method can be identified the key outcome would be that with an assured meat yield a higher price can be sought for the catch.

This project will attempt to establish a methodology to enable the grading of crabs according to likely meat yield. It is anticipated that, as a follow on to this feasibility study, a second application will be submitted for a project to implement and commercialise the findings of this work.



## The Chamber Bridlington & Yorkshire Coast Business Awards 2013 - Results

The Awards Ceremony was held at the Bridlington Spa on the 11 October 2013.

We are pleased to announce that the FLAG sponsored category for 'Fisheries Business of the Year, 2013' was won by the Holderness Fishing Industry Group.

The 'Judges Award for Innovation, 2013' was awarded to Whitby & District Fishing Industry Training School.

**Congratulations to you both!**



**MORE PROJECTS ARE WELCOME AT THIS TIME –  
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