

Consultation Response Form on the proposed Crab and Lobster Fisheries Management Plan (FMP)

Personal details and confidentiality

1 Would you like your response to be confidential?

- Yes
- No

If you answered yes to this question, please give your reason

Confidentiality and data protection information

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There may be occasions when Defra will share the information you provide in response to the consultation, including any personal data with external analysts.

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Please find our latest privacy notice uploaded as a related document alongside our consultation document.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to: consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk

What is your name?

Name

What is your email address?

Email

What is your organisation?

Organisation

Which of the following best describes your interest in the Crab and Lobster FMP?

(Required)

- *Aquaculture*
- *Individual*
- *Interest Group*
- *Processing*
- *Producer/Catching Sector*

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- *Recreational Sea Fishing*
- *Science/Research*
- *Supplier/Retailer*
- *Marine Industry Sector*
- *Other*

If 'other', please specify

Questions on the Crab and Lobster FMP

The following questions relate to the Crab and Lobster Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) which can be found in the 'related documents' section on the home page.

1 Do you have any comments on the process for developing the Crab and Lobster FMP?

Details can be found in the **Executive Summary**, **Foreword**, **Context**, and **Scope of the Crab and Lobster FMP** sections of the FMP, and **Annex 3: Stakeholder Engagement**.

- Yes
- No

If yes, please leave your comments here.

2 What are your views on the evidence presented on the current state of crab and lobster stocks (and other related stocks) in English waters and can you provide any additional evidence that supports or differs from Defra's view.

Details can be found in the **Scope of the Crab and Lobster FMP and Status of the English Crab and Lobster Fisheries** section of the FMP and **Annex 1: Evidence Statement**.

Further comments or evidence.

3 What are your views on the evidence gaps identified within the FMP?

Details can be found in the **Scope of the Crab and Lobster FMP and Status of the English Crab and Lobster Fisheries** section of the FMP, **Annex 1: Evidence Statement** and **Annex 2: Evidence and Research Plan**.

Comments on the evidence gaps identified within the FMP.

4 Do you agree with the actions to address the evidence gaps identified? Please provide information to support your view.

Details can be found in the **Scope of the Crab and Lobster FMP, Status of the English Crab and Lobster Fisheries, Shared Shellfish Principles, Crab and Lobster Fishery Management Objectives and Future Fisheries Management Strategy** sections of the FMP, Further details can be found in **Annex 2: Evidence and Research Plan**.

- Yes
- No

If no, please explain why.

5 Do you agree with how the proposed measures have been prioritised?

Details can be found in the **Future Fisheries Management Strategy** section of the FMP.

- Yes
- No

If no, please provide comments below.

6 What do you think are the likely positive and negative impacts (stock sustainability, environmental, economic, social) of increasing the minimum landing sizes for lobster in English waters? Please provide evidence where possible.

Details can be found in the **Future Fisheries Management Strategy** section of the FMP.

Comments on the likely positive and negative impacts of increasing the minimum landing sizes for lobster in English waters.

7 What do you think are the likely positive and negative impacts (stock sustainability, environmental, economic,

social) of increasing the minimum landing sizes for crawfish in English waters? Please provide evidence where possible.

Details can be found in the **Future Fisheries Management Strategy** section of the FMP.

Comments on the likely positive and negative impacts of increasing the minimum landing sizes for crawfish in English waters.

8 What do you think are the likely positive and negative impacts (stock sustainability, environmental, economic, social) of prohibiting the landings of soft brown crab for bait?

Details can be found in the **Future Fisheries Management Strategy** section of the FMP.

Comments on the likely positive and negative impacts of prohibiting the landings of soft brown crab for bait.

9 What considerations, such as interactions with existing management measures for these species, need to be taken into account whilst developing the proposed initial measures?

Details can be found in the **Future Fisheries Management Strategy** section of the FMP and **Section 14 of Annex 1: Evidence Statement**.

Comments on considerations to be taken into account whilst developing the proposed initial measures.

10 Are there other technical measures or variations of the proposed measures that we should consider to restore and protect the crab and lobster stock in English waters and the wider ecosystem on which they depend, and why?

Details can be found in the **Future Fisheries Management Strategy** section of the FMP.

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide comments on the other technical measures or variations of the proposed measures below.

11 Are there other measures which should be prioritised for early action in line with the precautionary approach? Please provide any additional views and evidence you would like us to consider.

Details can be found in the **Future Fisheries Management Strategy** section of the FMP.

- Yes
- No

If you answered yes, please leave your comments here.

12 How would you like to be involved in the delivery of the FMP and the future management of the English crab and lobster fisheries?

Details can be found in **Annex 3: Stakeholder Engagement Report** and the **Implementation section of the Consultation Document**.

Comments on how you would like to be involved in the delivery of the FMP and the future management of the English crab and lobster fisheries.

13 Are there any important connections with or links to other fisheries that we should consider when finalising this FMP or during its implementation process?

Comments on connections with, or links to, other fisheries.

Questions on the Crab and Lobster FMP environmental report

The following questions relate to the Crab and Lobster FMP environmental report which can be found in the 'related documents' section on the home page.

Is there any additional evidence we could consider, to inform our environmental baseline?

Section 3 provides a summary of the current state of the UK marine environment for each of the environmental issues screened into this SEA, and where applicable their associated UK MS descriptors (Table 4).

Our assessment has been conducted against the environmental baseline set out in these sources of existing information.

Please include any additional evidence below.

Are there any other positive or negative environmental effects associated with the policies and actions of the draft Crab and Lobster FMP that we could consider?

Section 5 assesses the environmental effects of the policies and actions of the draft Whelk FMP, in relation to the environmental issues screened into this SEA, and where applicable, their associated UK MS descriptors (Table 4).

Please include any other positive or negative environmental effects associated with the policies and actions of the draft FMP below.

Do you have any comments on the proposed actions set out in the Environmental Report to monitor and/or mitigate any likely significant (negative) effects on the environment of the FMPs?

Section 6 details the proposed measures for reducing significant negative environmental effects arising from the Crab and Lobster Fisheries Management Plan, for issues scoped into the assessment.

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Please include any comments on the proposed actions to to monitor and/or mitigate any likely significant (negative) effects on the environment of the FMPs.

Do you have any additional comments in relation to the Environmental Report which you have not been able to provide in response to the previous questions?

Please include any additional comments in relation to the Environmental Report below.

Consultee feedback on the online survey

Overall, how satisfied are you with our online consultation tool?

- *Very satisfied*
- *Satisfied*
- *Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied*
- *Dis-satisfied*
- *Very dissatisfied*
- *Don't know*

Please give us any comments you have on the tool, including suggestions on how we could improve it.