

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Fisheries and Coastal Communities

Date Group Established (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

6 June 2023

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

18 June 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

7 July 2025

Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

5 June 2024

Group Meetings and Activities

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

2 October 2024 – the CPG heard from the acting-cabinet secretary Gillian Martin on the Scottish Government’s consultation to reform marine spatial planning. The CPG also agreed for non-MSP members to be involved in a research project being conducted by the University of Aberdeen, looking at the legal and policy landscape of Scotland’s marine environment..

4 February 2025 – The CPG had a presentation from Vivian Bjånesø Horgen, rector of Hordaland fylkeskommune/Austevoll vidaregåande skule, on the role of the school in Norway in developing the next generation of fisheries workers, as well as wider maritime skills and expertise.

The CPG then heard from Thomas Bajada MEP, who gave an update on the European Parliament’s role in the Trade Cooperation Agreement renegotiations between the EU and the UK and how this impacts the fisheries sector.

The CPG then had an update from Dr Mitchell Lennan of the University of Aberdeen on the CPG research project discussed at the previous meeting – with an extra curricular research event planned for non-MSP members.

6 June 2024 – the CPG held its AGM, with Karen Adam MSP confirmed as convener, Beatrice Wishart MSP as deputy convener, and Lee Robb confirmed as secretariat.

MSP Members of The Group

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Karen Adam MSP – Scottish National Party (SNP)

Beatrice Wishart MSP – Scottish Liberal Democrats

Ariane Burgess MSP – Scottish Green

Katy Clark MSP – Scottish Labour

Tim Eagle MSP – Scottish Conservative and Unionist

Jamie Greene MSP – Scottish Liberal Democrats

Rachael Hamilton MSP – Scottish Conservative and Unionist

Audrey Nicoll MSP – Scottish National Party (SNP)

Non-MSP Members of The Group

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals	<p>Dr Mitchell Lennan – University of Aberdeen</p> <p>Alan Crockhart</p> <p>Cllr Sonya Warren – Moray Council</p> <p>Paula Duffy – University of Aberdeen</p>
Organisations	<p>3x1</p> <p>Fishmongers' Company</p> <p>Scottish Fishermen's Federation</p> <p>Loch Long Salmon</p> <p>Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust</p> <p>Salamander Offshore Windfarm</p> <p>SSE Renewables</p> <p>Peterhead Port Authority</p> <p>Scottish Renewables</p> <p>Communities Inshore Fisheries Trust</p> <p>North East Scotland Fisheries Development Partnership</p> <p>Fauna and Flora</p> <p>Fife Coast and Countryside Trust</p> <p>Scottish Creel Fishermen's Federation</p> <p>Muir Mhor Offshore Windfarm</p> <p>Open Seas</p> <p>Maritime and Coastguard Agency</p> <p>Clyde Fishermen's Association</p> <p>Howell Marine Consulting</p> <p>National Trust for Scotland</p> <p>Scottish Seafood Association</p> <p>Fraserburgh Harbour</p> <p>Coastal Communities Network Coordinator</p>

	Young Sea Changers Scotland Scottish Wildlife Trust
Group Office Bearers Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.	
Convener	Karen Adam MSP
Deputy Convener	Beatrice Wishart MSP
Secretary	Lee Robb – 3x1
Treasurer	None
Financial Benefits or Other Benefits Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.	
Secretariat support has been provided by 3x1 agency between July 2024 and July 2025. This has been funded by a grant of £12,500 from the Fishmongers' Company's Fisheries Charitable Trust (SC042845). The University of Aberdeen is conducting a research project in cooperation with the CPG. This is being funded by a grant of £5,000 from the Fishmongers' Company's Fisheries Charitable Trust (SC042845). This grant covers the cost of conducting the	

research and producing a peer-reviewed report, as well as reimbursing CPG non-MSP members, who attended a research event on 17 April at the University of Aberdeen, for travel costs – as well as covering lunch catering, and accommodation costs.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT
(Please tick all boxes that apply)

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on Fisheries and Coastal Communities, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	x
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Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	x
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Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	x
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Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	x
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Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	x
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Provided minutes of all meetings	x
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Signed	Karen Adam
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