

Shetland Fishing Facts

In 2011:

- ◆ There were **175 active commercial fishing vessels** in Shetland, virtually all owned by local shareholder crewmen.
- ◆ More than **430 people** were directly employed in fish catching. Hundreds more jobs depended on fishing, in fish processing, marketing, transport, supply and engineering, for example.
- ◆ Shetland vessels landed **£82 million** worth of fish, in Shetland and elsewhere.
- ◆ **£91 million** worth of fish were landed in Shetland, by local and visiting fishing vessels.
- ◆ Almost **one quarter** of all fish landed in Scotland was landed in Shetland (22.5%).
- ◆ **One sixth** of all fish landed in the UK was landed in Shetland (15%).
- ◆ Shetland vessels accounted for more than **one quarter** of all fish landed by Scottish vessels (27%), and **one sixth** of all landings by UK vessels (16%).
- ◆ **More fish was landed in Shetland than in any other port in the UK**, except Peterhead. Landings in Shetland were more than 2½ times those in the 3rd ranked port (Fraserburgh).
- ◆ **More finfish were landed in Shetland than in all of England, Wales and Northern Ireland combined.**
- ◆ For landings of whitefish, Lerwick was the 2nd ranked port in the UK, Scalloway was 9th and Cullivoe 12th.
- ◆ Landings in Shetland accounted for more than 2% of all fish landed in Europe (in 2010).

Unless otherwise stated all figures are for 2011, the last year for which data are available.