

Party Manifestos

Fisheries and the marine environment



Will work with the fishing industry and world-class marine scientists, as well as the devolved administrations, to introduce a new regime for commercial fishing that will preserve and increase fish stock and ensure prosperity for a new generation of fishermen.

Will withdraw from the London Fisheries Convention.

Will continue work to conserve the marine environment off the coast of the UK. Will work in Overseas Territory governments to create a Blue Belt of marine protection in their waters.



"We will safeguard habitats and species in the 'blue belts' of the seas and oceans surrounding our island".

Will establish a science innovation fund, which will include support for the small scale fishing fleet.



A wider, more effective and ecologically-coherent network of marine protected areas around the UK and our overseas territories, including fully protected no take zones.

Any new fisheries legislation must contain a legal requirement to fish below a level that allows fish stocks to fully recover.



No statements



Establish a blue-belt of marine protected areas.

Pledge to defend and maintain the fishing industry "by not allowing fishing rights to be traded away against other policy areas".

Work with industry and other stakeholders to develop a national plan for sustainable fisheries.



Support local input into new fisheries policies to promote sustainability and new growth opportunities.



Leave the Common Fisheries Policy and call for no constraints on fishing fleet other than those decided by the UK Parliament.

Leave the 1964 London Convention on Fishing.

Consult on a new Fisheries Bill and develop a Fisheries Protection Force. Ban use of pair-trawling to protect dolphins.



Will seek additional powers for the Scottish government on fisheries and environmental protection. Expect all powers over policy to be returned to the Scottish government after leaving the EU.

Will push for EU fisheries funding to be matched and transferred to Scotland in full