

Shetland Fishing Facts

In 2012:

- ◆ There were **177 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 **£76 million** worth of fish, in Shetland and elsewhere.
- ◆ **£59 million** worth of fish were landed in Shetland, by local and visiting fishing vessels.
- ◆ **One fifth** of all fish landed in Scotland was landed in Shetland (20%).
- ◆ **One sixth** of all fish landed in the UK was landed in Shetland (14%).
- ◆ Shetland vessels accounted for more than **one sixth** of all fish landed by Scottish vessels (18%), and more than **one tenth** of all landings by UK vessels (11%).
- ◆ **More fish was landed in Shetland than in any other port in the UK**, except Peterhead. Landings in Shetland were more almost double those in the 3rd ranked port (Fraserburgh).
- ◆ **More finfish were landed in Shetland than in all of England and Wales.**
- ◆ For landings of whitefish, Lerwick was the 2nd ranked port in the UK, Scalloway was 8th and Cullivoe 15th.
- ◆ Landings in Shetland accounted for 1.4% of all fish landed in Europe (in 2011).

Unless otherwise stated all figures are for 2012, the last year for which data are available.

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