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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your email of 13 April 2018 in which you requested the following information:

'I note that HMS Forth's Commanding Officer is a Commander, (OF-4)
<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/our-organisation/the-fighting-arms/surface-fleet/patrol/river-class/hms-forth>.

Is the established rank of a River-Class Batch 2 ship that of Commander (OF-4) or Lieutenant Commander (OF-3)?

What is the established rank of the Commander, Fishery Protection Squadron?'

Your enquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The established rank of the Commanding Officer (CO) of a River Class Batch 2 ship is Lieutenant Commander (OF-3), however, it is normal practice for the CO for the 'First of Class' to be at the higher rank of Commander (OF-4).

The established rank of Commander, Fishery Protection Squadron is Commander (OF-4).

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

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