



Marine  
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# COVID-19 support available for the Marine Development sector

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# MMO – Here to Help

The impact of Covid-19 has brought significant and varied challenges to many of our customers and stakeholders. Our MMO teams in Marine Planning, Licencing and Marine Conservation are available to help.

## Help Available

### Here to help – Marine Licencing

In response to the current situation we have adjusted our ways of working, and we want to hear from you if you want to discuss any issues with us. In particular, if you are experiencing difficulties in making payments we will consider a payment deferral of up to 90 days. This will depend upon the current status of the licence application and past payment history. Please contact us for more information.

We continue to offer all of our usual services and support digitally with online public consultations, virtual meetings and by phone.

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Please contact us by email [Marine.consents@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:Marine.consents@marinemanagement.org.uk) or call 0208 225 7304

### Here to help – Marine Planning

For all information about marine planning – [click here](#)

Our quarterly MMO newsletter provides detailed updates on marine planning. The May 2020 edition can be [viewed here](#). You can use this link to sign up to receive the next edition.

Local Marine planning officers are available by email or by phone. Our contact details are available in our MMO [quarterly newsletter](#).

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### Here to help - Keeping track of your Marine licence application

You can track the status of your case as usual via the [Marine Case Management System record](#).

We are prioritising activities that support essential national infrastructure – such as energy transmission or transport links – as well as the recovery of the economy and the protection of the environment.

In the event that these priorities means that other applications will take longer to complete or to be paused, we will contact you and keep you informed.

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### Here to help - Licence extensions

We are contacting everyone whose Marine Licence is due to expire by March 2021 to discuss a six month extension of the licence if needed. All extensions are subject to conditions that may be required, dependent on the project. To find out more information, please see the guidance on our website by [clicking here](#).

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### Here to help - Staying compliant

Customers who are concerned they may become non-compliant due to the impact of Covid-19, for example, on discharging conditions, you should contact us for advice.

To help customers manage their licence conditions and fulfil our responsibility to protect the environment, we are continuing our routine assurance monitoring, with the majority of assurance activities undertaken through “desk-based” checks working with customers through phone and email. Exceptionally, we continue to undertake assurance monitoring by going out on site where this can be done using social distancing and following a risk assessment.

We welcome other ideas, such as virtual site visits with contractors, where they support compliance and can be undertaken safely. You can find full guidance on our website by [clicking here](#).

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### Here to help - Digital invoices

Recognising that many of our customers are not working in their usual office spaces, or are working with reduced capacity. To help them we are now issuing, receiving and processing invoices electronically. Please contact us for more information or to register for e-invoicing.

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Please contact us by email [licensinginvoices@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:licensinginvoices@marinemanagement.org.uk) or call 0208 225 7304

### Here to help - Marine pollution incidents

We are continuing to prioritise and maintain our 24-hour duty officer cover for any marine pollution incidents.

The team is available to respond to any incidents and provide advice on requests to use a dispersant or oil spill treatment product within one hour.

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Please contact us by email [dispersants@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:dispersants@marinemanagement.org.uk) or call 0300 2002024. Our emergency 24 hours contact number is: 07770 977825

### Here to help - Wildlife licensing

Marine wildlife licence applications continue to be actioned, with officers available to help with queries related to wildlife licensing or to respond to incidents. For more information please [click here](#).

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Please contact us by email [conservation@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:conservation@marinemanagement.org.uk) or call 0300 123 1032

### Here to help - Harbour Order applicants

We remain in close contact with industry representatives and trade bodies, including the British Ports Association and UK Major Ports Group, on issues arising and are in regular contact with colleagues at the Department for Transport.

For support and advice please contact the Harbour Order Team via email below.

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Please contact us by email [harbourorders@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:harbourorders@marinemanagement.org.uk) or call 0208 225 7304

### Here to help - Marine Plans consultation

The production of the first marine plans covering England’s seas continues, with a view to adoption in March 2021. This is an important contribution to our management of the marine area, and to help support the UK’s recovery from the impacts of Covid-19.

We are currently analysing consultation responses and there will be follow up engagement with consultees where needed to inform re-drafting of the plans. Recognising that the

ability of some stakeholders to engage may be limited at this time, we will take a flexible approach where requested. We welcome suggestions from stakeholders on how they would like to engage.

We are currently offering our services digitally with virtual meetings and information webinars and have successfully delivered training sessions to help decision-makers use the marine plans. A recorded webinar is also available and will be updated as required when the final version of the plans is published.

The online 'Explore Marine Plans' digital tool, with marine plan area maps, information and policies, can be [viewed here](#) (Google Chrome recommended).

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# Government Support available

Area of support	Assistance available
<b>Fisheries Response Fund</b>	<p>Eligible registered fishing vessel owners and aquaculture farms may qualify for payments to contribute to their fixed costs. This fund closed on 22 May.</p> <hr/> <p>For more information <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>
<b>Domestic Seafood Supply Scheme</b>	<p>This grants scheme will make awards to enable projects that support the sale and consumption of locally caught fish and shellfish. Successful projects were informed on 22 May and may start operating projects immediately.</p> <hr/> <p>For more information <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>
<b>Coronavirus Business Interruption loan scheme</b>	<p>This scheme will help businesses who have immediate cash-flow issues. It will be delivered through commercial lenders and Government-owned British Business Bank.</p> <hr/> <p>For more information <a href="#">click here</a> or call 0300 456 3565</p>
<b>Bounce Back Loans</b>	<p>100% government backed loan scheme for small business. Businesses will be able to borrow between £2,000 and £50,000 and access the cash within days.</p> <hr/> <p>For more information <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>
<b>Small Business Grant Fund</b>	<p>This will provide a one-off grant of £10,000 to eligible businesses to help meet their ongoing business costs. Local authorities will write to eligible businesses.</p> <hr/> <p>For guidance, please click <a href="#">here</a> or call 0300 456 3565</p>
<b>Coronavirus Jobs Retention Scheme</b>	<p>All UK employers with a PAYE scheme can access support to continue paying part of their employees' salary for those who would otherwise have been laid off. Pays 80% of salary up to £2,500 a month for workers who have been designated as furloughed.</p> <hr/> <p>For guidance, please click <a href="#">here</a> or call 0300 456 3565</p>
<b>HMRC COVID-19 support for business</b>	<p>Businesses with outstanding tax liabilities and in financial distress can receive extra support through HMRC's Time to Pay service. Contact HMRC support and ask to defer VAT/ PAYE and Corporation Tax.</p> <hr/> <p>For guidance, please <a href="#">click here</a> or call 0800 0159 559</p>
<b>VAT payments deferral</b>	<p>VAT payments deferred from end March 2020 to end June 2020. This is an automatic offer with no applications required. UK registered businesses will not need to make VAT payments normally due with VAT returns during this period.</p> <hr/> <p>For guidance, please <a href="#">click here</a> or call 0300 456 3565</p>

### Self-Employment Income Support Scheme

If you are self-employed earning taxable profit of less than £50k p.a. and are adversely affected by Covid-19 you are entitled to a grant worth 80% of average monthly taxable profit, up to £2,500 a month for three months, or longer if necessary. You can receive this grant and continue to do business, or claim Universal Credit and other benefits and still qualify for the grant.

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For guidance please [click here](#).

### Universal Credit

Universal Credit has removed the Minimum Income Floor which makes it easier for self-employed people to access this benefit. Self-employed earners may be eligible for either new style Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) or Universal Credit or both. You may apply for either or both of these benefits online at GOV.UK

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For guidance on universal credit, please [click here](#) or call 0800 328 564

### Mortgage loans/holidays

Lenders have agreed with the government to offer a 3 month mortgage or loan payment deferral to those struggling as a result of Coronavirus.

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For guidance, please contact your lender.

### Statutory Sick Pay rebate

Small and medium-sized businesses will be able to reclaim Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) paid for staff sickness absence due to coronavirus.

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For guidance, please [click here](#) or call 0300 456 3565

### Income Tax

Self-assessment income tax payments have been deferred from end of July 2020 to end January 2021. This is an automatic offer with no applications required. No penalties or interest for late payment will be charged in the deferral period.

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For guidance on time to pay, please [click here](#). For income tax deferral [click here](#) or call 0300 456 3565

### Bounce Back Loans

100% government backed loan scheme for small business. Businesses will be able to borrow between £2,000 and £50,000 and access the cash within days.

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