

## Fisheries Manifesto 2021

The SNP has a proud record of supporting Scotland's fishing industry while in government. We've worked hard to provide a sustainable future for our marine resources, protecting jobs and livelihoods by investing in businesses and coastal communities, and developing Scotland's blue economy.

**Scotland is getting the worst of all worlds – a hard Brexit we didn't vote for and an incredible betrayal of fishing industry with a swathe of Tory broken promises.**

It's hard to imagine a deal worse for Scotland's fishing sector than the Common Fisheries Policy – but that's exactly what the Tories have achieved. Just like in 1972, the Tory Government has once again sold out Scotland's fishing industry.

### **Brexit lifeline**

The SNP Scottish Government has stepped in to mitigate the worst impacts of Brexit.

We launched a £7.75 million package of support for fishermen and seafood businesses.

The package included £1.8 million for up to 20 ports and harbours that have lost income from landing fees due to Brexit disruption.

While the new Marine Fund for Scotland has opened for applications, in contrast, the UK Tories sit on a promised £100 million for the sector and refuse to give Scotland our fair share to meet our needs and priorities.

### **Regain markets and opportunities**

The SNP will continue to support our industry to recover from the Tories' Brexit betrayal and press for the £62

million of marine funding Scotland is entitled to, to be fully allocated to Scotland.

As a priority our fishing sectors need access to the EU single market without the UK Government's trade

***“Boris Johnson is just the latest Tory prime minister to betray Scotland's fishing industries. Time and time again the Tories prove they simply cannot be trusted.”***



barriers – an SNP government will do all we can to regain markets and opportunities for our fish and seafood sector.

That includes here at home – we want more Scots to “eat healthy, eat local”, and for retailers and the public sector to increase the Scottish produce they offer and provide.

We will deliver our framework to manage fisheries, balancing environmental, social and economic interests, adopting an ecosystems approach to fishing which follows the science. We will support local management of inshore fisheries, develop more sustainable fisheries pilots and increase inshore fishing opportunities.

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### A RECORD OF TORY BETRAYAL

### SIX DECADES OF SELL-OUT

1973	<b>Ted Heath</b> government calls fisheries “expendable” in European negotiations.
1983	<b>Margaret Thatcher</b> signs up to original Common Fisheries Policy and agrees quotas.
1994	<b>John Major</b> signs up to revised Common Fisheries Policy which saw scrapping of vessels.
2003	Tory MEP calls for Common Fisheries Policy to be enshrined in EU Treaties.
2018	<b>Theresa May</b> discriminates against Scottish fishermen in EU withdrawal agreement.
2020	<b>Boris Johnson</b> betrays Scotland’s fishing industry with disastrous Brexit deal.

### Protecting jobs and livelihoods

We will create an explicit economic link between catching and landing, incentivising the landing of more fish in Scotland creating more jobs and business opportunities onshore, especially in processing.

Through the blue economy action plan, we will seek to reduce harmful practices and consequences such as marine littering, marine plastics, pollution and reduce carbon emissions from marine activity – in particular, we will explore the potential for low carbon fishing vessels to be deployed on inshore waters.

At this election only the SNP can offer the experienced leadership and vision Scotland needs.

On May 6, vote to be heard. Let’s show the Tories that Scotland’s voice matters, and our votes will be heard.

**Both votes SNP.**

**POLLS OPEN**  
**THU 6 MAY**  
**7AM-10PM**



The SNP has a proud record of supporting Scotland’s fishing industry and is working tirelessly to mitigate the disastrous impact of Brexit on jobs and livelihoods.

Discover all the ways our SNP government is supporting the sector:  
**[www.snp.org/record](http://www.snp.org/record)**



The SNP has bold, ambitious plans to kickstart and drive recovery:

- Renew our NHS
- Create jobs
- Protect livelihoods
- Nurture our young

And after the Covid crisis is over, we will hold a second referendum on Scotland’s future.

An independent Scotland is key to securing our current and future fisheries interests.

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