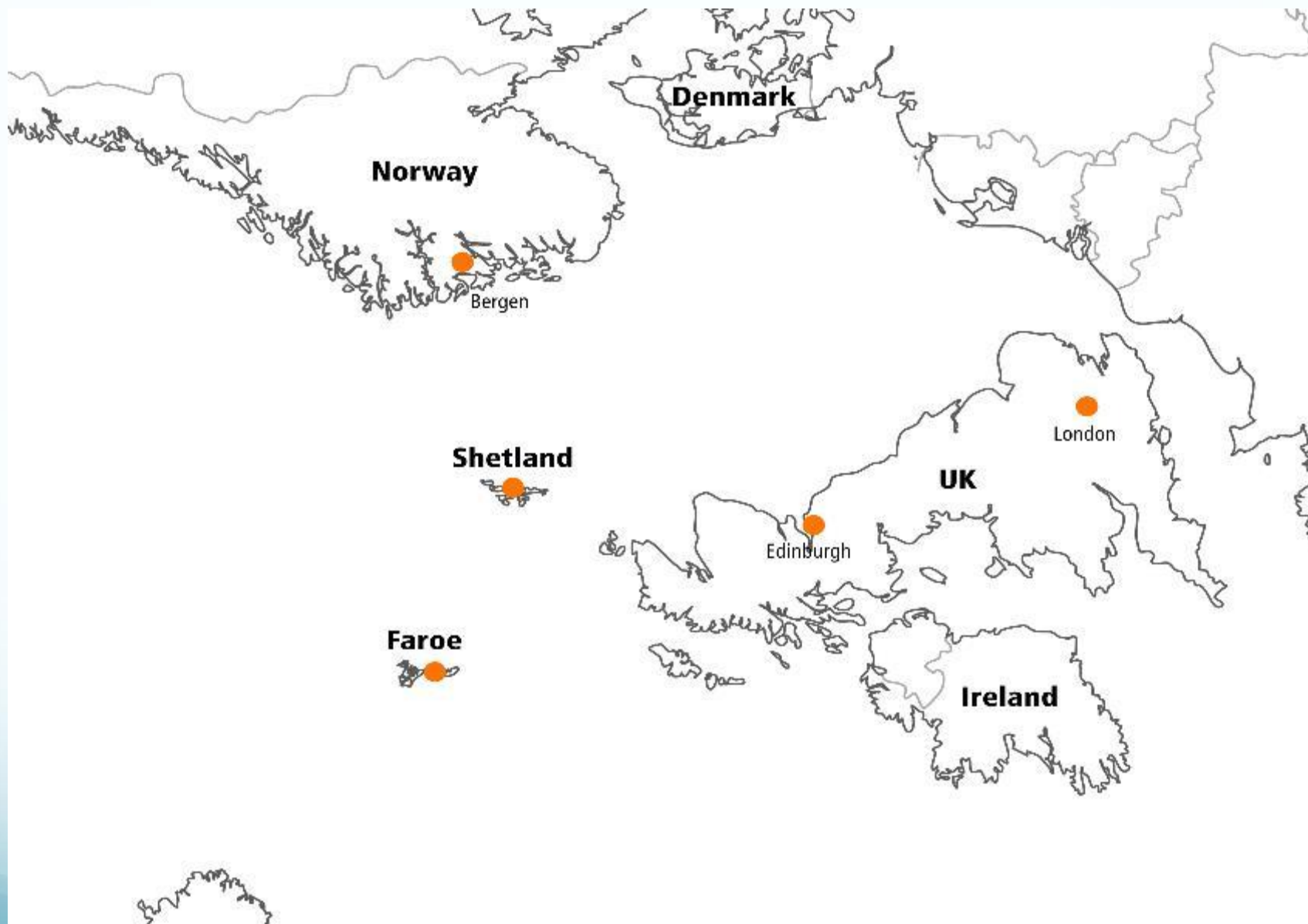


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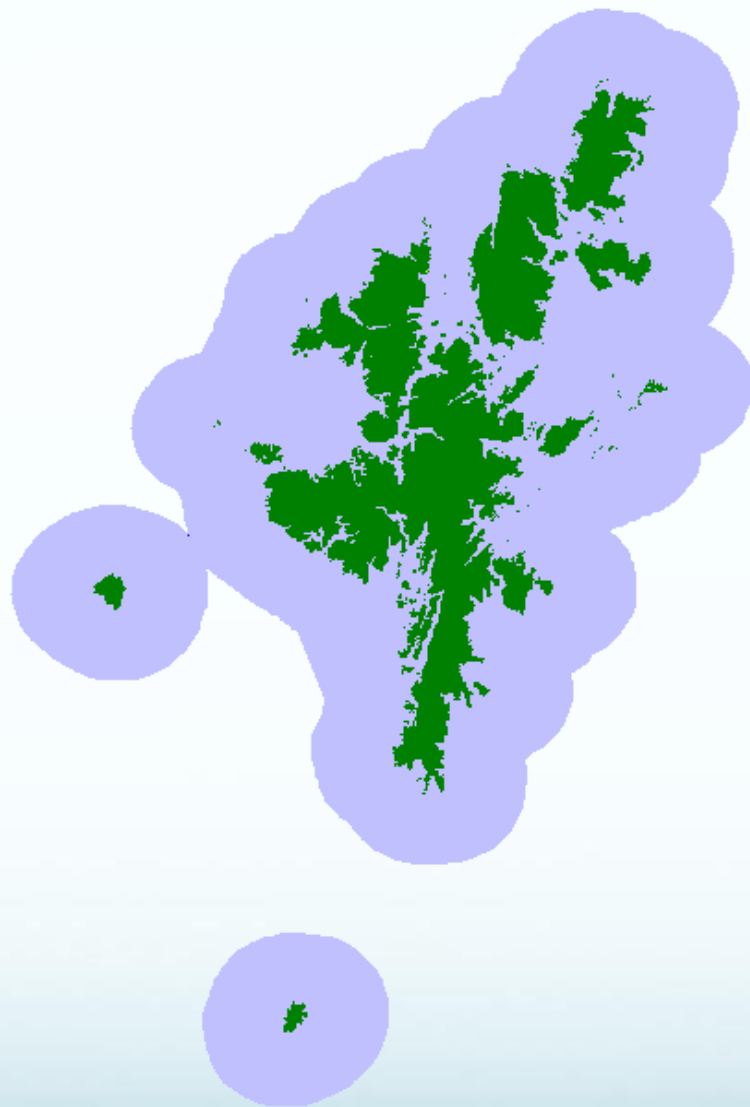
Locally inspired or centrally imposed?

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Highly Protected Marine Areas (HPMA)

- **There is a strong case for fishing bans to protect rare, fragile and well-defined marine ecosystems**
- **The Scottish HPMA proposal was something different – the product of fuzzy thinking**
- **Proposed by the Green Party as part of the SNP – Green coalition deal – 2021**
- **A ban on all human activity in 10% of Scottish waters**
- **Coastal and Island Scotland were united in opposition**
- **The Skipinnish hit song – The Clearances Again**
- **The wine bar revolutionaries**

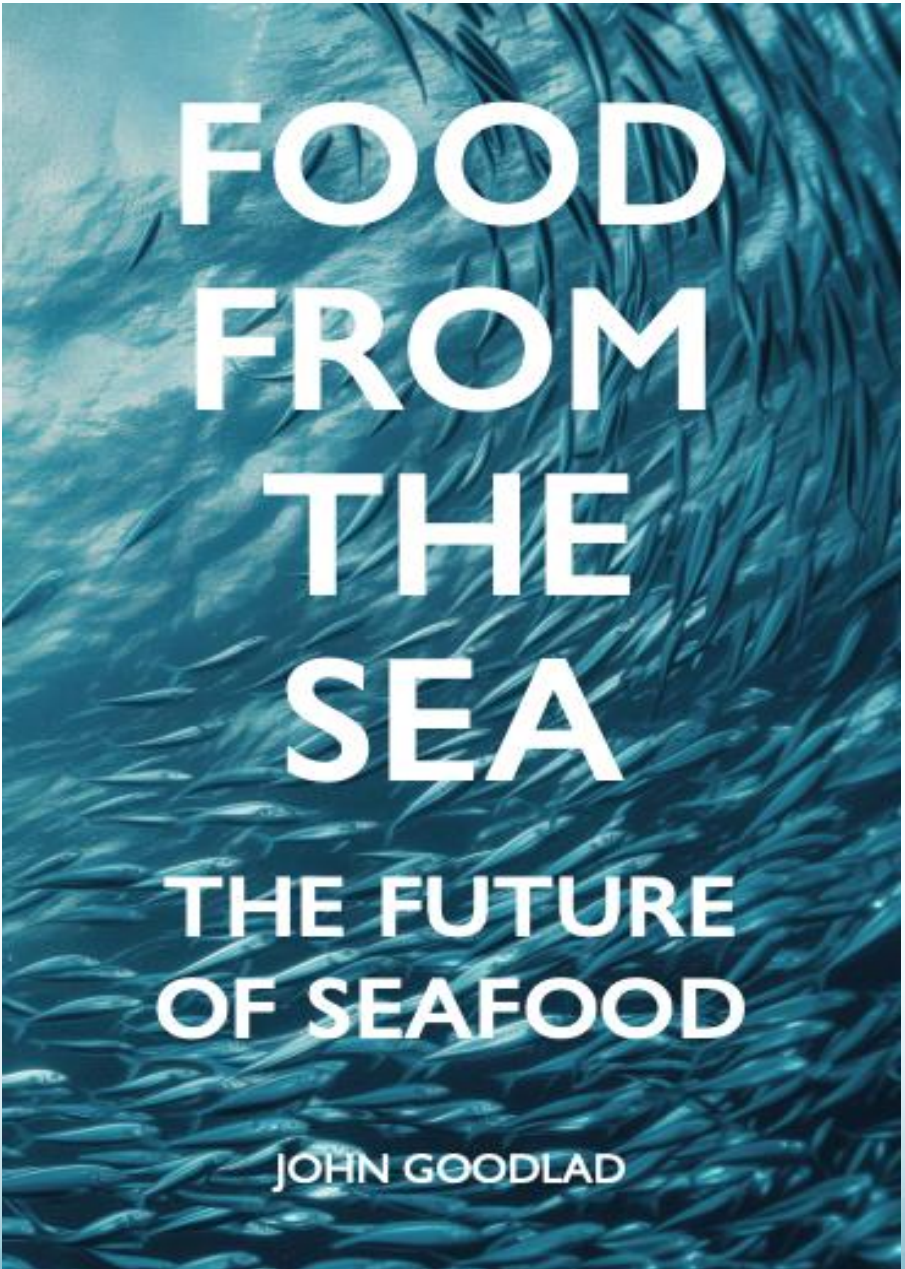


A community-based alternative already existed

- **The Shetland Regulating Order - 2000**
- **Within 6 miles of Shetland**
- **Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation**
- **Sustainable management of a local resource**
- **Local Permit scheme limiting entry to all shellfisheries**
- **Maximum Vessel size**
- **Gear limitations such as number of scallop dredges per vessel and maximum number of creels per vessel**
- **Shetland minimum landing sizes**
- **Closed season for velvet crabs**
- **16 areas of important marine biodiversity within which scallop dredging is banned**
- **Shetland scallops and brown crabs are MSC certified**

Conclusions

- **Policies inspired by fuzzy thinking, advocated by wine bar revolutionaries and imposed top down by distant Governments do not work**
- **Community-based local initiatives work**
- **Island autonomy should be embraced as a practical and efficient way of managing local resources for the benefit of the entire community.**



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