

**Grant of an extension to SWFPA's Responsible Fishing Scheme Certificate.**

As a result of the coronavirus travel restrictions, it will not be possible for auditors to visit and assess us for continued membership of the Responsible Fishing Scheme or for its next iteration, the Responsible Fishing Vessel Standard (RFVS).

As a result, Seafish have agreed with Lloyd's Register (formerly Acoura) that SWFPA's group RFS certificate will be extended until the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Between now and then you must continue to comply with the Scheme's requirements but you will not need to be audited.

Over the coming months I will contact you again to explain the changes that the revised Standard will bring and how to prepare for and apply to join the RFVS.

I appreciate that you are facing many other challenges at the moment, but if you do want to discuss anything further, please don't hesitate to contact me.