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1. Introduction

Marine renewables is a potential growth area in the UK with Anglesey being a focus for tidal stream energy projects. This could present significant opportunities for the wider supply chain, and the potential for diversification of existing services into this new, emerging sector.

The fishing industry across Europe faces pressure from changes in fishing policy, reductions and changes in the quota system, cost escalation, and the sustainability of the fish stocks, therefore diversification into other sectors, such as support to tidal energy projects, may be of interest to the fishing community.

Anglesey & Gwynedd operate a Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) with Menter Mon as the lead organisation responsible for delivering its Local Fisheries Development Strategy (LFDS) and Implementation Plan. Menter Mon secured funding through the FLAG to carry out a study looking at opportunities for Anglesey's commercial fisheries community to benefit from the potential growth in the tidal energy sector in the region, through utilising its skills and marine experience, and the vessels it has at its disposal.

Following completion of the study a number of opportunities have been identified for the commercial fisheries sector to provide marine services to the marine energy sector, and interest has been confirmed amongst the local fishing community in exploring these further.

This Action Plan contains a series of recommendations to Menter Mon, Welsh Fishermens Association (WFA) and other stakeholders to help support the Anglesey fisheries sector in exploring opportunities further and maximise its chances of securing work on the planned tidal energy projects around Anglesey.

2. Recommended Actions

The following actions are proposed to help support Anglesey's commercial fishing sector take advantage of the opportunities identified in the associated study:

	Action	Organisation	Target date
1	Organise an ongoing programme of engagement with Anglesey's commercial fisheries sector. The next step should be a follow up workshop for vessel operators who have expressed an interest in exploring opportunities	Menter Mon	Ongoing Q4 2015
2	Consider organising a trip to Orkney for interested parties as a valuable insight into how the fishing industry has diversified into providing marine services, and the wider economic benefits	Menter Mon	Q1 2016
3	Continue to explore establishing a services division. Identify financial support to help with setting this up, purchasing / leasing equipment, or even purchasing more versatile vessels to be manned by fishermen, if this enabled it to improve offering to tidal sector	WFA Menter Mon	Q1 2016
4	Identify scope of services that could be delivered by Anglesey fleet	WFA	Q1 2016
5	Explore the potential for a framework agreement between Morlais and WFA for the provision of services to Morlais themselves and to developers using zone	Menter Mon	Q2 2016
6	Identify training needs for vessel operators and organise training through SEAFISH where required	Menter Mon WFA	Q1 2016
7	Carry out a wider supply chain study covering all of the opportunities to provide services to the planned tidal energy projects around North Wales	Menter Mon Welsh Government	Q2 2016
8	Consider carrying out a study looking at wider socioeconomic benefits related to the development of marine energy projects around Anglesey, including a case study focussed on Orkney to demonstrate the socioeconomic benefits seen there	Menter Mon Welsh Government	Q2 2016