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Dear Consultee

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Dear Consultee,

CONSULTATION OF THE REVISED VOLUNTARY SMALL FISHING VESSEL CODE OF PRACTICE

This consultation seeks comments on the Marine Guidance Note which provides updated standards for the safety of Small Fishing Vessels of less than 15m overall length.

The consultation period will run for 4 weeks. Please send your responses to MCA by email to Gareth.love@mcga.gov.uk or to the address at the head of this letter by 31/03/2015.

The Consultation has three appendices.

Appendix 1 – Draft MGN Small Fishing Vessel Code of Practice

Appendix 2 – Draft Small Fishing Vessel Code of Practice

Appendix 3 – Business Engagement Assessment

The consultation documents are available online from the Gov.uk site at www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultations&topics/maritime-and-coastguard-agency=

Freedom of Information Act

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).

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confidence. In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

The Department will process your personal data in accordance with the DPA and in the majority of circumstances; this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties.

Consultation Criteria

This consultation has been conducted in accordance with the [Cabinet Office Consultation Principles Guidance](#).

Feedback

If you have any comments regarding the conduct of this consultation please contact the Consultation Co-ordinator at consultation.coordinator@mcga.gov.uk. We are continually trying to improve the way in which we conduct consultations and appreciate your views, so we would also be grateful if you could complete and return the attached feedback form. These should be submitted to the Consultation Co-ordinator and are not affected by the deadline for this consultation.

Yours faithfully,

David Fenner
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