



Marine Management Organisation

Privacy Notice

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The Marine Management Organisation is the controller for the personal data we collect. Our [personal information charter](#) explains more about what you can expect when we process your personal data, your rights, and how to contact us or make a complaint.

POLLACK COMPENSATION SCHEME - PRIVACY NOTICE

This privacy notice tells you what to expect us to do with your personal information when MMO collects or processes it in relation to the Pollack Compensation Scheme.

[Pollack Compensation Scheme - GOV.UK](#)

The Pollack Compensation Scheme is now closed.

The Pollack Compensation Scheme was launched directly by the Environment Secretary via a Ministerial direction to provide compensation to those who have been most impacted by the bycatch-only pollack fishery in the South-West.

The scheme was administered by MMO on behalf of the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

Purpose for processing – why we are collecting your personal data

MMO collects information to ensure that payments are made correctly to eligible applicants.

What personal data is collected

MMO collects the following information:

- Applicant name

- Home address
- Home and mobile telephone number
- RSS Number
- Vessel Name
- Vessel PLN
- License Number
- Business contact details
- Business email address
- Telephone number
- Business address
- Account number
- Sort Code
- Name of account holder
- Copy of bank statement
- Identification document
- Vessel owner
- Date registered

How your personal data has been obtained

MMO may collect personal information from:

- You directly
- HMRC - to provide the MMO with any information relevant to this application and with any information needed to check the information that has been provided.

Why we are able to process your personal data

The lawful basis for processing your data is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest, which is laid down by law, Section 50 of the UK Internal Markets Act 2020.

This is due to ministerial direction which the MMO has a responsibility to comply with.

Consent to process your personal data

The processing of your personal data is not based on consent. You cannot withdraw it.

Who we share your personal data with

MMO may share the personal data collected under this privacy notice with:

- **Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) –** Information will be shared with Defra for the purposes of consultation and the assessment of compensation as well as decision making or appeals. Information will also be shared with Defra and their contractors to support the evaluation of the scheme. Your contact details may be used so contractors can contact you to assess your views and experiences of the scheme.
- **HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) –** Information may be shared with HMRC to provide the MMO with any information relevant to this application and with any information needed to check the information that has been provided.

MMO respects your personal privacy when responding to access to information requests. We only share information when necessary to meet the statutory requirements of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

How long we are keeping your personal data

MMO will keep your personal data for a period of five years from the date of the final MMO payment to you.

Please refer to our [Personal Information Charter](#) and the section 'How long we will keep data' for information on any potential exceptions.

Use of automated decision-making or profiling

The personal data you provide is not used for:

- automated decision making (making a decision by automated means without any human involvement)
- profiling (automated processing of personal data to evaluate certain things about an individual)

What happens if you do not provide the personal data

Failure to provide this information will prevent us from progressing your application for Pollack Compensation Scheme.

Transfer of your personal data outside of the United Kingdom

Where necessary, we may transfer personal information outside the UK to another country or Crown Dependency that is deemed adequate for data

protection purposes. This means that the country or Crown Dependency has equivalent levels of data protection to that of the UK.

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MMO may also in some circumstances transfer data to other countries without an adequacy agreement, having first taken all precautions to ensure that it was safe to do so, complying with the terms of the UK GDPR by making sure [appropriate safeguards](#) are in place.

Where necessary, our data processors may share personal information outside of the UK. When doing so, they comply with the UK GDPR, making sure [appropriate safeguards](#) are in place.

Your rights

Based on the lawful processing above, your individual rights are:

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- The right to be informed
- The right of access
- The right to rectification
- The right to restrict processing
- The right to object
- Rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling

Read our [Personal Information Charter](#) to find out about your rights under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018).

How to contact us or make a complaint

Read our [Personal Information Charter](#) to find our contact details, or how to make a complaint about our use of your personal data.