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Dear Consultee,

Latent capacity in the over 10m scallop and shellfish fleet in England – a call for evidence

I am writing to invite views on the issue of latent capacity in the over 10m scallop and shellfish fleet 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 Scallopandshellfishconsultations@defra.gov.uk

Responses

Responses or additional information or documents can be sent to:

Latent capacity
Consultation Coordinator
2nd floor
Foss House
Kings Pool
1-2 Peasholme Green
York
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Responses should be received by **30 August 2021**.



Call for evidence criteria

Licensing of UK fishing activities is a devolved issue. Latent capacity in this Call for Evidence is discussed from an England perspective. We are asking for views to help us understand whether the uptake of latent/dormant licences presents a risk to stock sustainability. We also wish to understand what the likely impacts will be on the stocks and on the fishing industry, if latent licences were to be capped. The Call for Evidence will last six weeks.

Confidentiality and data protection

Please find the Consultations Privacy Notice uploaded alongside this call for evidence, which will apply to any personal data that you provide with your response.

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

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 access to information laws. 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 EIRs, FOIA and DPA 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 call for evidence process, please address them to:

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Or email: 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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