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| **TITLE**  | **Publication of the King Scallop and Seabass Fisheries Management Plans** |
| **DATE**  | **14 December 2023**  |
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Members of the Senedd will wish to be aware that the first joint England and Wales Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs) for King Scallop and Seabass have been published today and can be found here: [Joint Fisheries Statement and Fisheries Management Plans](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)

Publication of these FMPs by the end of 2023 was a commitment in the [Joint Fisheries Statement](https://www.gov.wales/joint-fisheries-statement-0) (JFS). Both these FMPs and the JFS form part of the new [Fisheries Framework](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fisheries-management-and-support-provisional-common-framework).

The plans will create a roadmap for the future management of the king scallop and seabass fisheries in Welsh waters. The purpose of the FMPs is to manage fishing activity within sustainable limits, setting out the policies and measures required to reach and maintain our goal of sustainable king scallop and seabass fisheries for future generations.

Following consultation on both draft FMPs, formal Summary of Responses and Government Responses have been published in parallel:

The King Scallop SoR can be found here: [King Scallop Fisheries Management Plan](https://www.gov.wales/king-scallop-fisheries-management-plan)

The Seabass SoR can be found here: [Bass Fisheries Management Plan](https://www.gov.wales/bass-fisheries-management-plan)

As we turn our focus to delivering the policies and commitments set out in these FMPs, we will continue to engage with stakeholders in the process.