

## Devon and Severn IFCA News

### Invitation for Commercial Fishermen to Join Workshop in Brixham

**The workshop is to help understand the social and cultural benefits of commercial fisheries for making decisions/developing policy.**

Researchers from the University of Gloucestershire have contacted D&S IFCA about some key work they are carrying out on behalf of the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). D&S IFCA is helping to inform fishermen about a workshop being held in Brixham on Tuesday 16th January 2024.

The advisory and consultancy company, ICF, and the Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI) at the University of Gloucestershire are carrying out research on behalf of the looking at demonstrating the social and cultural value of commercial fisheries.



The project aims to identify the range of social/cultural benefits resulting from small-scale, local, fisheries (for individual fishers, their families, and wider communities), and understand the barriers towards their realisation. This knowledge will assist the MMO in making more innovative management decisions to support fisheries in the future. The research provides a real opportunity to get involved in work that aims to make a difference to communities. Brixham has been chosen as a case study area.

As part of the project, the research team are holding a workshop in Brixham with members of the commercial fishing industry in the area and (up to) one family member. They would greatly appreciate your involvement by attending the workshop in January. The details of when and where are below.

Information is also given on how to register your attendance and contact details if you would like to talk to a member of the research team directly. Please do register your interest as soon as you can as spaces are limited. The workshop will involve a short presentation from the research team, followed by some tasks and discussion based on your experiences on the social and cultural values associated with commercial fishing. Please remember that the researchers are also interested in the views of your family, so +1 family member is also welcome (aged 18+). Refreshments will be provided and up to £10 for travel.

- **Date:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- **Time:** 4.30pm – 7.30pm
- **Location:** Training Room at Brixham Trawler Agents, TQ5 8AW

**To register your attendance, please email the following information to Adam Fisher at [afisher9@glos.ac.uk](mailto:afisher9@glos.ac.uk) .**

This email address can also be used to contact Adam if you would like further information about the project. All those registering will be provided with a complete set of information and details on how the data will be treated closer to the time.

**Details to submit:**

**Your name:**

**Your family member's name (if attending):**

**Email address:**

**Contact telephone number (optional):**

**Dietary requirements / allergies:**

**Business name / vessel name and size:**

**Brief description of fishing activity (optional):**