

**MEMORANDUM**

**DEVELOPING THE RAZOR FISH FISHERY IN NORTH WEST  
ENGLAND**

**Intershell (UK) Ltd - Kingfisher Seafoods Ltd - Deepdock Ltd**

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Our companies have an established interest in developing the fishery for razor fish (*Ensis* spp.) in the coastal waters adjacent to North-West England.

We are convinced that the development of this fishery will create jobs in the fishing and seafood industry at sea and ashore. The fishery will generate export trade for the UK economy and bring long-term economic benefits within the region.

We have agreed on the following founding principles for developing this fishery:-

1. We are committed to developing a sustainable and profitable fishery for razor fish in the coastal waters off North-West England.
2. The success of this fishery will depend on an appropriate management regime that will match fishing effort to the characteristics of the shellfish resources in the area, as well as protecting designated nature conservation features.
3. We are committed to working with and assisting the North West Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority to establish an appropriate management regime within which the razor fish fishery can develop and thrive.
4. We have demonstrated in limited scale fishing trials that the razor fish fishery in this area is economically viable in terms of catch rates and the high quality of the shellfish captured.
5. It is now appropriate to carry out further fishing trials in partnership with the IFCA to determine how the razor fish stocks and marine environment may respond to commercial harvesting on a limited basis.
6. The ideal opportunity for carrying out further fishing trials would be during the summer of 2012, subject to appropriate authorisations being agreed with the NW-IFCA.

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