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Marine Environmental Legislation Newsletter

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Consultations

England – Consultation on 3rd Tranche MPAs

This consultation which runs until 20th July is on the third, and final, tranche of MPAs which will be designated under the Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009). This is the largest tranche so far with 41 new proposed sites and additional features added to already designated sites. Due to the short timetable for this consultation and the fact that these sites are the most controversial in the network, it is vital for responses to be submitted so that all views can be considered.

The consultation can be found here;

https://consult.defra.gov.uk/marine/consultation-on-the-third-tranche-of-marine-conser/supporting_documents/Consultation%20Document.pdf-1

Scotland – Consultation on Offshore Wind Marine Planning

Marine Scotland have launched a short timescale consultation on marine planning with regard to offshore wind installations. In November 2017 Crown Estate Scotland announced its intention to run a further leasing round for offshore wind developments and so Marine Scotland are now consulting on the planning aspects of these proposed leases. The consultation runs until 18th July and can be found here;

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<https://consult.gov.scot/marine-scotland/offshore-wind-scoping/>

England – Consultation on RBMPs

The Environment Agency has published a consultation on updating the current river basin management plans. The plans have been in operation since 2016 and must be updated every six years. The current consultation is the first stage in the update and is aimed at working together to improve the plans. The consultations, which are on each of the individual areas run until 22nd December and can be found here;

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/river-basin-planning-working-together?dm_i=3O4M,EVDO,D6HS6,1KOAJ,1

EU – Eel Fisheries

The Commission has requested advice from all advisory councils on the impact of the current restrictions on eel fishing. The ICES advice has been to stop all eel fishing to allow the species to recover for the last 10 years and the Commission considers it is unlikely to change in the near future. Thus any information on the impact of the restrictions would be appreciated by the Commission. If you have anything you would like to contribute, please get in touch with me at sarah@shellfish.org.uk

DEFRA – Environmental Principles and Governance post Brexit

This month Defra has released a consultation which runs until 2nd August on plans for environmental principles and governance after exit from the EU. It says government intends to build on the positive measures which have come out of being a member of the EU whilst addressing the failures.

It can be found here;

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/eu/environmental-principles-and-governance/>

European Lobster Market Questionnaire

Lobster Grower 2 (LG2) (www.lobstergrower.co.uk), is a research project investigating the use of sea-based culture systems that require no supplemental feed inputs for rearing a species not currently exploited in the aquaculture sector, the clawed lobster. This project uses innovative solutions to assess the commercial potential of lobster aquaculture looking at technical, economic, environmental and social aspects of the process.

The LG2 consortium have released a brief questionnaire and are interested in your

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views on commercial lobster aquaculture and it's associated market. Follow the link below;

<http://www.lobstergrower.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Lobster-Market-and-Product-Assessment.docx>

EU – Open Method of Coordination for Aquaculture

The EU has launched an online consultation on the open method of coordination for aquaculture. This is the process where the Commission and the Member States collaborate to support and encourage the sustainable development of aquaculture. It consists primarily of best practice workshops where national authorities can share and exchange information on effective regulation to promote growth in the area and looks at the national plans which target development up to 2020.

The consultation is open until 20th July and can be found here;

https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/public-consultation-open-method-coordination-eu-aquaculture_en

EU – Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive

This consultation, which runs until 23rd July is a part of the evaluation of the Directive which requires an assessment to be done on certain plans which affect the environment. It is part of the programme of review which aims to assess whether regulation is functioning as expected and producing the desired outcomes.

It can be found here;

https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/public-consultation-evaluation-strategic-environmental-assessment-directive_en

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EU – Working Document on Conservation Measures

The Commission has produced a staff working document on the establishment of conservation measures under the CFP for Natura 2000 sites and MSFD. DG Mare have written;

“We trust that this guidance document will be of assistance for the establishment of fishery management measures under Article 11 of the CFP Regulation in order to comply with environmental legislation, in particular for preparing joint recommendations

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to be adopted through Commission delegated acts. We invite you to use and widely disseminate this document to all interested stakeholders.

Please email me at sarah@shellfish.org.uk if you would like a copy.

EU – Multi-Annual Plan for North Sea

The European parliament has adopted text on the multi-annual plan for the exploitation of demersal stocks in the North Sea. The text can be found here;

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2018-0212+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>

EU – ICES Paper on Welfare of Aquatic Animals

ICES have published a paper this month on the welfare of aquatic animals. This paper addresses fish and shellfish welfare, describes the current situation, identifies some of the future challenges and discusses some of the ethical debates which might be held in the future. The report can be found here;

<https://academic.oup.com/icesjms/advance-article/doi/10.1093/icesjms/fsy067/5037898>