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Dear Consultee

Consultation on Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy and the Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products

1. I am writing to invite views on the European Commission's proposals for the reform of both the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and the Common Organisation of the Markets (CMO) in Fishery and Aquaculture Products.
2. The following documents may be found on Defra's website:
 - Brief Summary of the CFP and CMO Proposals and supporting questions.

The hyperlinks below will direct you to the documents which were published by the European Commission.

- [COM\(2011\) 417](#) – Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions; Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy
 - [COM\(2011\) 425](#) – Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Fisheries Policy
 - [COM\(2011\) 416](#) – Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products
 - [COM\(2011\) 424](#) – Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on External dimension of the Common Fisheries Policy
 - [COM\(2011\) 418](#) – Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions; On Reporting Obligations under Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy
 - [Impact assessments](#): SEC(2011) 891, SEC(2011) 883
3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation please contact **Frances Kirwan** on the number above.
 4. Please send responses to either:

**Frances Kirwan
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Or email: cfp@defra.gsi.gov.uk

5. Responses should be received by no later than the **10th November 2011**.

Consultation Criteria

6. This consultation is in line with the principles set out in Code of practice on Consultations. This can be found at <http://www.berr.gov.uk/bre/> .

7. When this consultation ends, we intend to put a copy of the responses in the Defra library at Ergon House, London. This is so that the public can see them. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.

8. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – 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.

9. 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.

10. We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/default.asp> . This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.

To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the library at:

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17 Smith Square
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Email: defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Please give the library 24 hours' notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.

11. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to, Defra's Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 7C Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR, or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

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

Yours Faithfully

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