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Dear Stakeholder

**Report to Parliament about Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs)
conduct and operation: a 'Call for Evidence'**

The Defra Secretary of State must prepare a report into the conduct and operation of IFCAs every four years from the date when IFCAs were first established in 2010. The report must be laid before Parliament. Defra has started a process to collect evidence that will go towards this first report.

I invite you to respond to our 'Call for Evidence' and help us understand how individual IFCAs have worked to meet their duties and demonstrated the local leadership that might be expected of a statutory regulator. We have published background information about the IFCAs and a questionnaire. It is available from the Defra Citizen Space website at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/marine/ifca-report>

Responses

To submit your response, please complete the questionnaire available from the Citizen Space website. You can send your comments to us

- through the Citizen Space website, or
- by post to IFCA Consultation, Defra Marine Sponsorship Team, Millbank 8A, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR, or
- directly to our dedicated email account: ifca.consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Please let us have your comments by **Friday 1 August 2014**.

Consultation criteria

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

Copies of responses will be made available to the public on request. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information –



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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.

We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at www.gov.uk/defra

This summary will include a list of names or organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to:

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or by email to: consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk

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

Yours faithfully

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