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FISH INTEL project seeks local information on bass and pollack

University of Plymouth's FISH INTEL team is looking to engage with local fishers with knowledge of bass and pollack. Can you help the FISH INTEL team by contributing to an interview?


FISH INTEL Project
FISH INTEL is a cross-border project led by the University of Plymouth (UoP) which is investigating the importance of inshore and offshore habitats to a variety of fish species across the English Channel. The UoP team will be acoustic tagging bass and pollack between Plymouth and Lyme Bay this year to detect their movement between essential fish habitats.

What is involved?
The team are running stakeholder interviews to collect local ecological knowledge and background information from local fishers. The team are particularly interested to hear from fishers from Plymouth and the wider south Devon area.

Local knowledge is important and can help highlight how fishing practices and abundances have changed over time. We are also keen to identify any additional benefits of fishing for these species including cultural importance and health & wellbeing.

The project will also give you the opportunity to contribute to future fisheries management.

Key topics which will be covered:

- Habitat mapping
- Fishing practices
- Cultural importance
- Health & wellbeing
- Future management

What will the information be used for?
The information gathered through the interviews will be used in connection with the fish tracking data to help identify essential fish habitats and inform the future management plans. Data will also be shared with D&S IFCA and will feed into Fisheries Research and Management Plans. These Plans incorporate local knowledge and other evidence to make research and management recommendations that are informed by stakeholder priorities.

How to participate
If you are interested in participating in a workshop / interview, please contact Dr Alice Hall alice.hall@plymouth.ac.uk before **Monday 11th April 2022**.

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