

# Seafood Transformation Project Business Case

"A unique and time-critical transformational industry and public sector co-investment opportunity to grow north east Scotland's internationally-significant seafood processing sector."

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### **Industry's Vision for Transformational Change**



increase in business turnover

**£150m - £246m per annum** from existing and increased fish landings



900 - 2,490 new jobs

45% in processing,40% in the supply chain,15% in the wider economy



**£130m – £356m** additional GVA

over **five years** and **£119m** additional GVA per annum **ongoing** 



# **Scale of the Opportunity**

### Transform north east Scotland's largest food processing sector



Grow a cluster of 70+ market-focused **processing** and **exporting companies** 



Create more and higher-quality **jobs** 



Increase productivity and capacity – advanced manufacturing and infrastructure



Add value to sustainable high-provenance catching sector – NPD and market development



Enhance **environmental** performance



Anchor **economic activity** in traditionally disadvantaged coastal communities



### **Sector Challenges**

Increased fish landings post-Brexit require **investment in processing capacity** and **market development** to a short timescale



Skills shortages – migrant labour supply and lack of vocational skills structure



Insufficient capacity and facilities for added value processing and automation



Low productivity



Lack of consumer focus – reliance on wholesale outlets



No differentiation in quality and sustainability standards



## **North East Scotland Processing Sector**

£700M

turnover – **largest component** of the region's food manufacturing sector

### 72 businesses in the cluster



World-class stock research, sustainable fishery and management, MSC accreditation

#### **75% of 4,000 FTE** direct jobs are in Fraserburgh and Peterhead

#### Infrastructure investment

New £9m Peterhead fish market and AWPR have attracted more landings





Successful well-invested fleet

20% of UK seafood processing turnover, jobs and processing sites



**57%** 

of Scottish fish landings made in Fraserburgh and Peterhead (Europe's largest whitefish port)

#### Export oriented processors

By volume, 93% of shellfish, 60% of whitefish, 69% of pelagic species exits UK





**Developing north east Scotland** as a centre for growing market focused companies, adding value to a well provenanced, sustainable fish catching sector, rather than becoming a landing and distribution centre for unprocessed fish

A five-year **£77m action and investment plan** – developed and tested with industry – targeting business growth, jobs, processing capacity and added value through investment in four priorities





## **Seafood Transformation Project**





## **Action, Investment and Outputs**

INPUT				OUTPUT
лП	Capacity for growth and quality	Processing capacity: Seafood processing park: Freeze/chill facilities :	£39.5m £3.0m £8.0m	+ turnover, jobs, supply management, environmental performance
	Competitive processes	Processing innovation: Technology demonstration: Collaboration (JV, supply planning, logistics): Energy and waste:	£10.0m £1.5m £6.0m £2.0m	+ productivity, profit, net zero and waste, innovation
	Capability for accelerated growth	People, skills, training: Quality standards:	£2.35m £2.0m	+ skills, business management, leading quality
$\mathbb{Z}$	Seafood markets of the future	Market development, NPD and promotion:	£2.8m	+ value add, market share, new products and markets, exports



**£38m public sector funding over five years** will leverage balance of **£77m** project in **private sector co-investment** 



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additional GVA over five years





- **Transformation of significant sector** to a globally competitive market-facing, sustainable, low-carbon industry, attracting investors and skilled employees
- Major opportunity, creating high quality jobs in traditionally disadvantaged areas
- Advanced manufacturing and consumer focus adding value in the region, driving growth in productivity and GVA
- Public-sector support catalyses private sector investment at pace required to maximise post-Brexit opportunity
- Model for industry-led accelerated development
- Building on **regional** and **sector strengths** to deliver **national impacts**

