



Marine Management Organisation

To: UK producer organisations and
other interested parties
By email only

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation on Draft 2015 UK and English Quota Management Rules

Please find draft 2015 UK and English quota management rules attached. These are provided for your consideration and to **submit your views on them to me by 20 January 2015.**

These draft 2015 rules are presented as the text of the 2014 rules with any proposed changes shown as tracked changes in Microsoft word. This makes it clear where the rules are proposed to remain the same and where updates are suggested.

You may comment on any part of the rules. The following areas are those where changes are considered, and your views are particularly welcome:

UK Rules

- Banking and borrowing of quotas, paragraph 8.3b – some UK fish producer organisations have requested a change to the administration of quota banking. Therefore, please comment on whether you support the current methodology used in the distribution of banked quota. If you do not then please suggest another method and how you consider it would better meet UK government policy objectives including allocating quota to the active fleet.
- Banking and borrowing of quotas, paragraph 8.1 – text added to clarify that those special quota allocations set out in paragraph 2.3 are eligible for banking and borrowing.
- Banking and borrowing of quotas, paragraph 8.9 – clarification given that if a group exceeds their quota allocation plus the borrowed amount, then this would be considered unauthorised fishing as set out in section 7.

English Rules

No significant changes are considered necessary.

Amendments to these draft rules may be necessary if changes are made to quota management regulations or agreements as a result of recent and upcoming negotiation meetings that will discuss fishing opportunities for 2015.

There may also be the need to amend the rules during 2015 if the implementation of the pelagic landings obligation results in any administrative changes to quota amounts or flexibility. In the event that this is considered necessary, interested parties will be informed ahead of any proposed changes being published.

My best regards and I look forward to receiving your views.



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