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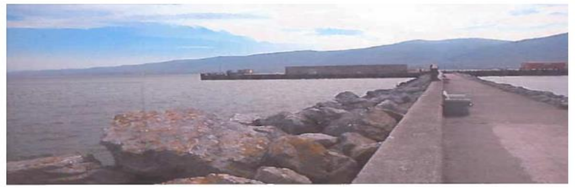

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Seafood Sector Task Force

In October, The Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue TD, received the final report of the Seafood Sector Task Force.

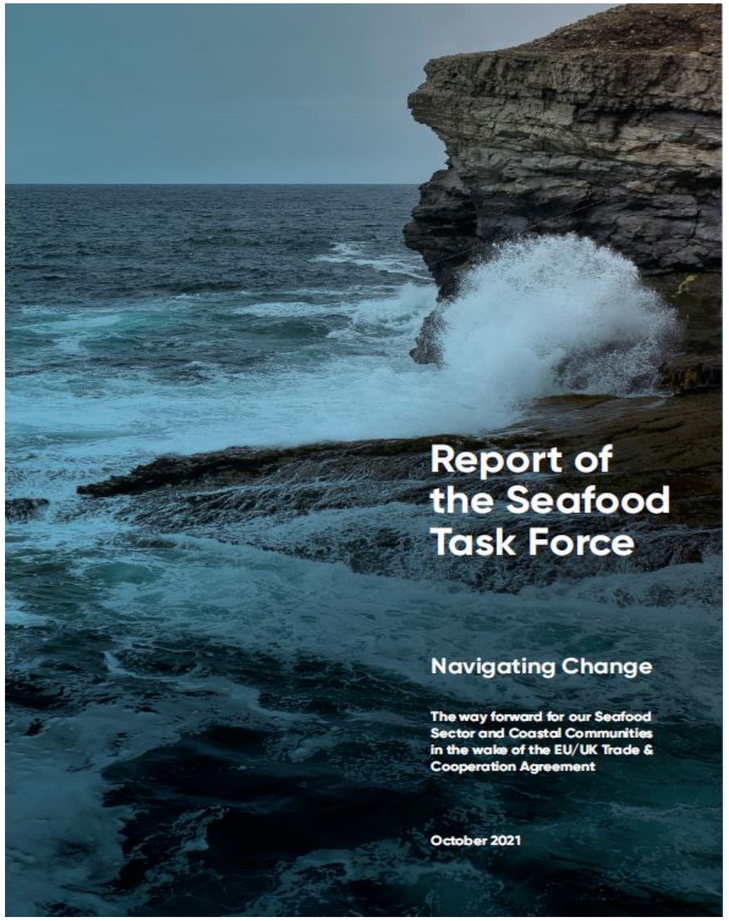
The Taskforce examined the impacts on the fishing sector and coastal communities of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom.

The Taskforce focused on immediate measures to mitigate the impacts of the fish quota share reductions arising from the EU/UK Trade & Cooperation Agreement (TCA) on the Irish Fishing industry and on the coastal communities that depend on fisheries.

This scheme delivers on one of the Task Force recommendations:

- infrastructure development can provide a platform for the development of new and diversified economic activity in our coastal communities

Link to full report https://bim.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Seafood_TaskForce_FinalReport_Oct_2021.pdf



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Expenditure under this scheme will be proposed for funding under the Brexit Adjustment Reserve.

- Exclusively aimed at coastal local authorities
- Publicly owned infrastructure
- Runs to the end of 2023
- BAR does not cover VAT
    - *VAT will need to be reported separately*

REGULATION (EU) 2021/1755 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2021 establishing the Brexit Adjustment Reserve.
https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R1755

Brexit Adjustment Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme 2022-2023

- Focus on small-scale ‘shovel-ready’ projects
- Give immediate construction stimulus
- In coastal communities affected by the TCA/Brexit.
    - *Dependency of the community on fishing activities*

Purpose & Objective of the Scheme

- Fund rejuvenation of Ireland's coastal and marine infrastructure
- Address economic consequences of Brexit
- Compliment other job creation and stimulus schemes

Funding Arrangements

Maximum Project Budget	Scheme Funding Rate	Local Authority Funding Rate	Duration of the project	Scheme Prioritisation Criteria
€0.5m	Up to a maximum of 85%	Minimum of 15%	Must be completed by end of 2023	Shovel-ready. Dependency of local coastal community on fishing activities, in particular the small-scale coastal fisheries sector.
€1.0m	Up to a maximum of 85%	Minimum of 15%	For projects commencing during 2022, where the scale of the project requires works into 2023, a phased project delivery approach may be adopted where clear project milestones can be evidenced.[1] Must be completed by end of 2023.	Shovel-ready. Dependency of local coastal community on fishing activities, in particular the small-scale coastal fisheries sector. Linkage of project to other diversification activities in the local coastal economy.
To be determined having regard to the number of eligible applications	Up to a maximum of 90% (capped at €20m)	Minimum of 10%	Where the scale of the project requires works into 2023, a phased project delivery approach may be adopted where clear project milestones can be evidenced.* Must be completed by end of 2023.	Most adversely affected by Brexit by virtue of: (1) Proximity to UK waters (2) Loss of fishing opportunities

[1] Where projects are approved for 2022 and run into 2023 these will have priority over new applications in 2023, subject to compliance with the conditions of the Scheme.

Funding rates are subject to EU State Aid Approval

Key Project Conditions

- Must be undertaken and managed by the Local Authority.
- Must comply with the Public Spending Code
- Must secure appropriate consents under applicable legislation (including concerning environmental assessment, planning, foreshore, etc).
- Climate Action Plan
- Public awareness of the project funding.
- Inspection and audit obligations.

Eligible Projects

Subject to EU State Aid Approval

Harbour development

Marine leisure works that are clearly associated with shore-based infrastructure such as quays, piers, slipways, floating pontoons and other associated equipment.

Eligible Projects

Subject to EU State Aid Approval

Examples include;

- Handrails
- Ladders
- Electrical Points
- Public Lighting
- Bollards

DAFM Project Evaluation

- The Impact of BREXIT on the Local Community

- How will the development promote diversification of commercial activities and create employment thereby mitigating the impact of Brexit?

Verification/Audit Checks

- Verification checks by DAFM
- Clear audit trail supporting the claim
- EU Audit Checks

Funding

- Accrued/committed expenditure is not eligible
- VAT is not supported by The Brexit Adjustment Reserve but will funded by National Exchequer (pro-rata)
- The VAT elements of expenditure will need to be clearly identifiable

TIME-LINE

FIRST APPROVAL TRANCHE

FURTHER DATES TBA

8th March 2022

8TH April 2022

4TH NOVEMBER 2022

2023

APPLICATION DEADLINE

CLAIM SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Questions & Answers

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