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“Seafish welcomes the recent release of the HRAS Review of Fisheries and Aquaculture Certification Schemes. This initiative provides an important marker on the role that third party certification schemes could play in supporting consumer choice and driving social change. We also acknowledge the rating that the Seafish Responsible Fishing Ports Scheme (RFPS) secured. While the port standard scored well, in meeting 12 of the 16 identified KPIs, further work would be required for the RFPS to meet all relevant metrics.

Seafish recognises the importance of this work, but as we are no longer actively progressing or promoting this standard we are unable to make any further commitments at this time. We are however keen to work with other parties who may be interested in adopting this standard. If and when that occurs then it is possible that further consideration could be given to assessing the feasibility of the RFPS to meet the remaining metrics.

Seafish wishes you every success with this important work.”

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