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Seafish outlines future plans

Seafish, the authority on seafood, has today outlined its plans to return to full service after its recent Supreme Court victory.

Dr Paul Williams, Seafish CEO, said: “Now that the Supreme Court has clarified that levy on imports was, and indeed always had been, legal, we are looking forward to getting back to full speed over the coming months.

“Our immediate priority is to pay our creditors and re-build our cash reserves. As our income stabilises, we will focus our activity in areas that industry has highlighted as important, such as communication and promoting seafood consumption.

“The Seafish Board will also be looking at the projects which have been reviewed and approved for funding from our Industry Project Fund. This fund, of approximately £1 million per year, goes to support projects put forward by industry in a whole variety of seafood related areas.

“Seafish provided £4 million of value to industry over the last year despite our income dropping to £2 million after the Court of Appeal decision, which inevitably affected our activities. We are keen to continue to build on this in the next few months as our plans come together.”

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- Seafish, the authority on seafood, was founded in 1981 by an Act of Parliament and supports the seafood industry for a sustainable, profitable future. Our services range from research and development, economic consulting, market research and training and accreditation through to legislative advice for the seafood industry. www.seafish.org
- Some of the key achievements for the last year can be seen on our website <http://www.seafish.org/about-seafish/our-achievements>