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| **TITLE** | **Publication of the Joint Fisheries Statement** |
| **DATE** | **23 November 2022** |
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Members of the Senedd will wish to be aware that the UK Joint Fisheries Statement (JFS) has been jointly published today by all UK Administrations and can be found [here](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fjoint-fisheries-statement-0&data=05%7C01%7CHelen.Jones16%40gov.wales%7C5b24a8ca1a614f672e8b08dacbbb7f8b%7Ca2cc36c592804ae78887d06dab89216b%7C0%7C0%7C638046303887379595%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MFeWDsbWN185Bnmas8Pv14aY5ih5OLx1rsDcXcnBsnI%3D&reserved=0).

The JFS sets the direction for fisheries management in the UK over the coming years and forms a key part of the new [Fisheries Framework](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fisheries-management-and-support-provisional-common-framework).

The published statement recognises that a healthy marine environment underpins a healthy fishing sector and thriving coastal communities. It affirms our commitment to protecting and recovering stocks, as well as improving the health of the marine environment.

A formal response to the consultation on the draft JFS has been published in parallel. It complements the factual summary of responses to the consultation published on 1 July and can be found [here](https://gov.wales/joint-fisheries-statement).

As we turn our focus to delivering the policies and commitments set out in the JFS, we will continue to engage with stakeholders to share updates on progress, including the Fisheries Management Plan programme.