

Fisheries and Seafood Scheme (FaSS)

Expression of Interest Guidance Note

**THIS GUIDANCE NOTE SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FORM**

SUMMARY

Grant aid is available under the Fisheries and Seafood Scheme (FaSS).

This Guidance Note is subject to change at any time during the scheme. The date of the latest revision is shown in the footer of this document.

USE THIS DOCUMENT FOR DETAILED GUIDANCE ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Please note this form is optional to complete.

Use the Expression of Interest form if you would like an initial assessment of the potential eligibility of your project before submitting a full application form.

The Expression of Interest form provides the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) with a summary of your project, which will be reviewed to determine if it might be eligible for a grant under FaSS.

Once you submit your Expression of Interest form, it will be considered, and you will then be informed of receipt of a complete Expression of Interest form. If your project could be eligible for funding, you will be invited to apply formally for a grant under the FaSS using the appropriate application form. Please note, an invitation to submit a full application does not mean that your project is definitely eligible or that grant funding will be awarded. This can only be decided after the full application and all supporting documentation has been appraised.

TYPES OF PROJECTS YOU CAN APPLY FOR

Projects must fall into one of the priority areas listed below. If your project does not or you are unsure, please visit the MMO FaSS webpage:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/marine-management-organisation> for guidance and further advice.

Eligible activities (not exhaustive):

- Health and safety on board and on shore
- Added value, product quality and use of unwanted catches
- Fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and shelters
- Innovation
- Marketing measures
- Processing of fishery and aquaculture products
- Advisory services
- Partnerships between scientists and fishermen
- Promotion of capital, job creation and social dialogue, includes support for spouses and life partners.
- Support for the systems of allocation of fishing opportunities
- Production and marketing plans
- Support for the implementation of conservation measures and regional cooperation
- Limitation of the impact of fishing on the marine environment and adaptation of fishing to the protection of species
- Innovation linked to the conservation of marine biological resources
- Protection and restoration of marine biodiversity and ecosystems
- Inland fishing and inland aquatic fauna and flora
- Productive investments in aquaculture
- Management, relief and advisory services for aquaculture farms
- Increasing the potential of aquaculture sites
- Innovation in aquaculture
- Promotion of human capital and networking in aquaculture
- Design and implementation of conservation measures and regional cooperation
- Collection of lost fishing gear and marine litter
- Support with the obligation to land all catches
- Support to systems of allocation of fishing opportunities

If you are unsure whether your project fits into these eligible activities, then visit our website for guidance.

COMPLETING THE FORM

- You must read every question in the form.
- You should read this guidance for each question before you complete it.

Each section gives you guidance for each of the questions on the Expression of Interest Form.

Questions 1.1 to 1.11 have been prepopulated and hidden to allow you to progress to your EOI in an efficient manner while allowing you to reference your contact details if required.

1.1 -1.7 Your Contact Details

Your previously recorded contact details will be pre-populated in your EOI form and these cannot be changed.

1.8 Organisation/Business Name

Give the name of the organisation that you are applying on behalf of, if this is applicable to you. Your Organisation/Business Name is prepopulated from your registration details and cannot be changed.

1.9 Type of Organisation

Your previously recorded Type of Organisation details will be pre-populated in your EOI form and these cannot be changed. Your Organisation Type is prepopulated from your registration details and cannot be changed.

1.10 Is Your Organisation a Public or Private Body?

Your previously recorded Public or Private body details will be pre-populated in your EOI form and these cannot be changed. Your Public or Private Body type is prepopulated from your registration details and cannot be changed

1.11 Value Added Tax (VAT) Number (If Applicable)

Your previously recorded VAT Number (if provided) will be pre-populated in your EOI form and this cannot be changed. Your VAT Number is prepopulated from your registration details and cannot be changed.

1.12 Primary Contact Details

Your previously nominated Primary Contact details will be pre-populated in your EOI form however you can update these details should you wish to. If you would like us to contact someone else about the progress of your Expression of Interest, perhaps because you might be away for a period of time, then enter their contact details into these boxes. Give their full name, telephone numbers and email address.

1.13 Project Name

Provide us with a short project name that we can use to refer to your project. This should be a simple description of what you intend to do, for example 'installation of new communication system' or 'upgrade of salmon processing facilities'. If possible, you should make this name unique to you for example by using your boat name or business name.

1.14 Project Duration

Estimate your expected start and end dates for the project. This should be in the format DD/MM/YYYY. Think about how long your project will take to complete and make sure you add on a few days for possible delays. If your project takes less time than you think, it won't affect your ability to claim your funding when you are ready to. Remember to allow time to submit an application and to receive a decision from the Marine Management Organisation.

1.15 Project Description

Give a brief description of your project here. You should include information on:

- What your project is about?
- What you intend to do?
- What you hope to achieve? Outputs, volumes, values, by when?
- Where it will be taking place?
- Who will be involved in the project?
- Why the project is needed?
- What are the expected costs of your project?

For example, you could be planning to install a new communication system. You should tell us how you plan to install the new communication system, who will be involved in delivering the project from your company, where your project will be taking place, what exactly you intend to do and why the project is needed for example to improve Health & Safety.

1.16 What Is Your Total Project Cost?

Put the total cost of your project in the box. This must include everything you want to apply for. At this stage we just need your best estimate as we understand that final costs may not yet be known.

You will receive an email confirmation with a unique reference number upon successful submission of your EOI. If you have questions in relation to your EOI submission:

Write to;

Grants Team
Marine Management Organisation
Tyneside House
Skinnerburn Road
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 7AR

Telephone;

0208 065539

Email;

FaSS.queries@marinemanagement.org.uk

Please note, an invitation to submit a full application does not mean that your project is definitely eligible or that grant funding will be awarded. This can only be decided after a full application and all supporting documentation has been submitted and appraised by the MMO. Any money spent by you on the project at this point cannot be claimed back.

Based on your project description, if your Expression of Interest form is considered potentially eligible, you will be invited to complete the most appropriate full application form for grant funding under the FaSS.