

## Cross-Party Group Registration Form

<b>Name of Cross-Party Group</b>
Cross-Party Group on Fisheries and Coastal Communities
<b>Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To discuss and highlight how fisheries and coastal communities contribute to the culture and economy of Scotland. To inform MSPs and the wider Scottish Parliament about issues, policies and policymaking relating to fisheries and coastal communities in Scotland. To contribute to the development and promotion of fisheries and coastal communities in Scotland. To seek solutions for long-term strategic issues facing fisheries and coastal communities. To welcome contributions from the stakeholders of the blue economy and coastal communities and learn how the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government can better support fisheries and coastal communities.</li><li>2. Fishing has significant economic and cultural value in Scotland. The fishing sector contributes hundreds of millions of pounds of Gross Value Added to the Scottish economy and seafood is one of Scotland's largest exports. Climate change is affecting fish ecology and fish distribution of commercially important species. The Scottish Government's efforts to address the impacts on climate change will likely have an impact on fisheries and the coastal communities that depend on the blue economy.</li><li>3. The Cross-Party Group on Maritime and Shipbuilding may overlap with the Cross-Party Group on Fisheries and Coastal Communities insofar as both aim to discuss and highlight how certain industries which are predominantly coastal in nature contribute to the Scottish economy and public life, but the former does not specifically address fisheries which is a distinct sector.</li><li>4. In the forthcoming twelve months, the Cross-Party Group on Fisheries and Coastal Communities anticipates discussing topics such as the impact of treaties, protocols, proposals and reserved and devolved legislation on fisheries. The Cross-Party Group on Fisheries and Coastal Communities expects to focus primarily on Highly Protected Marine Areas (HPMAs) and the so-called 'spatial squeeze' in the coming months.</li></ol>

**MSP Members of the Group**

Karen Adam MSP (Scottish National Party)

Beatrice Wishart MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Jamie Green MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Ariane Burgess MSP (Scottish Greens)

Alasdair Allan MSP (Scottish National Party)

Katy Clark MSP (Scottish Labour)

**Non-MSP Members of the Group**

Individuals

Allan Crockart

Organisations

Fishmongers' Company

Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust

Scottish Fishermen's Federation

Salamander Offshore Wind Farm

SSE Renewables

Peterhead Port Authority

Scottish Renewables

Communities Inshore Fisheries Trust

**Group Office Bearers**

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

Convener

Karen Adam MSP

Deputy  
Convener

Beatrice Wishart MSP

Secretary

N/A

Treasurer	N/A
<b>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</b>	
The Group anticipates secretariat support from Pagoda, financed by the Fishermonger's Company. At this stage, discussions are underway.	
<b>Subscription Charged by the Group</b>	
N/A	
<b>Convener Contact Details</b>	
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**Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct**

Please read the following:

- The Convener of a Group is primarily responsible for ensuring that the Group complies with the Code;
- Groups are required to have five MSPs from the majority of parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau;
- CPGs must hold at least two formal meetings per year, a formal meeting is a meeting where two MSPs, who are members of the Group, are present at the meeting
- CPGs must provide Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings;
- CPGs must provide minutes of all meetings;
- CPGs must hold an AGM, within 11-13 months of the initial meeting, and each 11-13 months thereafter and
- CPGs must submit an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM.

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.

Signed

*Karen Adam MSP*

Date

Wednesday 7th June 2023