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Interested Parties

**Your ref:**

**Our ref:**

**Date:** 21 December 2016

Dear Sir / Madam,

## **Establishing a multi-annual plan for demersal stocks and nephrops in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks**

I am writing to invite views on the Commission's proposal for Establishing a multi-annual plan for demersal stocks and nephrops in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks.

The following documents may be found on Defra's website: [insert hyperlink]

- Defra consultation on the Commission's to establish a multi-annual plan for demersal stocks and nephrops in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks.
- Commission proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on establishing a multi-annual plan for demersal stocks in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks and repealing Council Regulation (EC) 676/2007 and Council Regulation (EC) 1342/2008.
- Annexes to the Commission proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on establishing a multi-annual plan for demersal stocks in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks and repealing Council Regulation (EC) 676/2007 and Council Regulation (EC) 1342/2008.

We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation. Please contact Iain Glasgow, tel: 020 8026 4408, email: [iain.glasgow@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:iain.glasgow@defra.gsi.gov.uk).

### **Responses**



To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an on-line consultation tool).

Responses should be received by Wednesday 1 February 2017.

## **Consultation Criteria**

This consultation is in line with the Consultations Principles. This can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>.

## **Summary of responses and confidentiality**

Any responses you send us will be seen in full by Defra staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about. It may also be seen by other Defra staff to help them plan future consultations.

When this consultation ends, we will summarise all responses and place this summary online available through our website at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details. If you require a hard copy of the summary, or have any other enquiries, please contact Iain Glasgow email [iain.glasgow@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:iain.glasgow@defra.gsi.gov.uk).

We will store a copy of the responses received for at least six months from the date the consultation responses document has been published. This is so that the public can see them and copies of responses will be made available to the public on request. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.

If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation.

Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won't count as a confidentiality request.

Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to: Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, Room 629, 9 Millbank, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR; or email [consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk).

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider and respond to this consultation. We welcome your views and comments. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

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Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully

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