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BBC's Landward Features Fishing for Litter Scotland

The Fishing for Litter Scotland Project, co-ordinated by KIMO UK, is to be featured by the BBC's primetime rural affairs programme Landward on Sunday the 22nd October. The programme interviewed many of the participants in the scheme including captain Tom Hemmingway Harbourmaster in Peterhead, Jimmy Buchan Skipper of the Amity II, recently feature on the Trawler Men series, and the Project Co-ordinator John Mouat. The programme, which starts at 11:30 am on BBC one, outlines the scheme and illustrates the reasons it was developed.

Project Co-ordinator John Mouat stated, *"I am delighted that a high profile programme such as landward is featuring the scheme. It can only help to raise its profile with the general public and demonstrate the commitment of the participating boats to reducing marine litter."*

Background

Fishing for Litter Scotland is a three-year project, 2005 –2008, funded by Scottish Natural Heritage, The Crown Estate, Scottish Executive, Shetland Enterprise, Aberdeenshire Council and the Western Isles Council which aims to engage the fishing industry in reducing marine litter. Participating boats are given hard wearing 1m³ bags in which to collect marine litter which accumulates in their nets during normal fishing activity. The bags are then taken ashore and disposed of on land removing the litter from the marine environment and preventing it washing ashore. The aim of the Project is to establish a network of ten harbours with 100 participating boats and to collect 500 tonnes of marine litter over the three-year period.

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