Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)

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Application for the allocation of English quota:

Quota Application Mechanism

**Introduction**

Since 2024 the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and Defra have been trialling the Quota Application Mechanism. Based on industry feedback the application process for 2026 has been brought forwards to provide additional time for fishers to plan their fishing activity. Producer organisations with English-registered vessels and English registered non-sectoral over-10-metre vessels are invited to apply directly for a share of English quota. The trial consists of 14 stocks, with quota estimates intended to be announced towards the end of December 2025. Actual quota allocations are intended to be confirmed and allocated towards the end of March 2026.

The questions and assessment criteria have been designed to support maximisation of benefits for the English fleet and work towards better sustainability outcomes. The trial will be reviewed and developed to continue the delivery of sustainable management of fisheries in line with the Joint Fisheries Statement.

This application form must be submitted by 23:59 on the 31 October 2025 BST. For further information, you can read [Alternative ways of managing English fishing quota](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/alternative-ways-of-managing-english-fishing-quota-in-2025).

**To be eligible to apply you must:**

* Be a producer organisation (PO) that is submitting an application on behalf of your members (multi-PO applications will be rejected) and contain only vessels registered in England with a commercial fishing licence OR
* Be an English non-sectoral over-10-metre vessel. This includes over-10-metre Crown Dependency vessels. You can also submit a joint application with other non-sectoral over-10-metre vessels.
* Ensure no master/owner in your application has been found guilty of any fisheries offences in the last three years which resulted in an Official Written Warning (OWW), Financial Administrative Penalties (FAPs) or finding of guilt by a court.
* Agree to only catch and land the quota. Trading the allocation will not be permitted.
* Agree to be contacted and share information and scheme-relevant data (e.g., landings data, sales data) during and after the trial as part of an assessment by Defra, the MMO and/or their contractors. This can include and is not limited to e-log data, invoices, inspections, license records, companies house, photographs, written evidence, meeting minutes, landing statistics, take-over declarations and certifications.

**How to complete and submit the application**

Applications can be completed on an individual PO basis, on an individual non-sectoral over-10-metre vessel basis, or as a group application of non-sectoral over-10-metre vessels with a named person as the lead contact. Applicants will be required to complete applicant and vessel details. If applying for more than one stock, applicants must submit a form for each stock or can apply for more than one stock using the [online application form](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/quota-application-mechanism-apply-for-2026-english-quota). Applicants will need to provide answers to questions which relate to how applicants are best placed to deliver environmental, social and economic benefits. Applicants will also need to provide evidence for their answers. This is set out in the form.

When completing this form, you should:

* Answer all required questions. Incomplete application forms may not be considered and may cause your application to be unsuccessful.
* Contact Defra at quota@defra.gov.uk if you experience any problems completing this application.

To submit your application, you can either:

* Complete and submit your form [online](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/quota-application-mechanism-apply-for-2026-english-quota).
* Post your form to: Quota Policy and Negotiations team, Marine & Fisheries, Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, Lateral House, 8 City Walk, Holbeck, Leeds, LS11 9AT. If you are planning on posting your application please let us know to expect it by emailing quota@defra.gov.uk.

Applications are open from 6 October 2025 and will close at 23:59 on 31 October 2025. Applications received outside of this period will not be considered. Awaiting a response to a query will not be regarded as a justification for considering an application which has been submitted after the deadline.

**Complaints and disputes process**

For complaints about the quality of customer service or disputes, please contact Defra using the published [customer complaints procedure](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs/about/complaints-procedure#:~:text=You%20should%20address%20your%20complaint,complaints%20about%20standards%20of%20service.&text=If%20you%20are%20unhappy%20with,passed%20to%20a%20senior%20manager.).

You can find out more about Defra’s standards for requesting and processing personal information in [the Defra personal information charter](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs/about/personal-information-charter).

## Section 1: Applicant details

**1.1 Contact Information**

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| TitleMr, Mrs, Mx or Other (specify) |  |  |  |
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| First name |  | Last name |
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| Email address |  | Telephone / Mobile number |
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**1.2 Group Information**

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| Group name (if applicable) |  | Your position in organisation (if applicable) |
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**1.3 Alternative contact information**

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| TitleMr, Mrs, Mx or Other (specify) |  |  |  |
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| Alternative contact’s position in organisation (if applicable) |
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## Section 2: Stock you are applying for

Please state here which stock you are applying for quota in and your maximum and minimum viable tonnages. Where an application is being submitted on behalf of more than one vessel, please also state how your tonnage will be split across those vessels. If successful, quota will be allocated to compliant vessels in line with the tonnage splits in your application. Quota will not be awarded to any non-compliant vessels. Stocks listed and subsequent tonnages are subject to quota availability. Potential total tonnages available are not yet known. In case helpful, we have included for reference last year’s additional quota in these stocks alongside the ICES advice for this year. This does not reflect what will be available, but it is recognised applicants may find this information helpful. Tonnages available may be more or less than the figures made from applying ICES advice to last year’s AQ tonnages. As with the last QAM trial, there is expected to be a minimum tonnage indicated for the non-sector. Tonnages available will be confirmed after the application process has closed.

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| **Stock Name** | **Stock Code** | **\* Additional Quota tonnage for 2025** | **\* ICES 2026 headline advice % change compared to 2025** | **\* Potential additional quota tonnage for 2026 following ICES advice** | **What is your maximum viable tonnage?**  | **What is your minimum viable tonnage?** | **Please outline how much each vessel will fish in percentages (%).** |
| i) Anglerfish 7 | ANF/07. | 1985.0 | -3% | 1925 |  |  |  |
| ii) Anglerfish North Sea | ANF/2AC4-C | 150.5 | -5% | 143 |  |  |  |
| iii) Anglerfish West of Scotland | ANF/56-14 | 194.4 | -5% | 185 |  |  |  |
| iv) Cod North Sea | COD/2A3AX4 | 335.2 | -100% | - |  |  |  |
| v) Herring North Sea | HER/4AB. | 4262.5 | -27% | 3112 |  |  |  |
| vi) Herring Southern North Sea and Eastern Channel | HER/4CXB7D | 1196.5 | -27% | 873 |  |  |  |
| vii) Hake North Sea | HKE/2AC4-C | 229.5 | -6% | 216 |  |  |  |
| viii) Hake Western | HKE/571214 | 315.3 | -6% | 296 |  |  |  |
| x) Mackerel Western | MAC/2CX14 | 5255.5 | -70% | 1577 |  |  |  |
| xi) Nephrops 7 | NEP/07. | 60.2 | Not Available at time of launch |  |  |  |  |
| xii) Saithe North Sea | POK/2C3A4 | 1161.7 | -24% | 883 |  |  |  |
| xiii) Sole North Sea | SOL/24-C. | 1150.4 | 25% | 1438 |  |  |  |
| xv) Skates & Rays Western | SRX/67AKXD | 288.1 | Not Available at time of launch |  |  |  |  |
| xvi) Blue Whiting Northern | WHB/1X14 | 304.3 | -41% | 180 |  |  |  |
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\* The total available tonnages of the stocks listed are not yet known. This table provides English 2025 additional quota (AQ) tonnages for each stock (taken from [Fishing quota allocations for England and the UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fishing-quota-allocations-for-england-and-the-uk#section)) and ICES advice for 2026 as reference.

The 2026 AQ figures are provisional and are subject to change. No decisions have made on total allowable catch (TAC) or quota transfers for 2026. ICES headline advice is included to indicate stock status and help with planning.

## Section 3: Vessel details

Please include details for the vessels you are applying on behalf of.

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| **Vessel****registration****(include your****vessel PLN and RSS number)** | **Licence holder****name** | **Owner****name** | **Owner address** | **Owner date of birth** | **Stock the vessel will fish** | **Are you a member of a PO or the non-sector?****(non-sector includes crown dependencies)**  |
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**Section 4: Your fishing plan(s)**

As part of the application process, we will be assessing how you intend to manage this quota. We will assess which applicants are best placed to support environmentally sustainable fisheries with clear economic and/or social benefits.

Please respond to all questions and submit a separate application for each stock you are applying for. If you are printing this form and require additional space, please mark clearly which questions your answers refer to when using extra pages.

Applicants must score a minimum of 6 points for section ‘a’ of question 4.1: ‘Environmental factors: ensuring your fishing techniques and vessel modifications are environmentally sustainable in the long-term’. A score below 6 points for this question will mean your application will not be further considered as quota under this trial will only be awarded where applicants score the minimum of 6 points in response to question 4.1a.

Applications will be initially assessed by Defra and reviewed by a panel chaired by Defra and attended by the MMO and Cefas. Applications will be ranked based on their score and quota will be awarded to the highest scoring applicants, subject to the quota available. In the event of equal scoring applicants, quota may be allocated so as to prioritise the applications which score the highest average on question 4.1a and are best placed to support environmentally sustainable fisheries. If applications are still of equal scores, the panel may award quota to enable multiple applicants to take part in the trial or select an applicant at random.

The total maximum score is 57. The maximum score for question 4.1 is 32. The maximum score for question 4.2 is 25. Applicants can add a maximum of three additional ‘other’ answers to each question. Any answers given in ‘other’ spaces which are already reflected in tickboxes the applicant has already ticked will not be awarded another point for that tickbox. Applicants are therefore encouraged to only complete ‘other’ boxes if an answer they wish to submit is not already accounted for by a tickbox option. Points awarded to completed ‘other’ boxes will be subject to the panel’s discretion.

[ ] **4.1 Environmental factors: ensuring your fishing techniques and vessel modifications are environmentally sustainable in the long-term.**

**a) What gears and modifications will you use when fishing this quota?**

Gears have been grouped and ranked on their selectivity. Please outline how much of the quota your gear(s) will fish in percentages. If gear from one group is fishing all of your quota, input 100% against that group. If you will use gear from multiple groups, input the percentage split of how the quota will be fished across the gear(s). Please provide evidence of having the gear(s) via an invoice or receipt. Please evidence all gear modifications as well as the gear itself. Gears not yet purchased can be evidenced with written text and additional evidence provided at a later point. Your score will be calculated in proportion to how much quota your gear(s) will fish. Your score will be rounded to the nearest whole number. If you have selected ‘other’, please give written text to explain your answer.

**For this question, ‘increase/larger’ means going at least 10% above that which is required. ‘Substantial increase/substantially larger’ means going at least 25% above that which is required. You can find the minimum legal requirements for gear groups on the MMO website.**

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| **Gear groups** | **Selectivity** | **Tickbox** | **Percentage** | **Evidence** |
| **Gears have been ranked into groups** |  | **Tick the group(s) you will use to fish the quota** | **What percentage of quota will this gear(s) fish?** | **Written text** | **Invoice or receipt** |
| Group 1: Handline rod and reel | Minimum legal requirement**10 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Group 2: Pots and traps | Minimum legal requirement**8 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| escape holes OR ropeless**10 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Group 3: Longlines | Minimum legal requirement**6 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Proven bycatch reduction hook design OR bycatch reduction devices**10 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Group 4: Nets (driftnet and gillnet) | Minimum legal requirement**6 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Modified design (e.g. hanging of net) to reduce unwanted catches OR increased mesh size**8 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Increase mesh size WITH bycatch reduction devices**10 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Group 5: Seine nets | Minimum legal requirement**6 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| increase in mesh size (10%) above the legal requirement**8 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Substantially larger (+25%) mesh escape panels/sections OR expansive square mesh escape panels OR square mesh codend**10 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Group 6: Pelagic nets | Minimum legal requirement**6 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Proven bycatch reduction devices OR net modifications (e.g. escape panels) to minimise unwanted catches**8 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Proven bycatch reduction devices AND net modifications (e.g. escape panels) to minimise unwanted catches**10 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Group 7: Beam trawl TR1+ (100+mm) | Minimum legal requirement**3 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Increase in mesh size (+10%) above the legal requirement**6 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Substantially larger (+25%) mesh escape panels/sections OR expansive square mesh panels OR square mesh codend OR sumwing**8 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Substantially larger (+25%) mesh escape panels/sections OR expansive square mesh panels OR square mesh codend WITH sumwing AND low impact alternative to tickler chains/chain mat**10 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Group 8: Demersal trawl TR1+ (100+mm) | Minimum legal requirement**3 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Increase in mesh size (+10%) above the legal requirement**6 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Semi-pelagic doors WITH substantially larger (+25%) mesh escape panels/sections OR expansive square mesh escape panels OR square mesh codend OR raised fishing line OR large mesh size in the belly (300+mm)**8 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Semi-pelagic doors combined with reduced seabed contact ground gear AND substantially larger (+25%) mesh escape panels/sections OR expansive square mesh escape panels OR square mesh codend OR raised fishing line OR large mesh size in the belly (300+mm)**10 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Group 9: Beam trawl TR2 (70-99mm) | Minimum legal requirement**1 point** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Increase in mesh size (+10%) above the legal requirement**3 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Substantially larger (+25%) mesh escape panels/sections OR expansive square mesh escape panels OR square mesh codend OR sumwing**6 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Substantially larger (+25%) mesh escape panels/sections OR expansive square mesh escape panels OR square mesh codend WITH sumwing**8 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Substantially larger (+25%) mesh escape panels/sections OR expansive square mesh escape panels OR square mesh codend WITH sumwing AND low impact alternative to tickler chains/chain mat**10 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Group 10: Demersal trawl TR2 (70-99mm) | Minimum legal requirement**1 point** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Increase in mesh size (+10%) above the legal requirement**3 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Substantially larger (+25%) mesh escape panels/sections OR expansive square mesh escape panels OR square mesh codend OR dual cod end with larger (+10%) mesh upper cod end OR net grids**6 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Semi-pelagic doors combined with reduced seabed contact ground gear OR selection grid (rigid/flexible) WITH substantially larger (+25%) mesh escape panels/sections OR expansive square mesh escape panels OR square mesh codend **8 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Semi-pelagic doors combined with reduced seabed contact ground gear AND selection grid (rigid/flexible) WITH substantially larger (+25%) mesh escape panels/sections OR expansive square mesh escape panels OR square mesh codend**10 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Group 11: Dredges | Minimum legal requirement**1 point** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| dredge design with lower impact metal frames and chain mesh bags OR lower impact metal teeth**3 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| dredge design with lower impact metal frames and chain mesh bags AND modified lower impact metal teeth**6 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Novel selective dredge design with proven minimal bottom contact**8 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| alternative selective method for harvesting scallops without towed gear and bottom impact**10 points** | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |
| Group 12: Other | *If your gear is not listed above, please describe what your gear is and its modifications. The score awarded will be decided by the panel.* | [ ]  | **Choose an item.** |  |  |

**b) Beyond the minimum legal requirements, what additional monitoring will you implement?**

Please tick the additional monitoring practices that you will use. If you are using only one additional monitoring measure, tick only the box for that measure. If you are using a variety of additional monitoring practices, please tick all that are relevant.

Please provide evidence of having the additional monitoring system(s) via an invoice or receipt. Additional monitoring systems not yet purchased can be evidenced with written text. Remote Electronic Monitoring systems will score 4 points. Bycatch Monitoring Programme will score 3 points. Clean Catch UK will each score 2 points. Each additional monitoring system will be awarded 1 point. If you have selected ‘other’, please give written text to explain your answer, additional evidence can be provided at a later date.

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| **Modifications and/or selective devices** | **Tickbox** | **Evidence of modification and/or selective devices** |
| **Tick the modifications and/or selective devices you will use to fish the quota** | **Written text** | **Invoice or receipt** |
| Remote Electronic Monitoring | [ ]  |  |  |
| Clean Catch UK | [ ]  |  |  |
| Bycatch Monitoring Programme | [ ]  |  |  |
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| Sensor technology on trawl doors | [ ]  |  |  |
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**c) Will you be doing any of the following in 2026?**

Please tick any of the below environmental contributions you will make.

Please provide evidence of the contributions you will make via a relevant document, such as a confirmation email, a photograph within the last 12 months (preferably time-stamped), meeting minutes, etc. or an invoice or receipt if applicable. Future contributions not yet made can be evidenced with written text. Each contribution will be awarded 1 point.

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| **Environmental contributions** | **Tickbox** | **If yes, please give detail as to what schemes you will take part in** |
| **Written text** | **Documentation** |
| [ ] aking part in any voluntary scientific schemes | [ ]  |  |  |
| Reducing carbon emissions | [ ]  |  |  |
| Ensuring as much of the gear as possible is either reused, repurposed and/or recycled at end of life | [ ]  |  |  |
| Reducing accidental litter that is produced in the course of fishing, such as participating in voluntary litter collections schemes, e.g. Fishing For Litter | [ ]  |  |  |
| Other | [ ]  |  |  |
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**4.2 Social and economic factors: ensuring your fishing activities provide social and economic benefits to the UK and Crown Dependencies. These can include local, regional or national benefits.**

**a) How will you provide social and economic benefits to coastal communities?**

Please tick all social and economic contributions you will make.

Please provide evidence of the contributions you will make via an invoice, receipt or a relevant document, such as a confirmation email, a time-stamped photograph within the last 12 months, meeting minutes, etc. Future contributions not yet made can be evidenced with written text. Each measure will be awarded 1 point with the exception of those involving UK crew, UK sales and UK landings where a scale of 0-3 points will be available. If you have selected ‘other’, please give written text to explain your answer, additional evidence can be provided at a later date.

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| **Social and economic benefits** | **Tickbox** | **Evidence of modification and/or selective devices** |
| **Tick the benefits that you will make when fishing the quota** | **Written text** | **Documentation** |
| Be a training provider; provider of apprenticeships; other skills development |  | [ ]  |  |  |
| Provide financial support/grant for interests of the fishing community. |  | [ ]  |  |  |
| Will support new entrants via things such as through sponsoring training and mentoring |  | [ ]  |  |  |
| Responsible Fishing Vessel Standard certification |  | [ ]  |  |  |
| Hiring crew domiciled in the UK or Crown Dependencies | Below 70% | [ ]  |  |  |
| 70-80% | [ ]  |
| 81-90% | [ ]  |
| 91% or above | [ ]  |
| Employment of additional crew |  | [ ]  |  |  |
| Promoting the industry at work fairs |  | [ ]  |  |  |
| Onboard safety meetings and checks; safety drills; other safety measures to reduce the risk of accidents |  | [ ]  |  |  |
| Fish handling systems; conveyors; deck shelter |  | [ ]  |  |  |
| [ ] ork with under-represented groups in the industry |  | [ ]  |  |  |
| Utilise other local (UK or Crown Dependency based) businesses for their services such as transport, storage or processing. |  | [ ]  |  |  |
| Increasing the range of species caught by vessels |  | [ ]  |  |  |
| Ensuring a fuller utilisation of fisheries and aquaculture products |  | [ ]  |  |  |
| [ ] elling within the UK and Crown Dependency’s | Below 70% | [ ]  |  |  |
| 70-80% | [ ]  |
| 81-90% | [ ]  |
| 91% or above | [ ]  |
| QAM quota enables you to sell to buyers you do not currently sell to |  | [ ]  |  |  |
| Landing in UK or Crown Dependency ports | Below 70% | [ ]  |  |  |
| 70-80% | [ ]  |
| 81-90% | [ ]  |
| 91% or above | [ ]  |
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**Terms and conditions**

By launching a trial using a Quota Application Mechanism, Defra is not bound to accept any application from any applicant. Defra reserves the right to withdraw or terminate the application exercise at any time.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that they understand the requirements for this application process. If any information is unclear, you can raise a query with Defra via the contact details set out in the introduction section of this form. We will respond to all requests for clarifications as quickly as possible but cannot guarantee a minimum response time. It is the responsibility of applicants to make sure that they raise any queries sufficiently early to allow them to submit their application by the deadline. Awaiting a response to a query will not be regarded as a justification for considering an application which has been submitted after the deadline. If a query is relevant to other applicants, Defra will share all clarifications with other applicants, as and when necessary.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring they submit a complete and accurate application and provide all the information requested. Only completed applications will be considered. Once applications are submitted, amendments will not be accepted. Should applicants wish to make an amendment, they should withdraw their existing application and submit a new application before the trial deadline.

Applicants may withdraw an application at any time by contacting Defra. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered except in exceptional circumstances at Defra’s discretion. Defra may also, at its own discretion, change the deadline and in such circumstances, Defra will notify all applicants of any change via email and publish changes online.

Stocks listed and subsequent tonnages are subject to quota availability. Potential total tonnages available are not yet known. The additional quota from last year in these stocks and the ICES advice for this year do not reflect what will be available. Tonnages available may be more or less than the figures made from applying ICES advice to last year’s AQ tonnages. Stocks and tonnages available will be confirmed after the application process has closed. Any tonnage made available through the QAM trial which remains unallocated may be considered for reallocation at a future date. This could prioritise reallocating quota to successful QAM applicants. Quota allocated to successful applicants which then cannot be fished due to unforeseen circumstances, for example a vessel breakdown, may be reallocated as appropriate.

If successful, portions of quota estimates are intended to be announced towards the end of December 2025. These will enable fishers to fish a portion of their estimated quota allocation from the start of the fishing year. The full and actual quota allocations are intended to be confirmed and allocated towards the end of March 2026. Quota must be fished in accordance with the tonnage splits between vessels as set out in your application. Applicants are responsible for informing Defra of any quota not fished in accordance with the tonnage split set out in their application.

If on inspection a vessel in your application is found to not be using the selective fishing gear and/or fishing techniques outlined in your application, it may jeopardise the allocation of quota you may have received through the QAM trial and could result in quota being removed for the remainder of the trial. It may affect any applications you make for future QAM processes.

## Declaration

By submitting this application, you are agreeing that the information you have provided is correct.

Any personal information provided within your application would be handled only for the purpose of processing your application and for evaluating the scheme. The UK Government undertakes commensurate and appropriate assessment to understand efficiency and effectiveness of interventions and their impacts. Your application will be shared with assessment teams at the MMO and Defra, or their agents, solely for assessment of the scheme. Your personal details will not be published in any assessment reporting. Your company data and how you intend to manage this quota as outlined in your application may be published on GOV.UK or shared with stakeholders.

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I confirm that I accept the terms and conditions laid out above.

Name ………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Date …………………………………………………………………………………………………...