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**Our ref:** REMCfEv1  
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Dear Consultee,

## Expanding the use of Remote Electronic Monitoring in England – an initial call for evidence

I am writing to invite views on Expanding the use of Remote Electronic Monitoring in England.

The call for evidence documents may be found on GOV.UK. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals.

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

If you require a copy of the call for evidence documents, please contact us at [MarineFisheries.PreparednessCentre@defra.gov.uk](mailto:MarineFisheries.PreparednessCentre@defra.gov.uk)

### Responses

Responses or additional information or documents can be sent to:

Consultation Coordinator  
2nd floor  
Foss House  
Kings Pool  
1-2 Peasholme Green  
York  
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Responses should be received by **30 November 2020**.



## **Call for evidence criteria**

Many of the purposes that Remote Electronic Monitoring can be used to deliver are devolved issues. Defra is seeking initial views on expanding the use of Remote Electronic Monitoring on English registered fishing vessels and vessels fishing in English waters. However, we will continue working with our colleagues around the UK to align our policies where it is right to do so.

## **Confidentiality and data protection**

This call for evidence document and process have been planned to adhere to the Consultation Principles issued by the Cabinet Office. Which can be found at: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultationprinciplesguidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultationprinciplesguidance)

Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent and where relevant who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond.

Information provided in response to this call for evidence, including personal data, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes these are primarily the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs), the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA).

We have obligations, mainly under the EIRs, FOIA and DPA, to disclose information to particular recipients or to the public in certain circumstances.

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, as a public authority, the Department is bound by the Freedom of Information Act and may therefore be obliged to disclose all or some of the information you provide.

In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential.

If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

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

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Or email: [consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk)

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

Yours sincerely

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