

Discover careers in Shetland's seafood industry



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From night shifts to a full-time role at Simpson Fish, Thorfinn's journey in Shetland's fishing industry is inspiring. Here he shares his story.

THORFINN CRAIGIE

Role: Fish Porter at Simpson Fish

Where: Lerwick, Shetland

Passionate about:

Maintaining and improving Shetland's already exceptional standard of whitefish distribution.

How did you get to where you are now?

I was working nightshift at the markets as a fish weigher and grader. Simpson Fish asked me to help them out during their busier days on a casual basis. I did that for about six months then, when a full-time position became available, I was offered a permanent role. I have been here on a full-time basis for over five years now.

What do you think about the role of seafood in Shetland's economy?

There is no doubt that seafood plays a massive part in Shetland's economy. It's one of the biggest contributors. It's safe to say that, when you think of Shetland, one of the first things that comes to mind is the fishing industry - it's a huge part of Shetland's history and plays a vital part in the economy.

Did you expect such a variety of jobs in the sector?

Honestly, I had no idea how much variation and how many opportunities there were until I got involved in the sector. From weighing and grading right up to being aboard the boats themselves, there are many different positions and paths you can take. There is plenty of work for anyone willing to do it.

Where do you see yourself and the industry in the future?

I see myself carrying on in this industry. I absolutely love my job and have developed a genuine interest in this field.

Shetland has an incredibly successful fishing fleet and I see it continuing to succeed and grow into the future.

The seafood industry supports a wide range of careers and it's not just about life at sea. Many opportunities are available across a range of disciplines. To find out more, visit

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