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| Dear Consultee, | | **Date:** 20/06/2025 |

# Consultation on marine licences: changes to fees, exemptions and self-service licences

1. I am writing to invite views on proposed amendments to marine licensing fees, exemptions and self-service licences.
2. We are seeking views on proposed changes to:

* increase fees for the marine licence service provided by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
* change the list of activities that need a marine licence – to add 5 new exemptions, amend 4 exemptions and remove some existing exemptions
* add 2 new self-service licences

1. The aim of these changes is to make the marine licensing service more efficient, whilst supporting the government’s plans for growth and nature recovery.
2. The consultation applies to the English inshore and offshore region and the Northern Ireland offshore region regulated by the MMO.
3. The following documents may be found on [GOV.UK](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/marine-licences-changes-to-fees-exemptions-and-self-service-licences).

* consultation on marine licensing efficiencies
* consultation letter
* privacy notice

1. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals.

**Responses**

1. To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an online consultation tool).
2. If you require a copy of the consultation, please contact us at marine.licensing@defra.gov.uk
3. Responses should be received by 15th August 2025

**Using and sharing your information**

1. How we use your personal data is set out in the consultation and call for evidence exercise privacy notice which can be found here https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defras-consultations-and-call-for-evidence-exercises-privacy-notice
2. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please email: consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk
3. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours Faithfully,

Marine Licensing Team

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