## Leading the transformation of the UK food system from the Midlands

## MIDLANDS ENGINE FOOD WHITE PAPER



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## Seafood sector – low carbon

In April 2023 the Seafood Alliance announced a UK Seafood De-carbonisation initiative, led by Grimsby headquartered Seafood Grimsby & Humber Alliance at a workshop in London hosted by The Fishmongers' Company. The launch was attended by the UK's major retailers, food service providers and seafood processors.

Facilitated by The Fishmongers' Company Court Member and carbon industry specialist, Dr Henrietta Boyd, the workshop focused on decarbonisation of the global supply chain from catch to UK's first point of landing and delivery.

The Seafood Grimsby and Humber Alliance will lead cross-sector national collaboration to avoid duplication of effort and divergent methodologies by facilitating a cross-industry group of stakeholders to provide the seafood supply chain with clear recommendations to decarbonise the industry in line with the Paris Agreement. The group will engage nationally with large producers, government, academia and industry bodies.

The project is being delivered in three phases:

• Support the redevelopment of Seafish's seafood emissions profiling tool to allow the industry to measure the carbon footprint of products supplied through the value chain. This will also feed into the calculation of the business' Scope 3 emissions.

- Develop a strategic decarbonisation roadmap across the supply chain for production of wild caught and aquaculture species. The prioritisation of this roadmap will be developed by the group in line with the most material elements of the supply chain, considering species, geography and life-cycle phases. This will build on data collected in phase 1. The group will also liaise throughout with retailers to ensure alignment with their supply chain targets.
- Facilitate cross-industry projects to accelerate the decarbonisation of the seafood supply chain. These projects will flow from the decarbonisation roadmap developed in phase 2.

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