## Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Please read Section 6 of the Code of Conduct before completing this form.

| **Name of Cross-Party Group** |
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| Cross-Party Group on Fisheries and Coastal Communities |
| **Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics**<br>1. Please state the purpose of the Group.<br>**To provide a space for Members to discuss with key stakeholders on priority issues facing Scotland's marine scape, fishing industry, and coastal communities**<br>2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.<br>**To give key stakeholders (fisheries and other marine industries, as well as community groups) a space to share experiences, concerns and opportunities facing related industries and communities with Members of the Scottish Parliament, as well as to provide a medium for government and other key decision-makers to communicate with these key stakeholders.**<br>3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.<br>**There is no known overlap with any existing CPG.**<br>4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.<br>**Costs and other pressures on the fishing industry; the impact of development of other marine-based industries in Scottish seas; the impact of decisions and activity on coastal communities.** |
| **MSP Members of the Group**<br>Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group. In doing so please note: |

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- Section 6 of the Code of Conduct requires there be 5 members from the parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The SPPA Committee agreed a waiver for this session that requires 5 MSP members from 5 parties represented on the Bureau;
- MSPs can be on no more than 10 CPGs of which fulfil no more than 3 office-bearer positions;
- If the group fails to comply with MSP membership requirements, the Convener must ensure this is resolved within 90 days.

| **MSP** | **Party** |
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| Karen Adam | SNP |
| Andrew Baxter | Liberal Democrat |
| Paul McLennan | SNP |
| Helen McDade | Reform UK |
| Lloyd Melville | SNP |
| James Adams | Conservative |
| Donald MacKinnon | Labour |
| Max Bannerman | Reform UK |
| Ariane Burgess | Scottish Green |
| Finlay Carson | Conservative |
| Tim Eagle | Conservative |

**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.

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| Individuals | Dr Mitchell Lennan<br>Robert Younger<br>Cllr Sonya Warren |
| Organisations | Fishmongers' Company<br>Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust<br>Scottish Fishermen's Federation |

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| | SSE Renewables<br>Peterhead Port Authority<br>Scottish Renewables<br>Communities Inshore Fisheries Trust<br>Noth East Scotland Fisheries Development Partnership<br>Mindfully Wired<br>Open Seas<br>Howell Marine Consulting<br>National Trust for Scotland<br>Coastal Communities Network Coordinator<br>Scottish Seafood Association<br>Fraserburgh Harbour<br>West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group<br>North West Coast RFIG<br>Aurora Fishing<br>Capital Project Managers<br>Young Sea Changers Scotland<br>Scottish Environment Link<br>Community of Arran Seabed Trust |
| **Group Office Bearers**<br>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 | |

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more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Please note:

- No more than 3 named contacts per CPG - the Convener, the Secretary and one other individual who can provide information to the Standards Clerks about the activities of the Group. The Convener of a Group must confirm the name of this individual.

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| Convener | Karen Adam MSP |
| Deputy Convener | James Adams MSP |
| Secretary | Lee Robb (3x1) |
| Named Contact | Lee Robb |

**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.

The Fishmongers' Company Charitable Trust provided a grant of £9,750 to 3x1 agency to provide secretariat support to the CPG for August 2025 – March 2026.

The Fishmongers' Company Charitable Trust provided a grant of £10,000 to 3x1 agency to conduct a research project on the needs of the fishing industry and coastal communities, as part of a wider project to develop a National Fisheries Action Plan (coordinated by the APPG on Fisheries). This activity began in January 2026 and concluded in June 2026.

The Fishmongers' Company Charitable Trust has provided 3x1 agency with a grant of £14,000 to provide secretariat support to the CPG for July 2026 – June 2027.

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| **Subscription Charged by the Group**<br>Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used. |
| N/A |
| **Statement on Compliance with the Code of Conduct. Must be read and signed by the Convener.** |
| Please read the following:<br>• The Convener of a Group is primarily responsible for ensuring that the Group complies with the Code of Conduct;<br>• The Convener is solely responsible for providing Standards Clerks with:<br>  ○ The names of new MSP members of the CPG and changes to office-bearers;<br>  ○ Named contact details;<br>  ○ The registration form;<br>  ○ All minutes of meetings within 30 days of the meeting being held; **(Substantially verbatim minutes will not be accepted and will be returned)**<br>  ○ The AGM return (to be submitted within 30 days of the AGM to be held within 11 – 13 months of the initial meeting).<br>• Groups are required to have five MSPs from five of the parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau;<br>• CPGs must hold at least two formal meetings per year (not on the same day), where two MSPs members of the Group are present;<br>• CPGs must provide Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings;<br>• If a CPG meeting is cancelled or rearranged, notification must be provided to the Standards clerks by no later than the day after the meeting was originally scheduled to take place; |

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- If a Group fails to comply fully with the Code for more than one year in a row, the Committee will withdraw recognition from that Group.

I declare that I have read the above and that the Cross-Party Group on Fisheries and Coastal Communities is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.
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<tr><td>Signed (Convener)</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Date</td><td></td></tr>
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