



Fishing For Litter



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JIMMY BUCHAN PRAISES FISHING FOR LITTER

Popular North East Skipper, Jimmy Buchan of Amity II, has expressed his support for the expanding Fishing For Litter scheme that is cleaning the nations seas. The innovative scheme provides fishing boats with bags to collect marine rubbish, which is trawled up during their normal fishing activities, and bring it ashore for disposal. Jimmy has been running the scheme aboard Amity II for a few years now and is convinced that the scheme is making a difference to the state of the seabed.

“As we return to certain areas I am picking up less litter. We are making a difference, of that I am sure. I am a keen supporter of this good stewardship scheme and would encourage those who haven't to sign up to the scheme. Look after your back yard and it will look after you.”

The scheme is now running in all of Scotland's designated landing ports meaning that skippers can collect bags and land marine litter wherever they fish. Increasing numbers of skippers are signing up to the scheme and those who are interested should call the project co-ordinator or visit the Fishing For Litter stand at FISHING 09 in Glasgow (Stand D49).

The Fishing For Litter scheme is sponsored by SNH, The Crown Estate, The Scottish Government, Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar/Western Isles Council, Aberdeenshire Council, The Highland Council, Total UK, Peterson SBS, and The Fisherman's Trust. The project also benefits from the time given to the project by the staff at all the participating harbours.

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