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CONSULTATION – MODERNISATION OF MCA SURVEY & INSPECTION FUNCTIONS

Dear NAME

The MCA is seeking your views and comments on the proposals for a new operating model for its Survey and Inspection function through consultation with you. This consultation begins on 22 March 2016 and will run until midday on 21 April 2016.

The consultation document is enclosed and is also available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/mca#consultations>

Details on how you can respond to the consultation are at the end of this letter.

Maritime industries are expected to grow significantly in the next decade and, if the UK is to compete, it must have a strong and effective survey and inspection regime which, amongst other requirements, ensures your safety. We are very aware that Commercial fishing, shipping and the marine environment in general carry high risks; any failure of governance and inspection has the potential to result in serious accident, substantial fines or other damaging consequences.

Several years ago the MCA began to experience difficulties with recruiting and retaining surveyors in a highly competitive market. This trend has accelerated recently and has now reached the point where the MCA is now unable to fulfil all of its statutory functions and obligations. Following completion of a review, which started in 2011, changes have been recommended, resulting in the suggested new operating model upon which we are now consulting you.

In order that we can focus on the modernisation of the MCA Survey and Inspection functions in a way that most effectively supports our customers, we would very much like you to respond to the consultation and give us your ideas.

If you would like to contribute, please ensure that your response reaches us before the closing date. Responses received after this closing date will not be considered.

Please send consultation responses to:

By email: sitpconsultation@mcga.gov.uk

By post: S&I Transformation Programme, Bay 3/09, Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton SO15 1EG.

Please note: if you are responding by post, the date to receive your comments is one full day after the consultation closes.

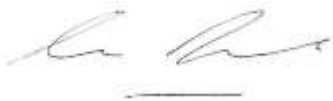
Or complete our online survey available through:

<https://www.gov.uk/mca#consultations>

Comments on this consultation, together with the MCA responses and Review Panel recommendations, will be made available on-line at www.gov.uk – Departments and Policy – Consultations, within three months of the closing date of this consultation.

We look forward to receiving your contribution.

Yours sincerely



Bill Dunham
Senior Responsible Owner for the Programme

List of Consultees

Fishing Vessel Organisations

National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations	Scottish Fishermen's Federation
North Sea Fishermen's Organisation	Welsh Fishermen's Association
New Under Ten Fishermen's Association	Fishermen's Association Ltd
Northern Ireland Fish Producers Organisation	Anglo Scottish Fishermen's Association
Clyde Fishermen's Association	Fishing Vessel Agents & Owners Association (Scotland) Ltd
Mallaig & North West Fishermen's Association Ltd	Orkney Fisheries Association
Scallop Association	Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association Ltd
Scottish White Fish Producers Association Ltd	Shetland Fishermen's Association
Anglo-North Irish Fish Producers Organisation	Cornish Fish Producers Organisation
Wales and West Coast Fish Producers Organisation	The Fish Producers Organisation
Eastern England Fish Producer's Organisation	Fleetwood Fish Producer's Organisation
Lowestoft Fish Producer's Organisation	North Atlantic Fish Producer's Organisation
Shipbuilder and Ship Repairers Association	
Over 15 metre Fishing Vessel Owners (Postal)	Under 15 metre Fishing Vessel Owners (Postal)

Classification Societies and Certifying Authorities

American Bureau of Shipping	Registro Italiano Navale
Bureau Veritas	Det Norske Veritas – Germanischer Lloyd
Lloyds Register of Shipping	Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK)
Burness Corlett Three Quays (Southampton) Ltd	International Institute of Marine Surveying
MECAL Ltd	Royal Yacht Association
Society of Consulting Marine Engineers and Ship Surveyors	Yacht Designers and Surveyors Association
Seafish Industry Authority	Port of London Authority
RINA UK	

Shipping

Absolute Shipping Ltd	Africa Express Line
Andrew Weir Shipping Ltd	Bibby Line Group Ltd
Atlantic Offshore Rescue Ltd	BMT Group Ltd
BLM	Bluewater
Boston Putford Offshore Safety Ltd	BP Shipping Ltd
Bristol Steamship Owners Association	Britannia Aggregates Ltd
Britannia SS Insurance Association Ltd	Brittany Ferries
Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd	Calmac Ferries Ltd
Carnival UK	CMA CGM (UK) Holdings
Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses	Condor Marine Services
DAO Shipping	DeepOcean2 UK Ltd
Denholm Shipping Co Ltd	DFDS Seaways
DGS Marine Ltd	DOF (UK)
DU PONT (UK) Ltd	Equiom
Euronav	Evergreen Marine (UK) Ltd
Farstad Shipping Ltd	Fathom Maritime Intelligence
Fletcher Shipping Ltd	Fred Olsen Cruise Lines Ltd
Gardline Geosurvey Ltd	Graig Shipping Plc
GulfMark UK Ltd	Henry Abram & Sons Ltd
Inmarsat	Institute of Export
Intrada Ships Management Ltd	Irish Ferries
Isle of Man Steam Packet Co Ltd	Isles of Scilly Steamship Co Ltd
James Fisher & Sons Plc	James Fisher Everard Ltd
John H Whitaker (Tankers) Ltd	JP Knight River Logistics

KPMG LLP	Latsco (London) Ltd
London Offshore Consultants Ltd	Lomar Shipping
Maersk Company Ltd	Maersk Line UK & Ireland
Maersk Supply Service Ltd	North Star Shipping Ltd
P&O Ferries Ltd	Precious Alliance Limited
Prosafe Offshore Ltd	RCL (UK) Ltd
Red Funnel Group	Rigel Ship Management (Europe) Ltd
Rio Tinto Shipping Ltd	Saga Shipping Company Ltd
Scotline Marine Holdings	Seafarers UK
Sealion Shipping Ltd	Seatruck Ferries Ltd
Serco NorthLink Ferries	Shell Intl Trading and Shipping Co Ltd
Stena Line Ltd	Subsea 7 (UK Service Company) Ltd
Swansea Drydocks Ltd	Tarmac Marine Ltd
The Baltic Exchange	The Clyde Group Ltd
Tidewater Support Services Ltd	Trinity House
Tysers & Co	V Ships UK Ltd
Viking Supply Ships Ltd	Vroon Offshore Services Ltd
Watson Farley & Williams	Webster Robertson Ltd
West of England Shipowners' Mutual Association	Western Ferries (Clyde) Ltd
Wightlink Ltd	

Passenger Vessels

A & G Passenger Boats Ltd	London Duck Tours
Absolute Party Cruises	London Party Boats Ltd
Absolute Pleasure Boats Ltd	London Rib Voyages
Allchorn Pleasure Boats	London River Cruises Ltd
Avon Boating Ltd	London Waterbus Company Ltd
Avon Leisure Cruises Ltd.	Lower Thames & Medway
Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Enterprises Ltd	Maidenhead Steam Navigation
Berkshire Boats	Marina Developments Ltd
Bewl Water Cruises	Maritime Heritage Services LTD
Bisham Abbey Sailing and Navigation School Ltd	Maynard Launches Ltd
Blackwater Boats	MBNA Thames Clippers
Bluebird Boats Ltd	Midship Boat Services Ltd
Bray Boats	Myton Law Ltd
Briggs Marine and Environmental Services	Norfolk Broads Direct Ltd
Bywater Hotelboat Cruises Ltd	Northumbrian Water
C Toms & Son Ltd	Ojay's
Cameron House Loch Lomond	Orwell River Cruises Ltd
Canal and River Tours	Oxford River Cruises
Canterbury Punting Co	Paddington Basin Marina Co Ltd
Canterbury River Tours Ltd	Paddle Steamer Trust Co
Cape Cuvier Ltd	Parr Boats
Capital Pleasure Boats	Passenger Boat Association
Cardiff Bay Leisure Ltd	Power Torque Engineering Ltd
Chester Boat	Preston Marine Services Ltd
City Cruises Plc	Reeds River Cruises
City Cruises Poole	River Escapes
CG Newens	Rivertime Boat Trust
Chris Cruises	River Thames Boat Hire Ltd
Cliveden House	Rosamund Catering Ltd
Colecraft Ltd.	Rutland Water Cruises Ltd
Cotswold River Cruises	Salamander Amphibious Vehicles
Crown River Cruises Ltd	Salters Steamers Ltd
Cruise Loch Lomond	Savage Marine Ltd

Cruise Loch Ness Ltd	Seafari Adventures
Cruise London Ltd	SeaRegs Training Ltd
CTRL Marine Solutions LTD	Sherborne Wharf Ltd
D&T Scenics	Sodexo Ltd
Diplomat Enterprises	Sovereign Diving
Dolphin Maritime Software Ltd	St Mary's Boatmen's Association (IoS)
Duck Tours Ltd	Stoke Bruerne Boat Company Ltd
Float by Boat	Stuart Line Cruises
French Brothers Ltd	Survitec Group Ltd Trading As Crewsaver
Fringilla	Swan Pier Co. Ltd.
Gas Works Dock	Sweeney's Cruises
George Wheeler Launches	Thames & Chilterns Holiday Cruises Ltd
Go to St Kilda - Integrity Voyages	Thames Clippers
Godalming Packetboat Company	Thames Cruises
Greenslade Pleasure Boats	Thames Executive Charters
Groombridge Place Estates Ltd	Thames Limo Ltd
Grove Ferry River Trips	Thames Luxury Charters Ltd
Guildford Boathouse Ltd	Thames Rib Experience
Heritage Boat Charter Ltd	Thames River Services
Hire Cruisers Ltd	Thames Rivercruise
Hobbs of Henley Ltd	Thames Steam Packet Co
Hotel Periwinkle	Thames Steamers Ltd
Indian Chief Cruises	The Willow Trust
IPG Boat Charters Ltd	Thomas Cooper LLP
Jason's Trip Ltd	Topsail Events & Charters Ltd
JGF Passenger Boats	Turk Launches Ltd
John Pinkerton Canal Cruises Ltd	University of Southampton
Kennet Cruises	Wandering Duck
Keystone Law	Waterday Services Ltd
King Cruises	Welsh Canal Holiday Craft Ltd
Kingwood Launches	West London Floating Classroom Ltd
Knighthood Corporate Assurances Services Plc	Westminster Party Boats
Lee Valley Boat Centre Ltd	Wessex Rose Ltd
Livetts Group	Wey & Arun Enterprises
Will Charter Ltd	Windsor Boats
WPSA (Upriver)	Woods Silver Fleet
Wye Valley Cruises	

Government

Marine Management Organisation	Marine Scotland
Welsh Assembly Government	Northern Ireland Assembly
Marine Accident Investigation Branch	Department for Transport

Red Ensign Group (REG) Members

Bermuda Government Department of Maritime Administration	Cayman Islands Shipping Registry
Guernsey Registry of British Ships	Jersey Shipping Registry
Virgin Islands Shipping Registry	Gibraltar Maritime Administration
Isle of Man Ship Register	St Helena Registry
Falkland Islands Government	

Other

Royal National Lifeboat Association	The Fishermen's Mission
Chamber of Shipping	Nautilus UK
Prospect	Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS)
Railway, Maritime & Transport Workers Union (RMT)	Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU)

Ports and Competent Harbour Authorities

UK Harbour Masters Authority	Anglesea Borough Council
Associated British Ports	Babcock International
Berwick Harbour Commissioners	Blyth Harbour Commissioners
Boston Borough Council	British Ports Association
Brightlingsea Harbour Commissioners	Brighton Marina Company
Bristol City Docks	Bristol Port Company
Caernarvon Harbour Trust	Canterbury City Council
Cardiff Harbour Authority	Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar
Carrick District Council	Carmarthenshire Council
Cattewater Harbour Commissioners	Chichester Harbour Conservancy
Colchester Borough Council	Cowes Harbour Commissioners
Crouch Harbour Authority	Cumbria County Council
Dart Harbour & Navigation Authority	Duchy of Cornwall
Dover Harbour Board	Environmental Agency
Exeter City Council & Exmouth Dock Company	Falmouth Dock Company
Falmouth Harbour Commissioners	Felixstowe Dock & Railway Company
Fenland District Council	Port of Fosdyke
Fowey Harbour Commissioners	Gloucester Harbour Trustees
Great Yarmouth Port Authority	Harwich Haven Authority
Isle of Wight Council	Ipswich Port Authority
Kings Lynn Conservancy Board	Lancaster Port Commissioners
Langstone Harbour Board	Littlehampton Harbour Board
Port of London Authority	Looe Harbour Commissioners
Lymington Harbour Commissioners	Maldon Harbour Commissioners
Manchester Ship Canal Company	Maryport Harbour Commissioners
Medway Ports Authority	Mersey Docks & Harbour Company
Milford Haven Port Authority	Mostyn Docks Limited
Mousehole Harbour Authority	Neath Harbour Commissioners
Newlyn Pier & Harbour Commissioners	Newport Harbour Commissioners
North Devon District Council	Padstow Harbour Commissioners
Penwith District Council	Poole Harbour Commissioners
Portland Port Limited	City of Portsmouth
Sandwich Port & Haven Commissioners	Scarborough Borough Council
Seaham Harbour Dock Company	Sedgemoor District Council
Shoreham Port Authority	Port of Sunderland Authority
Tees & Hartlepool Port Authority	Teignmouth Harbour Commissioners
Teignmouth Quay Company	Thanet District Council
Torbay Borough Council	Torridge District Council
Port of Tyne Authority	Warkworth Harbour Commissioners
Waveney District Council	Wells Harbour Commissioners
West Dorset District Council	West Somerset District Council
Weymouth & Portland Borough Council	Whitehaven Harbour Commissioners
Worthing Borough Council	Yorkshire Ouse (British Waterways)
Aberdeen Harbour Board	Clyde Port Authority
Cromarty Firth Port Authority	Dundee Port Authority
Forth Ports Authority	Fraserburgh Harbour Commissioners
Inverness Harbour Trust	Irvine Harbour Company
Lerwick Harbour Trust	Montrose Harbour Trust
Moray Council	Orkney Islands Council
Peterhead Bay Authority and Trustees of the Harbour of Peterhead	Shetland Islands Council
Stornoway Pier & Harbour Commission	Strathclyde Regional Council
Wick Harbour Trust	Belfast Harbour Commissioners
Coleraine Harbour Commissioners	Londonderry Port & Harbour Commissioners
Warrenpoint Harbour Authority	Carlingford Lough Commissioners
UK Major Ports Group	

Local Authority Engagement (Marine Office Locations)

Aberdeen City Council	Belfast City Council
City of Cardiff Council	Dover District Council
Cornwall Council	Refrewshire Council
Tending District Council	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council	Pembrokeshire County Council
Broadland District Council	London Borough of Bromley
Plymouth City Council	Southampton City Council
South Tyneside Council	

MP (Marine Office Locations)

Luciana Berger	Liverpool
Louise Ellman	Liverpool
Steve Rotheram	Liverpool
Stephen Twigg	Liverpool
Caroline Nokes	Southampton
Royston Smith	Southampton
Alan Whitehead	Southampton
Oliver Colvile	Plymouth
Johnny Mercer	Plymouth
Nigel Dodds	Belfast
Alistair McDonnell	Belfast
Paul Maskey	Belfast
Gavin Robinson	Belfast
Charlie Elphicke	Dover
Bernard Jenkin	Harwich
Kevin Brennan	Cardiff
Stephen Doughty	Cardiff
Owen Smith	Pontypridd
Jo Stevens	Cardiff
Craig Williams	Cardiff
Patrick Grady	Glasgow
Stewart Malcolm McDonald	Glasgow
Natalie McGarry	Glasgow
Anne McLoughlin	Glasgow
Carol Monaghan	Glasgow
Chris Stephens	Glasgow
Alison Thewliss	Glasgow
Kirsty Blackman	Aberdeen
Stuart Blair Donaldson	Aberdeen
Callum McCaig	Aberdeen
Alex Salmond	Gordon
Eilidh Whiteford	Banff and Buchan
Sarah Newton	Falmouth
Graham Stuart	Beverley and Holdness
Clive Lewis	Norwich
Chloe Smith	Norwich
Alan Campbell	Tynemouth
Mary Glendon	North Tyneside
Emma Buck-Lewell	South Shields
Nicholas Brown	Newcastle upon Tyne
Catherine McKinnell	Newcastle upon Tyne
Chi Onwurah	Newcastle Upon Tyne
Joseph Johnson	Orpington
Ben Gummer	Ipswich
Greg Knight	East Yorkshire (Bridlington)
Geriant Davies	Swansea West
Carolyn Harris	Swansea East
Stephen Crabb	Milford Haven

Bryon Davies

Gower

Transport Select Committee Members

Louise Ellman

Liverpool

Robert Flello

Stoke-on-Trent

Mary Gidon

North Tyneside

Karl McCarthy

Lincoln

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Glasgow

Mark Menzies

Fylde

Huw Merriman

Bexhill and Battle

Will Quince

Colchester

Iain Stewart

Milton Keynes

Graham Stringer

Blackley and Broughton

Martin Vickers

Cleethorpes