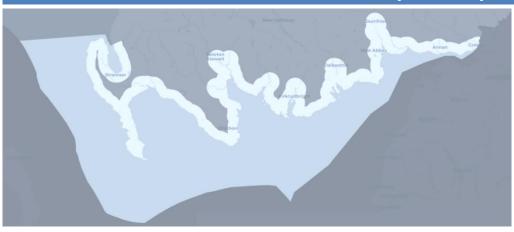


Socio-Economic Assessment of the Scottish Solway: Summary





Sea Fisheries

- Dominated by scallop & queen scallop fisheries
- · Overall tonnage has declined over last 5 years, but value has increased
- · Other activity includes traditional haaf netting
- Cockle fishing closed since 2011

Marine Aquaculture

- Little marine aquaculture along the Scottish Solway coast
- Most notable site is Loch Ryan Oyster Fishery, producing high quality native oysters

Seafood Processing

- · Key sector in **Dumfries &** Galloway, employing around 400 people
- · Main centre of activity is Annan, with some activity in Kirkcudbright

Shipping and Transport

- · Ferry services operate between Loch Ryan and Larne (P&O) and Belfast (Stena Line)
- Upwards of 1.5m passengers are carried each year over both routes, and a large volume of freight

Energy, Aggregates, Subsea Cables & Pipelines

- Robin Rigg Wind Farm has 58 operational turbines in Scottish waters, although is serviced from Cumbria
- · Gas pipelines between Ireland

- Scotland and Northern

Sport, Recreation & Tourism

- Popular beaches and walks around the Solway coastline, with various nature and wildlife reserves
- · Sailing and water sports, with development proposals for Stranraer
- · Location for sea angling

Historic Environment and Cultural Heritage

- · Rich maritime history, with many sites of historical importance, including castles, monuments, and lighthouses
- · Supports the visitor economy, with various museums and visitor centres

Defence

Defence have exercise, training and testing areas at West Freugh, near Stranraer, and the Dundrennan Range, near Kirkcudbright





Marine Management and Education

- · Various orgs have a remit for the management of the Solway - most are based outside the region
- At a regional level, the Solway Firth Partnership plays a key role in promoting sustainable use and furthering understanding of the Solway





