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# Context

We need to manage our precious fish stocks sustainably, supporting future generations of fishers alongside the marine environment. The Fisheries Act 2020 (the Act) provides a legislative framework for doing this which includes eight fisheries objectives.

The fisheries policy authorities (the Secretary of State, Scottish Ministers, Welsh Ministers and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland) are required by the Act to set out policies in a Joint Fisheries Statement (JFS), for achieving, or contributing to the achievement of, the fisheries objectives. The first JFS was published on 23 November 2022.

A key vehicle for delivering the policy ambitions set out in the JFS are Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs). The fisheries policy authorities are required to prepare and publish those FMPs listed within Annex A of the JFS in accordance with the accompanying publication dates.

The Act defines a FMP as a document that sets out the policies designed to restore one or more stocks of sea fish to, or maintain them at, sustainable levels. Each plan will specify the stock(s), type of fishing and the geographic area covered.

FMPs set out policies to secure the long-term sustainability of our fish stocks. Fisheries policy authorities are obliged to exercise relevant functions in accordance with the policies in the JFS and FMPs unless a relevant change in circumstances indicates otherwise.

Each FMP will identify what measures will be used to deliver its policies. Such measures may include both existing or new regulations, statutory instruments, technical measures, or non-statutory routes such as research plans, voluntary agreements, or codes of conduct. The precise mechanisms used will depend on the policies set out in the plan and, where appropriate, will be enforced by the relevant national fisheries authority<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined by section 10(5) of the Fisheries Act 2020, these are (a) the Secretary of State, (b) the Marine Management Organisation (MMO), (c) the Scottish Ministers, (d) the Welsh Ministers, and (e) the Northern Ireland department. The term 'national fisheries authorities' differs from 'fisheries policies authorities' in including the MMO. The MMO is an executive non-departmental public body in the United Kingdom established under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, with responsibility for planning and licensing of activities in English waters from 0-200nm, save fisheries activities within 0-6nm which are the responsibility of the IFCA's. The MMO also has some UK responsibilities.

Important themes in the JFS are around working in partnership and participatory decision making and Section 5 of the JFS commits the national fisheries authorities to work with stakeholders to prepare, publish and monitor FMPs.

The fisheries policy authorities will also work with relevant delivery bodies and stakeholders to implement the policies set out in the FMPs.

## Purpose of this Consultation

The Act requires the fisheries policy authorities to explain in the JFS how they intend to use FMPs to achieve, or contribute to the achievement of, the Act's fisheries objectives. They must provide details of each plan including which FMPs are being proposed and which are in force; which authority(ies) are responsible for the preparation and publication of each FMP; which stocks, fishing type and geographical extent each FMP covers; and the timetable for publishing each plan.

This consultation focuses on these details which are set out in Annex A of the JFS. In particular, we are looking at the FMP delivery timelines. Section 6 of the Act requires the fisheries policy authorities to deliver FMPs in accordance with the timelines specified in the JFS. The key purpose of this consultation is to recognise this obligation and ensure the FMP delivery programme meets its statutory publication timetable.

FMPs are very new instruments and this is recognised as an ambitious programme of work. The nature of what FMPs are seeking to achieve, and the process for developing them, is complex and each plan is unique.

We have learnt valuable lessons from the process of publishing the first five FMPs (in December 2023) and as we continue to develop other FMPs. To make the development process, and ultimately the published FMPs, as robust as possible, we have found that additional time will be needed. This is to provide adequate time for the compilation of evidence needed to support the FMPs, including multi-agency input, provide for the production of assessments, for example, Strategic Environmental Assessment, and meaningful stakeholder engagement (during development and through the implementation phases of each FMP).

Where our management approach is already well-established, and the implementation of key policies to deliver further improvements is underway, we recognise the importance of using FMPs to enhance and improve transparency around delivery. We want stakeholders to have adequate time to engage and for each fisheries policy authority to consider any potential impacts, safeguarding against unintended consequences.

Other circumstances, such as the pause in work required around the period of the 2024 UK General Election and changes to scientific advice, have impacted the timescales for some FMPs. It should also be noted that implementing the published plans is a significant undertaking as a key part of delivery of the wider programme and to achieve the desired outcomes of FMPs.

As a result of our experience to date, it has become clear that it is no longer possible to publish the remaining FMPs according to the original timetable in Annex A of the JFS. Table 1 below sets out the FMPs we consider to require amendments to their publication timetable.

We believe the proposed changes to publication dates are achievable based on the knowledge we have gained at each stage of the development process so far.

Notwithstanding this consultation, work continues in each of the fisheries policy authorities to develop FMPs listed in Annex A of the JFS (subject to changes proposed in this consultation) and implement those frontrunner FMPs published last December. The next stages will progress as quickly as possible. Indeed, all endeavours will be made for the FMPs to be delivered before the amended publication dates being proposed in this consultation and there is no roll back on the range of plans to be delivered.

As work to develop and implement this new FMP framework has progressed, it has given us fresh perspectives on how FMPs should be delivered. Consulting to amend the FMP publication deadlines provides an opportunity to make some technical and other changes that help build on that learning to ensure the plans align with the realities of fisheries management, the obligations on the fisheries policy authorities to deliver and make the FMPs more robust now and into the longer term. These proposals cover a range of issues including extending stock types and taking account of recent advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea.

In addition, a new FMP in Northern Ireland is being proposed and views are being sought on whether Welsh Ministers should only remain as a responsible authority for the preparation and publication of those FMPs that extend to the Welsh zone.

We are seeking views only on the matters in this consultation as they relate to Annex A of the JFS.

This consultation has particular relevance to:

- Individuals, groups or businesses who are engaged in the fishing, seafood, or aquaculture sectors;
- Other individuals, groups or businesses who are sea users, for example, marine industries such as oil and gas, offshore renewables and sailing bodies; and
- National and local interest groups such as environmental and recreational non-governmental organisations, and industry federations.

The consultation draft<sup>2</sup> has also been laid (in accordance with paragraph 3(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Act) in the UK Parliament, Scottish Parliament, Senedd Cymru and Northern Ireland Assembly. Each legislature may pass a resolution or make a recommendation regarding the consultation draft. Where a resolution is passed or recommendation made, the relevant fisheries policy authority must then lay a statement before its legislature setting out its response.

## Proposed amendments to Annex A of the JFS

This consultation is proposing to amend the JFS Annex A by making changes to the list of planned FMPs and their publication deadlines, making a number of technical and other amendments to planned FMPs, the addition of a new FMP, and making changes to the authorities responsible for some of the plans.

The fisheries policy authorities have considered whether the Narrative Impact Assessment undertaken for the JFS requires updating. We consider the amendments proposed to Annex A will not change the impacts identified originally as the focus of amendments is to Annex A only which does not make changes to the FMP policies in the JFS, and it remains the case that each FMP will be subject to impact assessment when they are prepared.

### a) Changing FMP publication deadlines

Thirty-seven of the FMPs listed in Annex A of the JFS are yet to be published. Thirty-five of those plans currently have a number of different publication deadlines, as can be seen in Table 1 below.

Due to the reasons set out in the sections above and below, this consultation is proposing to amend the publication deadlines for five Defra-led plans to the end of 2025, for twenty-nine Scottish Ministers/Defra and DAERA led plans to the end of 2026 and for one Welsh led plan to the end of 2028.

If these proposed changes are taken forward following this consultation, the responsible authority/authorities will need to prepare and publish their FMPs within the revised publication timeline.

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<sup>2</sup> Defined in Fisheries Act 2020 as a draft of the relevant document meaning either the JFS or amendments of the JFS

**Table 1**

Lead Authority	FMP Title	Planned delivery window as published in JFS Annex A	New proposed delivery window to be included in amended JFS Annex A
22 Scottish Ministers led FMPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Sea Cod</li> <li>• West Coast of Scotland Cod (proposal to merge above two FMPs into one Northern Shelf Cod FMP, see sub-section C below)</li> <li>• Atlantic Cod</li> <li>• North Sea &amp; West Coast of Scotland Haddock</li> <li>• Atlantic Haddock</li> <li>• West Coast of Scotland Whiting</li> <li>• North Sea Whiting</li> <li>• North Sea &amp; West Coast of Scotland Saithe</li> <li>• Northern Shelf Hake</li> <li>• North Sea &amp; West Coast of Scotland Monk/Angler</li> <li>• North Sea &amp; West Coast of Scotland Megrin</li> <li>• Northern Shelf Ling</li> <li>• North Sea Nephrops</li> <li>• West Coast of Scotland Nephrops</li> <li>• Northern Shelf Mackerel</li> <li>• Atlanto Scandian Herring</li> <li>• North Sea Herring</li> <li>• West Coast of Scotland (and Clyde) Herring</li> <li>• North Sea Greater Silver Smelt</li> <li>• West of Scotland Greater Silver Smelt</li> <li>• Northern Shelf Blue Whiting</li> <li>• North Sea Horse Mackerel</li> </ul>	2022 - 2024	2022 - 2026
5 Defra led FMPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cockles</li> <li>• Queen Scallop</li> <li>• Southern North Sea Non-Quota Demersal</li> <li>• Southern North Sea and Channel Skates and Rays</li> <li>• North Sea and Channel Sprat</li> </ul>	2022 - 2024	2022 - 2025



Lead Authority	FMP Title	Planned delivery window as published in JFS Annex A	New proposed delivery window to be included in amended JFS Annex A
4 Defra led FMPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celtic Sea and Western Channel Demersal</li> <li>• Celtic Sea and Western Channel Pelagic</li> <li>• Black Seabream (proposal to rename to Seabream, see sub-section C below)</li> <li>• Wrasses complex</li> </ul>	2023 - 2025	2023 - 2026
2 DAERA led FMPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irish Sea Demersal</li> <li>• Northern Ireland Inshore (proposal to rename to Northern Ireland Non-Quota Shellfish, see sub-section C below)</li> </ul>	2022 - 2024	2022 – 2026
1 DAERA led FMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irish Sea Pelagic</li> </ul>	2022 - 2023	2022 - 2026
1 Welsh Ministers led FMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whelks in Welsh waters</li> </ul>	2022 - 2027	2022 - 2028

## b) Technical and other changes to planned FMPs

In addition to the changes to the end delivery dates set out above, a number of technical and other relatively small amendments are also being proposed to several of the FMPs listed in Annex A of the JFS. Details of these changes can be seen in the table below.

**Table 2**

FMP	Proposed amendments	Basis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Southern North Sea Non-Quota Demersal species</b></li> </ul> <p>(English waters)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Add Smoothhound to the species listed.</li> </ul>	<p>Appetite from stakeholders to align with the species list in the Channel FMP as it wasn't covered by any other FMP in the SNS area.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Black seabream</b></li> </ul> <p>(English waters)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Add gilthead seabream to the species listed.</li> <li>- Change title of FMP to "Seabream FMP".</li> </ul>	<p>Regularly raised in MMO scoping discussions as it is targeted and fished by the same people catching the other species in a mixed fishery and therefore fits naturally with the FMP. Named of plan changed given addition of gilthead seabream to species listed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wrasses complex FMP</b></li> </ul> <p>(English waters)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Add cuckoo wrasse to the species listed.</li> </ul>	<p>Regularly raised in MMO scoping discussions as it is targeted and fished by the same people catching the other species in a mixed fishery and therefore fits naturally with the FMP.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Northern Shelf Mackerel</b></li> <li>• <b>Northern Shelf Blue Whiting</b></li> <li>• <b>Northern Shelf Hake</b></li> </ul> <p>(Joint UK plans led by Scottish Ministers)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extend geographical scope of FMP to include ICES area 7f.</li> </ul>	<p>To correct a typographical error in the published JFS Annex A in relation to ICES areas.</p> <p>The original intention was that these Northern shelf plans should also cover 7f but this area was inadvertently omitted from the published JFS Annex A table. These 3 FMPs are already being prepared on the basis that area 7f is included i.e. the work and evidence has been done correctly to include the 7f subdivision.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>North Sea and West Coast of Scotland Megrin</b></li> </ul> <p>(Joint UK plan led by Scottish Ministers)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extend geographical scope of FMP to include ICES area 6b.</li> </ul>	<p>Due to misalignment of the megrim biological stock areas and the TAC management areas, it makes sense from a management point of view to consider all ICES sub areas and divisions (4, 6a, 6b) in the FMP.</p> <p>The FMP has been prepared on the basis that area 6b is included i.e. the work to develop the plan and underlying evidence includes the 6b subdivision.</p>

FMP	Proposed amendment	Basis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Ireland Inshore (Northern Ireland waters)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extend the geographical scope of the FMP to include all of the Northern Ireland zone.</li> <li>- Change title of FMP to “Northern Ireland Non-Quota Shellfish FMP”.</li> </ul>	<p>Amendment enables DAERA to prepare and publish a plan for non-quota shellfish stocks within all of its waters, including the offshore area, rather than just the area covering 0-12 nautical miles as was originally intended.</p> <p>As a result, the title of the FMP has also been changed to reflect the change to the area covered by the FMP.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Sea Cod</li> <li>• West of Scotland Cod</li> </ul> <p>(Joint UK plans led by Scottish Ministers)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Merge these planned FMPs into one plan and retitle “Northern Shelf Cod FMP”.</li> </ul>	<p>Reflecting the benchmark report of 2023, ICES now assess cod as a Northern Shelf stock. Therefore, we are proposing to combine the North Sea Cod and West of Scotland Cod into one FMP.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preamble text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Change ‘UK Administrations’ to ‘fisheries policy authorities’ (FPAs), add acronym to other mentions of FPAs.</li> <li>- Add following wording to description of “Authority or Authorities responsible for preparation and publication of plan”: the governments / departments associated with each FPA is listed in the table.</li> </ul>	<p>To improve accuracy of text in preamble to the table in Annex A, in line with the Fisheries Act 2020 terminology.</p>

## c) New Periwinkle FMP in Northern Ireland

A new FMP is proposed for the management of the periwinkle fishery in the Northern Ireland intertidal zone.

The JFS sets out criteria for determining stocks for inclusion in an FMP. This includes, where there is a risk of over-exploitation without management action, the economic value of the stocks and its contribution to coastal communities, as well as its impact on ecosystems.

At present the gathering of periwinkles in Northern Ireland’s intertidal zone is unregulated. The availability of scientific evidence coupled with evidence relating to the economic value of this fishery and the impact of the activity on marine ecosystems underpins the proposal for a standalone FMP for this species. This new FMP would enable DAERA to take forward the work in response to its consultation in 2022 on proposed management measures for the hand-gathering of shellfish in the Northern Ireland intertidal zone.

**Table 3**

Lead Authority	FMP Title	Planned delivery window as published in JFS Annex A	New proposed delivery window to be included in amended JFS Annex A
DAERA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Periwinkles</li> </ul>	N/A	2024-2027

## d) Changes to authorities responsible for preparation and publication of FMPs

Each FMP is to be prepared and published by one or more of the fisheries policy authorities as listed in Annex A of the JFS. Where an FMP is to be prepared and published by more than one authority, Annex A to the JFS identifies the Coordinating Authority, which is the fisheries policy authority responsible for coordinating the preparation and management of the plan on behalf of the other fisheries policy authorities acting jointly.

We have taken this opportunity to consider whether the fisheries policy authorities as listed in Annex A remain relevant for each plan given what we have learnt from the FMP process so far.

We are content that the procedure followed to identify the authorities listed in Annex A was appropriate. However, following the experience of the last two years we now believe that Welsh Ministers are listed as an authority responsible for preparing and publishing a number of the joint FMPs for which Scottish Ministers are the Coordinating Authority that are not relevant for the Welsh zone or adjacent waters.

As a result, this consultation is proposing that Welsh Ministers are no longer an authority responsible for preparing and publishing a number of the joint plans being coordinated by Scottish Ministers. As shown in Annex 1 where Welsh Ministers are no longer listed against 18 plans.

We believe management actions relating to the risk of over-exploitation, socio-economic aspects and ecosystem interactions should be affected by those authorities which have regulatory responsibilities or direct fisheries interest in the areas in which the stocks covered by those FMPs reside. Direct fisheries interest includes the likelihood of an authority's vessels fishing in, or waters being adjacent to, these areas.

Whilst Welsh vessels may fish in areas outside of the Welsh zone which will be impacted by those FMPs, we wish to take a proportionate approach reflecting that Welsh vessels rarely target the species which are the subject of those plans. This would be a consistent approach with the other FMPs listed, where Welsh Ministers do not have joint responsibility because the FMP geographical extent falls wholly outside of the Welsh zone.

As such, it is appropriate that the Welsh Ministers remain directly involved in development of the management approach and the preparation and publication of the following joint FMPs coordinated by Scottish Ministers:

- Northern Shelf Hake
- Northern Shelf Mackerel
- Northern Shelf Blue Whiting

If this proposed change is implemented, the reference to the authority responsible for delivering the FMP will be amended in Annex A of the JFS. All of the proposed FMPs will still be delivered. National fisheries authorities (which includes the fisheries policy authorities and the Marine Management Organisation) are required to exercise their functions in accordance with the policies contained in a JFS or FMPs which are applicable to them. Welsh Ministers would continue to contribute to implementation of FMPs in an appropriate way by, for example, managing the licensing of Welsh vessels in those areas. In line with the equal access objective, any restrictions on vessels will be based on objective criteria and on the need to protect stocks and the marine environment. In return, vessels will abide by the rules set by the fisheries policy authority in whose waters they are fishing.

The fisheries policy authorities approach to partnership working and collaborative management through the UK Fisheries Management and Support Common Framework will continue. If the proposed changes are made, stakeholders would still be able to engage fully in the development of all plans via the processes put in place by the remaining authorities responsible for the preparation and publication of the plans.

## FMPs going forward

FMPs will be adaptive and iterate over time as further evidence is gathered and measures contained within the plans are implemented. Each plan must be reviewed at least every six years of its publication, or sooner if required, and amended or replaced (following a consultation) to ensure that it remains fit for purpose in delivering its intended outcomes.

In addition to the review of individual FMPs, the Act requires that a report is produced every three years on the JFS and how its policy framework is working towards, or has delivered against, the eight objectives in the Act. This report will include an assessment of the effectiveness of the FMPs in terms of how they have been implemented and affected stock levels in the UK. The first of these reports is due in November 2025.

## Using and sharing your information

How we use your personal data is set out in the consultation privacy notice which can be found in the related documents section on the consultation page.

This consultation is being conducted in line with the Cabinet Office 'Consultation Principles' and can be found at: [Consultation principles: guidance - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultation-principles) ([www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk))

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)

## Consultation questions

Q1: Would you like your response to be confidential (see "Using and sharing your information" section above for more detail)?

Yes / No

Q2: Do you agree with the proposed new publication deadlines for the FMPs set out in Table 1 in this consultation document?

Yes / No / No opinion

If you wish to provide an explanation for your response, please do so here:

Q3: Do you agree with the proposal to make the technical and other changes to planned FMPs as set out in Table 2 in this consultation document?

Yes / No / No opinion

If you wish to provide an explanation for your response, please do so here:

Q4: Do you agree with the proposal to create a new Northern Ireland Periwinkle FMP as set out in Table 3 in this consultation document?

Yes / No / No opinion

If you wish to provide an explanation for your response, please do so here:

Q5: Do you agree with the proposal that Welsh Ministers should only remain as a authority responsible for the preparation and publication of those FMPs that extend to the Welsh zone?

Yes / No / No opinion

If you wish to provide an explanation for your response, please do so here:

The online portal includes a free text box that will enable you to make further comments should you so wish.

# How to respond to this Consultation

The consultation will primarily be run via the Citizen Space online portal, which is available in English and Welsh.

However, we will accept email and hard copy responses for those unable to access the online survey. A response form to use for email and hard copy is included in ANNEX 2 of this document or can be found on the related documents on the Citizen Space website.

Large print and braille versions of this document are available on request.

## Duration of the Consultation

The consultation will run for 6 weeks, starting at 10:00 on 10 October 2024 and ending on 21 November 2024.

Responses must be received by 23:59 on 21 November 2024.

## Responses

Responses can be:

- Submitted online via the Citizen Space online portal: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/>
- Sent via email to: [JFSAmendment@defra.gov.uk](mailto:JFSAmendment@defra.gov.uk)
- Sent via post to: JFS Team, Defra, Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF

At the end of the consultation period, we will summarise the responses and place this summary on the UK Government website and all devolved administrations' websites.

## Enquiries

If you have any enquiries, please contact:

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The Fisheries Act 2020 can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2020/22/contents/enacted>

The Joint Fisheries Statement can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-fisheries-statement-jfs>

# ANNEX 1: Consultation Draft of Proposed Amendments to Annex A of the JFS

## Annex A: List of planned FMPs

The table below lists the Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs) the fisheries policy authorities (FPAs) will prepare and publish. This table sets out the information required under section 2 of the Fisheries Act 2020. An explanation of each column heading is provided as follows:

- **FMP title:** The chosen name of the FMP.
- **Timetable for preparation and publication:** The timeline over which the FMP will be prepared and published.
- **Stock(s):** The stock(s) covered by the FMP – either a single stock or multiple stocks.
- **Fishing area (ICES subarea and division):** The broad geographical area(s) covered by the plan. ICES subareas and divisions provide a reference to the statistical areas which are used by ICES when providing fisheries management advice (see [www.ices.dk/data/maps/pages/default.aspx](http://www.ices.dk/data/maps/pages/default.aspx)).
- **Joint plan?:** Whether the FMP is a joint plan between FPAs.
- **Authority or Authorities responsible for preparation and publication of plan:** The authority or authorities which are responsible for preparing and publishing the plan. There can be up to four FPAs acting jointly in a plan. The governments / departments associated with each FPA is listed in the table.
- **Coordinating Authority:** The FPA which will coordinate the preparation and management of the plan on behalf of the other FPAs acting jointly.
- **Reason if not joint:** The reason why the plan is being prepared individually by a single authority.

FMP title	Timetable for preparation and publication	Stock(s)	Fishing area (ICES subarea and division)	Joint plan?	Authority or Authorities responsible for preparation and publication of plan				Coordinating Authority	Reason if not joint
					DAERA	Defra	Scottish Government	Welsh Government		
Northern Shelf Cod Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Cod	West Coast of Scotland, North Sea	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	



FMP title	Timetable for preparation and publication	Stock(s)	Fishing area (ICES subarea and division)	Joint plan?	Authority or Authorities responsible for preparation and publication of plan				Coordinating Authority	Reason if not joint
					DAERA	Defra	Scottish Government	Welsh Government		
			and Eastern Channel (4, 6a, 7d)							
Atlantic Cod Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Cod	Rockall, North East Atlantic (6b)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
North Sea and West Coast of Scotland Haddock Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Haddock	North Sea and West Coast of Scotland (4, 6a)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
Atlantic Haddock Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Haddock	Rockall, North East Atlantic (6b)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
West Coast of Scotland Whiting Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Whiting	West Coast of Scotland (6)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
North Sea Whiting Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Whiting	North Sea and Eastern Channel (4, 7d)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
North Sea and West Coast of Scotland Saithe Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Saithe	North Sea and West Coast of Scotland (4, 6)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
Northern Shelf Hake Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Hake	Northern Shelf (4, 6, 7a 7d, 7e, 7f, 7h, 7g, 7j)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Scottish Govt.	
North Sea and West Coast of Scotland Monk/Angler Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Monk	North Sea and West Coast of Scotland (4, 6)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
North Sea and West Coast of Scotland Megrin Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Megrin	North Sea and West Coast of Scotland (4a, 6a, 6b)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
Northern Shelf Ling Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Ling	Northern Shelf (UK waters of 2a,4a,5b, 6)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	

FMP title	Timetable for preparation and publication	Stock(s)	Fishing area (ICES subarea and division)	Joint plan?	Authority or Authorities responsible for preparation and publication of plan				Coordinating Authority	Reason if not joint
					DAERA	Defra	Scottish Government	Welsh Government		
North Sea Nephrops Fisheries Management Plans	2022-2026	Nephrops	North Sea (4)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
West Coast of Scotland Nephrops Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Nephrops	West Coast of Scotland (6)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
Northern Shelf Mackerel Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Mackerel	Northern Shelf (UK waters of 2a, 4, 5b, 6, 7a 7d, 7e, 7f, 7h, 7g, 7j, UK waters of 12b)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Scottish Govt.	
Atlanto Scandian Herring Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Herring	North Sea and Arctic (4a; UK waters of 2a)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
North Sea Herring Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Herring	North Sea and Eastern Channel (4, 7d)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
West Coast of Scotland (and Clyde) Herring Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Herring	West Coast of Scotland (5b, 6)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
North Sea Greater Silver Smelt Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Greater silver smelt	North Sea (2a, 4)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
West of Scotland Greater Silver Smelt Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Greater silver smelt	West Coast of Scotland (5b, 6a)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
Northern Shelf Blue Whiting Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Blue whiting	Northern Shelf (UK waters of 2a, 4, 5b, 6, 7a 7d, 7e, 7f, 7h, 7g, 7j, UK waters of 12b)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Scottish Govt.	
Bass Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2023	Bass	English and Welsh waters (4b, 4c, 6a, 7a, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7h, 7g, 7j)	Yes		Yes		Yes	Defra (England)	
Cockles Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2025	Cockles	English waters (4b, 4c, 7a, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7h, 7g, 7j)	No		Yes			Defra (England)	Applies to authority's own waters

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					DAERA	Defra	Scottish Government	Welsh Government		
Cockles Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2028	Cockles	Welsh waters (7a, 7g, 7f)	No				Yes	Welsh Govt.	Applies to authority's own waters
Crabs & Lobsters Fisheries Management Plan	2021-2023	Crabs, lobsters	English waters (4b, 4c, 7a, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7h, 7g, 7j)	No		Yes			Defra (England)	Applies to authority's own waters
Crabs & Lobsters Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Crabs, lobsters	Welsh waters (7a, 7g, 7f)	No				Yes	Welsh Govt.	Applies to authority's own waters
King Scallop Fisheries Management Plan	2021-2023	Scallops	English and Welsh waters (4b, 4c, 7a, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7h, 7g, 7j)	Yes		Yes		Yes	Defra (England)	
Whelks in English waters Fisheries Management Plan	2021-2023	Whelks	English waters (4b, 4c, 7a, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7h, 7g, 7j)	No		Yes			Defra (England)	Applies to authority's own waters
Whelks in Welsh waters Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2028	Whelks	Welsh waters (7a, 7g, 7f)	No				Yes	Welsh Govt.	Applies to authority's own waters
Queen Scallop Fisheries Management Plan	2023-2025	Queen scallop	English waters (4b, 4c, 7a, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7h, 7g, 7j)	No		Yes			Defra (England)	Applies to authority's own waters
Irish Sea Demersal Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Plaice, cod, haddock, sole, whiting, Nephrops	Irish Sea (7a Northern Irish, Welsh and English waters only)	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	DAERA (Northern Ireland)	
Irish Sea Pelagic Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Herring	Irish Sea (7a Northern Irish, Welsh and English waters only)	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	DAERA (Northern Ireland)	
Northern Ireland Non-Quota Shellfish Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Edible crab, velvet crab, lobster, king scallops and queen scallops	Northern Ireland waters (7a, 6a)	No	Yes				DAERA (Northern Ireland)	Applies to authority's own waters

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Celtic Sea and Western Channel Demersal Fisheries Management Plan	2023-2026	Monkfish/anglerfish, cod, haddock, plaice, thornback ray, sole, blue ling, deep water sharks, saithe, small eyed ray, round nose grenadier, red seabream, skates and rays, shagreen ray, blonde ray, sandy ray, spotted ray, cuckoo ray, Megrin, four-spotted megrim, pollock, nephrops, whiting	Celtic Sea and Western Channel (7e, 7f, 7g, 7h: Welsh and English waters only)	Yes		Yes		Yes	Defra (England)	
Celtic Sea and Western Channel Pelagic Fisheries Management Plan	2023-2026	Herring, pilchard, greater silver smelt, horse mackerel, anchovy	Celtic Sea and Western Channel (7e, 7f, 7g, 7h Welsh and English waters only)	Yes		Yes		Yes	Defra (England)	
Southern North Sea and Eastern Channel Mixed Flatfish Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2024	Plaice, sole, turbot, witch, Brill, lemon sole, sole, dab, flounder, halibut	Southern North Sea and Eastern Channel (4b, 4c, 7d)	No		Yes			Defra (England)	Applies to authority's own waters
North Sea Horse Mackerel Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2026	Horse mackerel	North Sea and Eastern Channel (4, 7d)	Yes		Yes	Yes		Scottish Govt.	
North Sea and Channel Sprat Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2025	Sprat	North Sea and Channel (4, 7d, 7e)	Yes		Yes	Yes		Defra (England)	
Seabream Fisheries Management Plan	2023-2026	Black seabream, gilthead seabream	English waters (4b, 4c, 7a, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7h, 7g, 7j)	No		Yes			Defra (England)	Applies to authority's own waters

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Wrasses complex Fisheries Management Plan	2023-2026	Goldsinny wrasse, ballan wrasse, wrasse species complex, corkwing wrasse, rock cook, cuckoo wrasse	English waters (4b, 4c, 7a, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7h, 7g, 7j)	No		Yes			Defra (England)	Applies to authority's own waters
Southern North Sea Non-Quota Demersal Fisheries Management Plan	2023-2025	Red gurnards, tub gurnards, cuttlefish, squid, octopus, John Dory, surmullet, lesser spotted dogfish, grey gurnards, smoothhound	Southern North Sea (4b, 4c: English waters only)	No		Yes			Defra (England)	Applies to authority's own waters
Channel Non-Quota Demersal Fisheries Management Plan	2022-2023	Red gurnards, tub gurnards, cuttlefish, squid, octopus, John Dory, surmullet, lesser spotted dogfish, grey gurnards, Lemon sole, brill, smoothhound, bib and turbot.	Channel (7d, 7e)	No		Yes			Defra (England)	Applies to authority's own waters
Southern North Sea and Channel Skates and Rays Fisheries Management Plan	2023-2025	Thornback ray, blonde ray, undulate ray, skates and rays, small-eyed ray, spotted ray, cuckoo ray, starry ray	Southern North Sea and Channel (Subarea 4b, 4c, 7d, 7e – English waters only)	No		Yes			Defra (England)	Applies to authority's own waters
Periwinkles Fisheries Management Plan	2024-2027	Periwinkles	Northern Ireland waters (7a, 6a)	No	Yes				DAERA (Northern Ireland)	Applies to authority's own waters

# ANNEX 2: Consultation response form

**Name:**

Q1: Would you like your response to be confidential (see “Using and sharing your information” section above for more detail)?

Yes / No

Q2: Do you agree with the proposed new publication deadlines for the FMPs set out in Table 1 in this consultation document?

Yes / No / No opinion

If you wish to provide an explanation for your response, please do so here:

Q3: Do you agree with the proposal to make the technical and other changes to planned FMPs as set out in Table 2 in this consultation document?

Yes / No / No opinion

If you wish to provide an explanation for your response, please do so here:

Q4: Do you agree with the proposal to create a new Northern Ireland Periwinkle FMP as set out in Table 3 in this consultation document?

Yes / No / No opinion

If you wish to provide an explanation for your response, please do so here:

Q5: Do you agree with the proposal that the Welsh Ministers should only remain as an authority responsible for the preparation and publication of those FMPs that extend to the Welsh zone?

Yes / No / No opinion

If you wish to provide an explanation for your response, please do so here:

The online portal includes a free text box that will enable you to make further comments should you so wish.