

I, as the applicant, declare that I have read and understood the Fisheries and Sea Food Scheme (FaSS) guidance and application form.

I understand that the Fisheries and Seafood Scheme (FaSS) is funded by the Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund (FCGF). All awards made under the Scheme are therefore issued using FCGF funding and administered in line with the Fund's objectives.

I declare that the information given in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

If an agent or someone acting on my behalf has completed this application or submitted documents in support of the application, I can confirm that I have checked the information provided in the application form and its supporting documents and I am satisfied that it is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I confirm that all the quotes for work that accompany this application have been supplied by the parties concerned and have been provided independently and as part of a genuine competitive tendering process. If any quotes have been obtained through a third party such as a project manager, I confirm that I am satisfied that they have been supplied in this manner.

I declare that I have the permission from any other partner(s) in the project to sign the application on their behalf.

I understand that all FaSS funding awards are discretionary and there is no automatic entitlement to any funds.

I know of no reason why I should not be granted FaSS funding.

I confirm that neither I nor a close relative has any financial or other material interest in the companies that will supply goods and services to my project. If that is not the case, I confirm that I have explained this within the application form.

I undertake to inform the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) in writing of any change in circumstances which may affect the accuracy of the information given whilst this application is being considered by the MMO.

I understand the FaSS funding may be withdrawn/withheld or any paid monies recovered if it is found to have been obtained by the provision of false, untrue or inaccurate information, was not used for the purpose for which it was granted or if any condition of fisheries funding was not complied with.

If my application relates to investments on board my vessel, I confirm that the proposed investment detailed in this application will not increase the ability of my vessel to catch fish. I understand that responsibility for ensuring that the project which is the subject of this application is technically viable, complies with all relevant health and safety legislation and any other project specific safety requirements, is my responsibility and not the responsibility of the MMO. I understand that the information I provide may be reviewed against the best available evidence including the nature of my proposed investment and my vessel's dependency on different stocks and management units and their associated sustainability status including mortality and stock spawning stock biomass.

I understand that the information given by me will be treated in confidence but may be submitted for checking against records held by other government departments, other agencies, local authorities and the police, for the purposes of assessing my eligibility for fisheries funding or for the purposes of the prevention and detection of crime.

I authorise HM Revenue and Customs to provide the MMO with any information relevant to this application, and with any information needed to check the information I have provided if necessary.

I understand that any information provided to the HM Revenue and Customs in connection with this application may be used by them for the purpose of their statutory functions.

I understand that when examining any claims for grant related to this application, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and/or the MMO may have to ask HM Revenue and Customs about my VAT registration status, and I have no objection to any such enquiry.

Where applicable for vessel owners/skippers, I confirm that:

- I have not been convicted of fraud under any other fisheries scheme
- The funding provided will not go to projects that risk leading to fisheries or fish stocks being overfished based on best available evidence
- I have not committed a serious violation of conservation or management measures in the 12 months before applying.
- I have not been convicted of Illegal Unreported Unregulated (IUU) fishing by any UK fisheries administration, the flag State of the vessel, for activities by vessels flying its flag; a coastal Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Fishing Subsidies for activities in areas under its jurisdiction; or the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) or a relevant Regional Fisheries Management Organization or Arrangement (RFMO/A) in accordance with the rules and procedures of the relevant UK fisheries administration, flag State, coastal Member, RFMO/A, and relevant international law
- I have not been convicted of an offence that the MMO considers to be a 'serious infringement' or fraud in the 12 months before applying
- I, or any other partner(s) in the project (or their organisation) has been convicted of fraud or a serious infringement any time up to five years from the final payment date

### **Withholding, Suspending or Repayment of Grant Funding for Prohibited Subsidies**

Without prejudice to MMO's other rights and remedies, MMO may at its discretion withdraw, withhold, reduce or suspend payment of the Grant Funding and/or require repayment of all or part of the above events have occurred in the 12 months prior to applying, or any of the below events during the life time of the project or any time up to five years from the date of receiving the final instalment of the grant.

Grounds for potential withdrawing, withholding, reducing, suspending or repayment may include (but are not limited to):

i) conviction of fraud, ii) serious violation of conservation or management measures, iii) conviction of an offence that the MMO considers to be a 'serious infringement' or 'Illegal Unreported Unregulated' (IUU) fishing by any UK fisheries administration, the flag State of the vessel, for activities by vessels flying its flag; a coastal Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Fishing Subsidies for activities in areas under its jurisdiction; or the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) or a relevant Regional Fisheries Management Organization or

Arrangement (RFMO/A) in accordance with the rules and procedures of the relevant UK fisheries administration, flag State, coastal Member, RFMO/A, and relevant international law. iv) Misrepresentation of eligibility, withholding relevant information regarding an exclusion or not meeting compliance requirements. This list is not exhaustive, and other grounds may be deemed appropriate.

### **Grounds for exclusion**

I understand that I will be required to confirm if I or my organisation have been convicted anywhere in the world of the following as Listed in Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended) R57(1), (2) and (3) and the Public Contract Directives 2014/24/EU Article 57(1).:

- mandatory exclusion for public procurement within the last 5 years
- discretionary exclusions for public procurement within the last 3 years

If, within the past 5 years, I or my organisation has been convicted anywhere in the world of any mandatory exclusion, I will provide a brief description of the exclusion including the date of conviction with my application.

If, within the past 3 years, I or my organisation has been convicted anywhere in the world of any discretionary exclusion, I am required to provide a brief description of the exclusion including the date of conviction with my application.

### **Compliance requirements**

By accepting an offer of funding, I agree:

- to comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, which if I have an annual turnover of £36 million or more requires me to provide a Modern Slavery statement and a Modern Slavery policy, if I have one
- that I have insurance that complies with current legislation to deliver my proposed project
- that I have a Health and Safety Policy that complies with current legislation and that staff understand and adhere to

### **Monitoring and reporting**

I shall closely monitor the delivery and success of the Approved Project throughout the Grant Period to ensure that the aims and objectives of the Approved Project are being met and that the Agreement is being adhered to.

Where the Grant Recipient has obtained funding from a third party for its delivery of part of the Approved Project, the Grant Recipient shall include the amount of such funding in its financial reports together with details of what that funding has been used for.

I shall on request provide the MMO with such further information, explanations and documents as the MMO may require for it to establish that the Grant Funding has been used properly in accordance with the Agreement.

I shall permit any person authorised by MMO access to its employees, agents, premises, facilities and records, for the purpose of discussing, monitoring and evaluating the Grant Recipient's fulfilment of the conditions of this Agreement and shall, if so required, provide appropriate oral or written explanations from them as required during the Grant Period and for so long as any Grant Funding remains unspent.

On reasonable notice, the Grant Recipient shall permit and facilitate any person authorised by MMO for that purpose to visit the Grant Recipient to monitor the delivery of the Approved Project.

I agree to participate from the date of grant approval up to a period of 5 years from final disbursement in relevant economic and scientific surveys, including but not limited to the annual [Seafish Fishing Fleet Survey](#), [Seafood processing sector survey](#) and consent to the sharing of personal details including contact details, specific individual vessel level identifiable information with DEFRA, the MMO, evaluation contractors and the Seafish Industry Authority.

This information will be held securely with restricted access to only approved employees of DEFRA, the MMO, evaluation contractors and the Seafish Industry Authority, and will only be used to inform analysis of the economic performance of the fleet, policy development/evaluation/monitoring, stakeholder engagement, and where applicable facilitate grant eligibility screening and application assessments.

### **Publicity**

In line with the publicity and branding requirements, you must acknowledge UK Government and Fisheries and Coastal Growth Fund (FCGF) support throughout the life of your project. You are required to always use the official FCGF and UK Government branding, and any planned publicity or public-facing material must be submitted to and approved by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) before it is published. For projects with costs exceeding £250,000, you must display a billboard or equivalent notice for the duration of the works and install a permanent plaque within six months of project completion. You must also ensure that any third parties involved in the project are informed that the project is funded by the UK Government and that all related documentation includes a clear statement to this effect. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in your funding being reduced or withdrawn.

I confirm that by declaring that I accept my offer of grant electronically on the FaSS Application and Claims Management System I understand and accept that:

1. I will be required to comply with the above terms and conditions, and
2. I will be liable for any penalty or sanction applied if I fail to comply with these terms and conditions.