

# Consultation Response form on Seabass Fisheries Management Plan (FMP)

## Personal details and confidentiality

### Would you like your response to be confidential?

- Yes
- No

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

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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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This is for the purposes of consultation response analysis and provision of a report of the summary of responses only.

This consultation is being conducted in line with the Cabinet Office “Consultation Principles” and be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance> <<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principlesguidance>> .

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](mailto: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 Bass 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 proposed Bass FMP

The following questions relate to the Bass 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 Bass FMP?

Details can be found under **Stakeholder Engagement** in the **Executive Summary** of the FMP, **Annex 4: Record of Stakeholder Engagement** and **Annex 10: FMP Goals: Evidence & Stakeholder Views**. Further details can be found in the Policy Lab reports at **Annexes 5,6,7 & 8**.

- Yes
- No

*If yes, please leave your comments here.*

### 2 What are your views on the evidence presented on the current state of bass 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 3: Bournemouth University Report**.

*Further comments or evidence.*

### 3 Do you agree that these goals are appropriate for domestic management priorities within the Bass FMP?

Details can be found in the **Management Goals** section of the FMP and **Annex 10: FMP Goals: Evidence & Stakeholder views**.

- Yes
- No

*If no, please explain your answer here.*

### 4 Do you agree that these actions are appropriate short-term priorities for the Bass FMP?

Details can be found in the **Management Goals** section of the FMP and **Annex 10: FMP Goals: Evidence & Stakeholder views**.

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- Yes
- No

*If no, please explain your answer here.*

## 5 Do you agree that this approach outlines suitable medium-long-term priorities for the Bass FMP?

Details can be found in the **Management Goals** section of the FMP and **Annex 10: FMP Goals: Evidence & Stakeholder views**.

- Yes
- No

*If no, please explain your answer here.*

## 6 How would you like to be involved in the delivery of the plan and the future management of the English and Welsh bass fishery?

Details can be found in the **Management Goals** section of the FMP and **Annex 10: FMP Goals: Evidence & Stakeholder views**.

*Comments on how you would like to be involved.*

## 7 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 links to other fisheries.*

## Questions on the Bass FMP environmental report

The following questions relate to the Bass 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 Bass FMP that we could consider?**

Section 5 assesses the environmental effects of the policies and actions of the draft Bass 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 FMP?**

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

*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

Dear Consultee

Thank you for taking your time to participate in this online survey. It would be appreciated, if you can provide us with an insight into how you view the tool and the area(s) you feel is in need of improvement, by completing our feedback questionnaire.

### 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*