



Resurgam - Fishing Industry

June 2021

Overview

Fish wholesale prices have returned to near pre-covid levels in the last few weeks.

But the markets and supply chain are fragile and vulnerable.

Impacts of Covid19 globally and scheduled withdrawal of government support programmes for hospitality remain significant commercial threats.

UK fishers and processors heavily dependent upon exports

Plymouth plays an important role regionally and nationally

Brexit effect

Larger exporters are getting goods through to the EU, but groupage remains a problem for the smaller players

Growing concerns about the extent to which the terms of the EU-UK Trade and cooperation Agreement will permit the UK to manage its fisheries effectively and efficiently

UK has limited access to catch data by EU vessels fishing in UK waters

Over 1600 EU vessels have been licensed to fish in UK waters

Displacement of fishing activities is major problem

EU and UK have agreed not to limit catches of non-quota species in 2021



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But, some light at end of tunnel

UK government and EU in agreement on sustainable use of marine resources

South West England better placed than many other parts of England

Fish export difficulties to the EU easing

Agreement reached at the beginning of June between EU and UK on catch limits

This could open the door to strengthened management of fisheries and increased fishing opportunities

Redevelopment of fish market and quay in Sutton Harbour



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Fish quay and fish market are outdated and in urgent need of modernisation

Development study commissioned by PCC in 2019

Study nearing completion

Offers the prospect of exciting new development which will enable Plymouth remain one of the three top fishing ports in England

The aim is to include a major visitors' attraction

Seizing the opportunities

Useful progress has been made, but there remains a considerable amount of work to be done. The next stage will be to finalise the design and identify funding opportunities.

The opportunities exist, including a new government grants scheme for fisheries infrastructure

Industry engagement will remain important

The pressure is on. Newlyn and Brixham have already invested heavily and have plans for further investment



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