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CONSULTATION: INLAND WATERWAY GRANT SCHEME

As first announced in the Budget in March, today the Government has published a consultation document seeking views of how it will award grants totalling £1 million per annum over five years, to organisations operating in the UK who are involved in both safety and rescue activities on inland and inshore waters. The scheme is to be established and run by the Department for Transport.

The consultation document can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/grant-funding-for-inland-safety-boatcharities

This consultation offers the public the opportunity to comment on several key aspects of the future grant regime. There are **9 main questions** to which we are seeking views. It would be helpful, though not essential, to receive responses to all of the questions in the consultation document, which are clearly marked. Responses should be as concise and as clear as possible.

All responses to the consultation will be considered, and will help form the Government's plan for administering and allocating the grant funds in the early part of 2015, when a further announcement will be made.

The preferred format for responses to the consultation is via email (or Microsoft Word document), sent to <u>Maritime@dft.gsi.gov.uk</u>. This inbox is not continually monitored and you may not receive acknowledgement that your email has been received.

Alternatively, you may wish to post your response to:

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Responses must be received by no later than Monday 29th September 2014.

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