

Consultation Response Form on the proposed King Scallop Fisheries Management Plan

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- Yes
- No

If you answered Yes to this question, please give us your reason

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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 send 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 King Scallop FMP

(Required)

Select only one item:

- *Aquaculture*
- *Individual*
- *Interest Group*
- *Processing*
- *Producer/Catching Sector*
- *Recreational Sea Fishing*
- *Science/Research*
- *Supplier/Retailer*
- *Marine Industry Sector*
- *Other*

If other, please specify

Questions on the King Scallop FMP

The following questions relate to the King Scallop Fisheries Management Plan 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 King Scallop FMP

Details can be found in the **Development of the FMP** section of the FMP and **Annex 3: Stakeholder engagement** and **Annex 5: Legislative context and governance**.

- Yes
- No

If yes, please leave your comments here.

2 What are your views about the evidence presented on the current state of the king scallop stocks in English and Welsh waters and can you provide any other evidence which supports or differs from ours?

Details can be found in the **Current Status of the fishery** section of the FMP and **Annex 1: Evidence Statement**.

Comments and evidence.

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

Details can be found in section the **Improving the evidence base** of the FMP executive summary and the **Management objectives for king scallop fisheries in English and Welsh waters table**. Further details can be found in **Annex 2: Evidence and Research Plan**.

Comments on evidence gaps.

4 Do you agree with the actions to address the evidence gaps?

Details can be found in the **Current status of the fishery** and **Improving the evidence base** sections of the FMP executive summary and **Table 1: Management objectives for king scallop fisheries in English and Welsh waters**. Further details can be found in **Annex 1: Evidence statement** and **Annex 2: Evidence and Research Plan**.

- Yes
- No

If no, please explain why.

5 What role can area-based closures play in effectively achieving stock sustainability and FMP goals under the proposed new management framework (in terms of environmental, economic, social)?

Details can be found in the **Initial management measures** section of the FMP executive summary, and the **Fishery Management objectives for king scallops in English and Welsh waters table**. Further details can be found in **Annex 1: Evidence statement**.

Comments on area-based closures.

6 Are there particular stock areas you think closures could be beneficial to the FMP goals? Please provide any evidence you have that supports this.

Details can be found in the **Fishery Management** section of the FMP and **Annex 6: Current Management**.

Comments on stock areas.

7 Where do you see opportunities for strengthening existing measures to ensure they are fit for purpose to achieve stock sustainability and FMP goals under the proposed new management framework (in context of environmental, economic, social)?

Details can be found in the **Current status of the fishery** and **Fishery management strategy** sections of the FMP and **Management objectives for king scallops in English and Welsh waters table**. Further details can be found in **Annex 6: Current Management measures**.

Comments on strengthening measures.

8 Do you agree with the proposal to explore and develop a scientifically based output control approach and/or input control approach, and are there potential benefits and drawbacks (environmental, economic, social) that should be considered early in the process?

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

Comments on output/input controls.

9 Are there any additional technical measures that should be considered to protect king scallop stocks and the wider ecosystem, and why?

Details can be found in the **Fishery Management Strategy** section of the FMP and **Annex 6: Current Management**.

Comments on additional technical measures.

10 Are there any measures which should be prioritised for early action in line with the precautionary approach, and why?

Details can be found in **Annex 3: Stakeholder Engagement Report** and **Annex 5: Legislative context and Governance** and the **Implementation section** of the FMP.

Comments on measures and the precautionary approach.

11 Do you agree that establishing a co-management approach is the most effective way to manage the king scallop fisheries in English and Welsh waters moving forward, and why? What role do you think you/your organisation could play to support a co-management approach?

Details can be found in the **co-management** section of consultation document, and the **Management framework: partnership working** section of FMP.

- Yes
- No

Please explain your answer.

12 How would you like to be involved in the delivery of the plan and the future management of the English and Welsh king scallop fishery?

Details can be found in the **Implementation** and **Fishery management strategy: partnership working** sections of the FMP. Further details can be found in **Annex 5: Legislative Context and Governance**.

Comments on your involvement.

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?

Links to other fisheries.

King Scallop FMP environmental report

The following questions relate to the King Scallop 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 King Scallop FMP that we could consider?

Section 5 assesses the environmental effects of the policies and actions of the draft King Scallop 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 whelk Fisheries Management Plan, for issues scoped into the assessment.

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Please include any comments on the proposed actions 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
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know

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