

Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO) Scope of Work

The FLO will monitor and report to the Maritime Sub Group (MSG) Chair of the European Subsea Cables Association (ESCA) on fishing activity, fishing methods & other topics of interest in the geographical areas of:

- Coastal and territorial seas of the UK & Ireland, Europe, and the European Continental Shelf
- Activity beyond the continental shelf that could impact on ESCA members' assets

To report on the subject areas of:

- Regional levels of fishing effort
- Seasonal movements of vessels
- Trends in gear design and take up of new methods
- Effects of UK & EU fishing legislation, including any changes in relevant devolved responsibilities
- Key concerns or issues of the fishing industry

The role of the FLO will be:

- Monitor UK & European fishing activity with a focus on its potential interaction with subsea cables
- Attend ESCA Maritime Sub Group (MSG) meetings to report on latest developments and act on any feedback (assume approx. 2 per year)
- Investigate specific topics as requested by ESCA members via the MSG Co-Chairs
- Provide technical support & advice on fishing related subjects to members of ESCA via the MSG Co-Chairs
- Be aware of the relationship between NFFO, SFF, European fisheries associations, local POs, non-PO members and ESCA and contribute to improving and maintaining these professional relationships as deemed necessary by the MSG/ESCA
- Attend the ESCA Plenary to provide a presentation on latest developments and provide members with any guidance that may be requested (assume 2 per year)
- Undertake a minimum of 1 x Port Tour per year, locations to be agreed with the MSG Co-Chairs, charged separately in addition to the FLO fee – assume 5 to 10 days inclusive of time spent on producing the report
- Promote the importance of KIS-ORCA (www.kis-orca.org) at every opportunity and distribute free asset dataset information to fishermen for uploading to their plotter systems
- Any specific activity to be undertaken by the ESCA FLO that may be considered a potential conflict of interest with that person's other role(s) outside of ESCA should be highlighted to the MSG Chair, as appropriate and before such activity commences
- In addition to the MSG Co-Chairs, work closely with the ESCA Liaison Officer(s)
- Promote ESCA's objectives and contribute to improving its aims
- Reporting to members through the MSG Co-Chairs

Hours available to ESCA

- A minimum of 1 chargeable day of FLO services per Month, excluding meetings set out above, as required by ESCA members and MSG. (Requests for work to be agreed with the MSG Co-Chairs). Timesheets to be submitted.

Reporting Schedule

- Provide a regular report on Fishing Activity to members (assume quarterly per year)
- Provide reports on specific subjects on request of the MSG
- Provide account of hours utilised each quarter

Expenses

Attendance at least 2 MSG meetings and 2 Plenary meetings per year, with reasonable travel expenses to be claimed in accordance with the ESCA Travel and Accommodation Policy. Port tours to be expensed separately.