



Shetland Fishing Facts

In 2014:

- ◆ **78,000 tonnes** of fish and shellfish, worth **£76 million** were landed in Shetland, by local and visiting fishing boats.
- ◆ Almost **one quarter** of all fish landed in Scotland was landed in Shetland (24%).
- ◆ **One fifth** of all fish landed in the UK was landed in Shetland (20%).
- ◆ **More fish was landed in Shetland than in any other port in the UK**, except Peterhead. Landings in Shetland were almost three times those in the 3rd ranked port (Fraserburgh).
- ◆ **More fish were landed in Shetland than in all of England, Wales and Northern Ireland combined.**
- ◆ Lerwick was the 2nd ranked port in the UK for landings of fish, Scalloway was 10th and Cullivoe (Yell) 14th.
- ◆ There were **179 active commercial fishing boats** in Shetland, virtually all owned by local shareholder crewmen.
- ◆ **386 people** were directly employed in fish catching. Hundreds more jobs depended on fishing, in fish processing, marketing, transport, supply and engineering, for example.
- ◆ Shetland boats landed **134,000 tonnes** of fish and shellfish, worth **£112 million**, in Shetland and elsewhere.
- ◆ Shetland boats accounted for almost **one third** of all fish landed by Scottish boats (32%), and **one fifth** of all landings by UK boats (22%).

In 2013:

- ◆ **Almost half** of British landings of fish were caught within 100 miles of Shetland (46%).
- ◆ **Three quarters** of British landings of fish from the North Sea were caught within 100 miles of Shetland (75%).

Notes

Fish = demersal (whitefish) and pelagic fish.

'British landings' = total landings in the UK by UK and foreign boats, and by UK boats abroad.

Figures are based on published fisheries statistics and on analysis of data supplied by the Marine Analytical Unit of Marine Scotland Science.