

“We could have told you if you had asked us”



Restoration



Heriot-Watt did impressive historical desk research and dives to select the most promising spots for a future Restoration Forth's oysters. During a fisher interview we asked "Where would you recommend we put oysters back?" and he named the exact location selected.

Newhaven Fisher - don't focus on restoring species. Restore the environment and the species will recover themselves.



Food



Granton Fisher - Firth of Forth crabs are shipped to Spain to make stock cubes. "No-one will buy them here - they are too polluted."

Encourage people to widen species they eat.

"There are fish out there, just not the small number of species people are used to. It is time that we humans adapted".



Spatial Planning



Granton Fisher - "We should never have removed the three mile limit."



Lack of joined-up decisions



Pittenweem Fishers - positioning of renewable cables has impacted our turning site for trawling and we are now fishing in areas where juvenile Nephrops are. We know this is not right for future.



Dunbar Fishers - Crabs are no longer coming into shore and are in decline. Scientific research is ongoing to check whether renewable cables are giving off electromagnetic pulses which mesmerise crabs and stop them getting to mating grounds.

Can we work together and carefully consider position and depth of future cables?



The Museum is an invaluable time machine

NMS Curator - the museum collection is like a time machine. Some shells are like a library showing environmental changes in the Forth over 300 years.



Lulu the killer whale was found to contain among the highest levels of polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, ever recorded. This is an issue for all killer whales. A tragic hidden issue - infertile and ill they are described as 'the living dead'.



Whales are so iconic - can this be widely shared as a call to action to tackle pollution?

