



# Seal Research Fieldwork Notice



**Where?** Anglesey, Bardsey, and The Skerries.

**When?** The work will take place in July and August 2023.

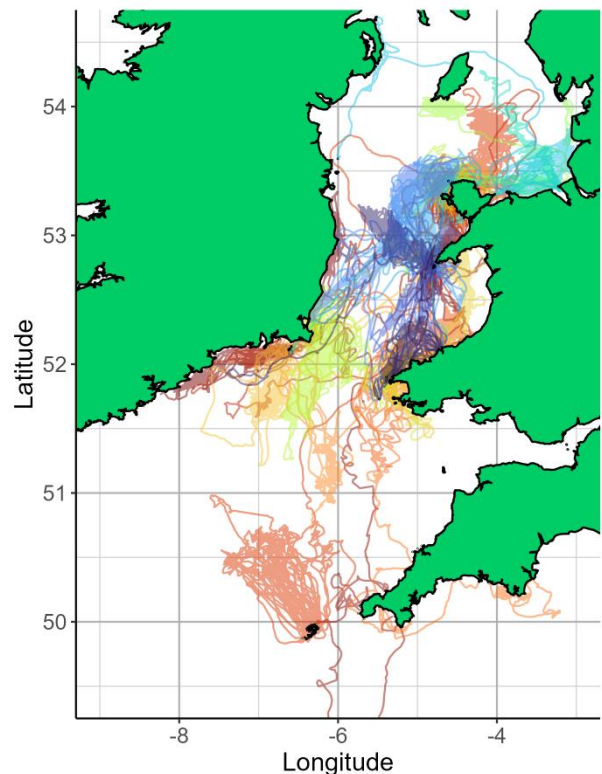
**How?** Seals will be captured using nets and tags (GPS trackers) will be deployed. These are superglued to the seals fur and fall off during their annual moult.

**Why?** As the tidal energy industry grows, it is important to understand how seals behave in tidal areas to determine potential changes to movements and behaviour during tidal turbine operation, and to inform conservation.

**Who?** An experienced team from the Sea Mammal Research Unit at the University of St Andrews, who have caught and tagged over 1,000 seals, will carry out the work.



*A grey seal wearing a GPS tracking tag.*



*Tracks of grey seals tagged in Wales during previous studies.*



**Please note:** This fieldwork is being carried out under licence (Home Office and Natural Resources Wales). In consultation with Natural Resources Wales, mitigation procedures are in place to minimise disturbance to seals, seabirds, and other species.

