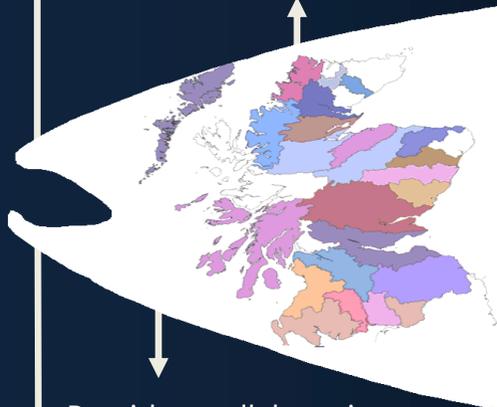# THE SCOTTISH FISHERIES CO-ORDINATION CENTRE

VISION STATEMENT

By 2020 The Scottish Fisheries Co-ordination Centre will be a centre of excellence for training, data collection, and data storage, with this information being rigorously sampled and collated by all Scottish fisheries organisations, and made available to inform both local-scale fisheries management, and research of a national-scale.

Facilitate national-scale fisheries research

Develop protocols for sampling related to management of all native fish species

Co-ordinate central storage of fish data

Provide a collaborative interface between public bodies and local fisheries managers

Facilitate sharing of GIS-related and other information

Facilitate discussion and foster collaboration among groups of freshwater scientists

Deliver a training programme in fisheries data collection and analysis

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Key Measurements	Detail
• **Membership agreement on a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with all public bodies to support collaborative working and the two-way sharing of all relevant fisheries data**	• An MOU will exist between all fisheries trusts, MSS, SEPA and SNH to ensure that information is available to evidence base local fisheries management and also to inform national policy decisions
• **Inclusion of all Scottish Fisheries Trusts or Fisheries Management Organisations**	• We would expect to see an all- inclusive SFCC, with the benefits of membership being such that all of the Scottish fisheries trusts or relevant bodies are active participants. This would be reflected by a complete membership coverage of Scotland beginning in 2015, echoed by shared representation on the Management Committee
• **Continued recognition as a centre of excellence for training**	• By 2020 the image and profile of the SFCC would be such that it and its members are recognised for their excellence in data collation, analysis and presentation, both domestically and further afield
• **Development of protocols for data collection across all members and public bodies**	• We will harness the expertise available within MSS, SEPA and SNH to develop and publish agreed protocols for data collection to further target local data collection efforts
• **Suite of accessible, cost effective and inclusive training resources**	•Through further development of a self-funding training course model, augmented by income generated from attendance from other fisheries professionals, the price of annual membership should be such that it is not considered to be cost-prohibitive
• **Utilisation of new electronic technologies to aid the delivery of the above aims**	•In order to remain at the cutting edge of these collection strategies and training delivery methods the use of new technologies is seen as a priority