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**Date: 10 February 2026**

Dear Consultee,

## **Consultation on the proposed Celtic Sea and Western Channel demersal Fisheries Management Plan (FMP)**

I am writing to invite views on the Celtic Sea and Western Channel demersal Fisheries Management Plan and its associated Environmental Report.

This consultation is an opportunity for you to help shape and influence the future of Celtic Sea and Western Channel demersal species management policy in England and Wales and builds upon previous engagement with industry.

The consultation survey has three parts:

1. Personal details and confidentiality (required)
2. Questions on the FMP, and the Environmental Report.
3. Consultee feedback on the Online Survey (required)

You only need to respond to the questions that you wish to answer. There is a mixture of general and specific questions. However, all respondents must complete the required 'Consultee Feedback on the Online Survey' and 'personal details and confidentiality' sections before you are able to submit your response to the online survey. We welcome any further information and evidence to support this work - you can supply that directly via [FMPconsultations@defra.gov.uk](mailto:FMPconsultations@defra.gov.uk).

The following documents can be found on [Citizen Space](#)

- Consultation document
- Proposed Celtic Sea and Western Channel demersal FMP
- FMP Environmental Report

- Engagement report
- De-minimis Impact Assessment
- A summary of Statutory Nature Conservation Body advice

## Responses

To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an online consultation tool). If you require a copy of the consultation, please contact us at [FMPconsultations@defra.gov.uk](mailto:FMPconsultations@defra.gov.uk).

Responses, additional information, or documents can be sent to:

Consultation – Celtic Sea and Western Channel demersal FMP  
FMP team – Marine and Fisheries  
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Responses should be received by 23:59 on 5 May 2026.

Yours sincerely,

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