



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

8/11/16

Dear ,

ATISN 10842 Marine Fisheries Management

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request received by the Welsh Government on 13 October. You sought information about Fisheries investigations and prosecutions as well as details of Fishery Patrol Vessel activity.

The information you requested is provided within the three attached appendices. Appendix 1 sets out completed Fisheries investigations. Appendix 2 sets out the ongoing investigations. All of these investigations have been brought about as a result of the work of Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers. We are unable to provide detail as regards the location of the infringements.

Also attached is Appendix 3 setting out the at sea activity of all of the Welsh Government Fisheries Patrol craft since 2010.

We have been unable to develop approximate costs for investigation and prosecution at this stage as the Welsh Government do not currently seek to recoup its officer time.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Marine and Fisheries
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Appendix 1

Welsh Government Marine and Fisheries Division

Finalised Fisheries Investigation

-	<u>Date of incident</u>	<u>Offence</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Fines</u>
1	11/03/2010	fishing in closed area	Prosecution	£1,000
2	16/03/2010	fishing in closed area	Prosecution	£6,137
3	12/04/2010	landing undersized scallops	Prosecution	£500
4	21/07/2010	Net offences	Prosecution	£16,200
5	01/08/2010	Net offences	Prosecution	£11,820
6	10/08/2010	Retaining U/S lobsters	Prosecution	£2,962
7	26/08/2010	Logbook offences	FAP	£2,000
8	Autumn 2010	Illegal Cackle gathering	Prosecution	£25,000
9	19/10/2010	Logbook offences	Prosecution	£18,230
10	24/11/2010	Scalloping in closed area	Prosecution	Not Proven
11	19/01/2011	Carriage of U/S scallops	Prosecution	£7,860
12	01/03/2011	Scalloping in closed area	Prosecution	£31,130
13	01/03/2011	Scalloping in closed area	Prosecution	£1,922
14	05/03/2011	Scalloping in closed area	Prosecution	£30,400
15	18/04/2011	Scalloping in closed area	Prosecution	£38,875
16	14/07/2011	Unlicensed fishing & retaining U/S lobsters	Prosecution	£3,315
17	16/11/2011	Logbook and Net offences	Prosecution	£7,400
18	14/01/2012	Scalloping in closed area	Prosecution	£6,745
19	01/03/2012	Illegal Scalloping	Prosecution	£22,404
20	Mar-2012	Scalloping in closed area	Prosecution	£54,000
21	28/05/2012	cockle poaching	Prosecution	£5,000
22	30/05/2012	Scalloping in closed area	Prosecution	£8,000
23	18/06/2012	Razor fishing with electricity	Prosecution	£4,362
24	11/04/2013	Fishing in a closed area	No Action	
25	12/04/2013	Fishing in a closed area	Written Warning	
26	02/05/2013	Undersized crabs	Written Warning	
27	10/07/2013	Fishing inside the 6 mile limit	Written Warning	
28	21/08/2013	Bass nursery and unlicensed fishing	Prosecution	£2,100
29	25/11/2013	Scalloping without a tracker	Prosecution	£41,542
30		Logbook offences / under recording	Written Warning	
31	02/12/2013	Scalloping in closed area	Prosecution	£6,073
32	15/02/2014	fishing in closed area	Prosecution	£8,815
33	11/03/2014	Scalloping without a tracker	Prosecution	£13,849
34	04/04/2014	Fishing in a closed area	Written Warning	
35	14/04/2014	Scalloping in closed area	Prosecution	£6,281

36	16/04/2014	Scalloping in closed area & illegal gear	Prosecution	£5,850
37	19/06/2014	Selling fish without a licence	Advisory Letter	
38	01/09/2014	Over Fishing	Written Warning	
39	15/10/2014	Selling fish without a licence	Written Warning	
40	05/11/2014	Failing to submit logsheets	Prosecution	£2,212
41	05/11/2014	Scalloping in closed area	Written Warning	
42	16/11/2014	Fishing in a closed area	Prosecution	£3,122
43	17/11/2014	Scalloping in closed area	Prosecution	£10,763
44	05/12/2014	Selling fish without a licence	No Action	
45	12/02/2015	Scalloping in closed area	Prosecution	£9,631
46	12/02/2015	Failure to submit logsheets	Written Warning	
47	17/03/2015	Misrecording in the Logbook	No Action	
48	09/04/2015	Scalloping in closed area	Prosecution	£21,100
49	15/04/2015	Excessive number of pots	Written Warning	
50	04/08/2015	Failure to submit Logsheets	Written Warning	
51	03/11/2015	Undersized scallops	Advisory Letter	
52	17/12/2015	Undersized scallops	Advisory Letter	

Welsh Government Marine and Fisheries Division**Ongoing Fisheries Investigations**

	Date of Offence	Offence
1.	2/12/13	Fishing scallops in closed area
2.	14/12/15	Illegal Scallop Fishing Within Welsh 6 Mile limit
3.	14/12/15	Illegal Scallop Fishing Within Welsh 6 Mile limit
4.	24/11/15	Fish for Scallops within Welsh 12 Mile limit
5.	24/11/15	Fish for Scallops within Welsh 12 Mile limit
6.	24/11/15	Fish for Scallops within Welsh 12 Mile limit
7.	15/12/15	Fishing for Scallops in a Prohibited area
8.	19/12/15	Fishing for Scallops in a Prohibited area
9.	5/1/16	Illegal Scallop Fishing Within Welsh 6 Mile limit
10.	5/1/16	Illegal Scallop Fishing Within Welsh 6 Mile limit
11.	11/1/16	Fish within 6 mile limit excess of 12m length limit
12.	23/5/16	Celtic Sea offences
13.	18/3/16	Fish for scallops without tracker unit
14.	15/5/16	Illegal removal of cockle from closed bed
15.	25/05/16	Landing u/s edible crab – 12%
16.	24/05/16	Vessel in excess of 150 VCU's
17.	01/06/16	Undersize Lobsters
18.	08/07/16	Fish with welsh 12m limit with excess of 221w power
19.	08/07/16	Fish for scallops inside 12nm with excess engine power
20.	08/07/16	Fish for scallops within welsh 12nm limit with excess engine power
21.	12/7/16	Fishing inside Welsh 6 mile limit (excess VCU's)
22.	20/07/16	Undersize Whelks
23.	20/07/16	Undersize Whelks
24.	11/6/16	Undersize lobsters, plus bylaw 41 offence
25.	5/8/16	Taken from the fishery more than 2 lobsters contrary to Byelaw 30 of the North Wales Inshore Fishery Legislation.
26.	1/9/16	Gathering cockles from a closed cockle bed.

Appendix 3

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Fisheries Patrol Vessel Data

	Cranogwen		Aegis		Merlin		Searider II		Fisheries Iolo		Fisheries Alpha	
	days	nm	days	nm	days	nm	days	nm	days	nm	days	nm
2010	40	2315	8	264	5	420					9	106
2011	65	3524	28	1226	10	509	2	124			39	402
2012	29	1828	17	715	1	125	3	166				
2013	32	1864	33	1325	10	864	9	416			7	170
2014	32	1888	25	950	16	1478	7	416	7	120	1	38
2015	17	1225	33	1171	18	936	8	412	1	5	13	530