

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee
Wednesday 5 February 2025
5th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

Inshore Fisheries Management Improvement Programme – evidence session with Marine Directorate officials

1. On 5 February, the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee will take evidence from Scottish Government officials on the Marine Directorate's Inshore Fisheries Management Improvement (IFMI) Programme.
2. [On 26 November 2024, the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands notified the Committee about the Scottish Government's intention to launch a 10-week call for evidence as part of its IFMI Programme.](#)
3. [The consultation document accompanying the call for evidence](#) says submissions from respondents will help to inform the development of proposals for a new framework for inshore fisheries management which will be consulted on by the Scottish Government later this year. The Cabinet Secretary said the new framework "will enable us to tailor a range of fisheries management tools to the changing needs of our marine environment and fishers, based on the best available scientific data".
4. The purpose of this session is to consider the IFMI Programme objectives and how they relate to the key strands of the Committee's previous scrutiny of fisheries policy: funding, governance and science.

Clerks to the Committee
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