INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is managing a new net selectivity scheme in the North East Nephrops fishery in 2019. The scheme aims to lower discards and improve the composition of catches of vessels targeting Nephrops by reducing the number of juvenile fish caught as a bycatch of this fishery.

The scheme will be open to English vessels from the sector, non-sector and under 10m fleets, fishing in the North East Nephrops fishery. All vessels, including those under 10m, will have to submit a logbook.

The Farne Deeps Licence Conditions must also be adhered to.

Additional quota from the reserve pool for Nephrops will be made available for participant vessels. There may also be scientific quota available. The scheme will run from July 1st 2019 and will end on 31st December 2019.

The main objective of the scheme is to increase the use of highly selective gears to reduce unwanted bycatch within the NE Nephrops fishery.

Please note that all catches of landing obligation stocks (including undersized fish) will count against the vessel’s quota, and must be landed and recorded in accordance with the landing obligation.

All vessels participating on the 2019 scheme will be required to:

- Make a bid for the required amount of reserve pool quota (this may be restricted to a percentage of previous landings and dependent on the number of applicants).
- Provide details of the selective gear that will be used for the duration of the scheme (see below some examples).
- Make the gear available for inspection.
- Complete a logbook to include all quantities of below MCRS bycatch.

If you have any questions regarding the landing obligation please refer to the guidance at: Landing Obligation Guidance 2019 or contact your local MMO office.

Submission of the application

The application form attached below must be completed and submitted, by electronic copy to ukcatchquota@defra.gsi.gov.uk or, by hard copy to:

Future Fisheries Team
Marine Management Organisation
Lancaster House
Hampshire Court
Newcastle
NE4 7YH

Queries about the application
Clarification of the application requirements can be given. Please email queries to ukcatchquota@defra.gsi.gov.uk

**Timetable**
Applications must be received by **12.00hrs on 14/06/2019**. Applicants will be informed of the results as soon as possible.
APPLICATION FORM

NORTH EAST NEPHROPS NET SELECTIVITY Scheme 2019 [Please use this to submit your application - Failure to provide the requested information may result in the application being rejected].

1) NAME OF APPLICANT (in capitals) [Must be completed by owner or agent]

Name:

2) ADDRESS & CONTACT DETAILS (in capitals)

Address for contacting over this application:

Daytime phone numbers and mobile number:

Email address:

3) VESSEL NAME & SKIPPER

Vessel Name:

Vessel Registration Number:

Skipper:

4) GEAR TYPE

Please provide a detailed proposal of the selective net you intend to use during 2019. Some examples of nets that may be considered are:

- 200mm square mesh panel developed for the Nephrop fishery in North West England in 2012 and 2013
- 300mm square mesh panel
- Seltra '300' trawl
- Seltra '270' trawl
- Faithlie panel
- Flip-Flap trawl
- Net Grid or variants
- Inclined separator panel
- Swedish Grid
- SepNep
Name (Please print): 

Position in Company: 

Signed: 

Date: