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Dear Consultee

NEW MGN - FISHING VESSELS OPERATING IN SUBMARINE OPERATING AREAS

The MCA would like to consult on a new Marine Guidance Note to replace MGN 12. This note describes measures implemented by the Royal Navy to minimise the risk to fishing vessels operating in areas of submarine activity. It also explains how to obtain information about submarine activity and what action fishing vessel skippers need to take when operating in areas of submarine activity, particularly in the event of power from main, auxiliary and emergency power sources being lost.

We would welcome your comments on the proposed MGN which should be forwarded to helen.duncan@mca.gov.uk. This consultation will close on 21st March 2017.

This consultation and the comments received will be posted on the consultations page Gov.uk.

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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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
Head of Fishing and Codes Policy

MCA CONSULTATION FEEDBACK FORM

1. Please indicate on which Consultation you are providing feedback:

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2a. Please indicate whether you are responding on behalf of:

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A Trade Union		Other (please specify)				

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Very good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor

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Very good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor

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Very good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor

6. Did you feel that the consultation was conducted over a sufficient period of time?

YES

NO

7. Were any representative groups, organisations or companies not consulted who you felt should have been?

YES

NO

If YES, who?

8. Please let us have any suggestions for improvement or other comments you wish to make about this consultation below:

Thank you for your time. Please return this form to:

Consultation Co-ordinator,
Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
Spring Place, Bay 3/26,
105 Commercial Road
Southampton
SO15 1EG

Or e-mail it to: consultation.coordinator@mcga.gov.uk

If you are happy to supply your name in case we need to contact you to discuss your views further, please enter it below (this is optional and your feedback will still be taken into account if you wish to remain anonymous):

Name:

Tel No:

Please note that the deadline for responses to the Consultation itself does not apply to the return of this form.