



Marine  
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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.

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## **FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PRIVACY NOTICE**

This privacy notice tells you what to expect us to do with your personal information when MMO Fisheries Management Team collects or uses it in relation to fisheries management process and engagement, including via Regional Fisheries Groups (RFGs), and for the purposes of the development, implementation and monitoring of Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs).

## **Purpose for processing – why we are collecting your personal data**

MMO collects or processes your information for the purposes below:

- To share information related to fisheries management potentially affecting your business.
- To invite you to workshops, meetings, distribution of consultations and surveys, processing applications or share updates relevant to you.
- For use in engagement and consultation activities, and to update stakeholders on FMP news
- To provide a formal route for you to share your expertise and be part of the decision-making process for managing fisheries, as part of Regional Fisheries Groups
- To inform Fisheries Management Plan data analysis
- To support the development of MMO-led Fisheries Management Plans
- To support the implementation of Fisheries Management Plans, including those written by other organisations and devolved governments

## What personal data is collected

MMO collects or processes the following information for fisheries management process and engagement:

- Name
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Vessel, company and/or operator information

MMO collects or processes the following information in relation to RFG engagement:

- Name
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Vessel, company and/or operator information
- Notes, which will only include special category information (e.g. information concerning your health) where you explicitly provide this to us for the purposes of allowing MMO to make adaptations for you

MMO collects the following information for in relation to FMP implementation and development engagement:

- personal identifiers (names)
- email address(s)
- Telephone number(s)
- organisation
- job title
- interest (sector or topic area and geographical area)

## How your personal data has been obtained

MMO obtains some information directly from you when you provide it to us, for example if you request to be part of Regional Fisheries Groups.

Some information is obtained from internal MMO systems, such as the fishing vessel licensing system.

## Why we are able to process your personal data

The lawful basis for processing your data in relation to RFGs is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest, which is laid down by law, in the Fisheries Act 2020 (section 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11) and the

Joint Fisheries Statement 2022 (3.4). The task is involving fishers in fisheries management decision-making.

The lawful basis for processing your data for the delivery of statutory functions by MMO Fisheries Management is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest, which is laid down by law, in the Fisheries Act 2020 (section 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11) and the Joint Fisheries Statement 2022 (3.4). The task is implementing Fisheries Management Plans and involving fishers in the process.

The lawful basis for processing your data in relation to FMP development is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest, which is laid down by law, the Fisheries Act 2020 and the Joint Fisheries Statement 2022. The task is the delivery of MMO-led Fisheries Management Plans and involving fishers in the process.

The lawful basis for using your personal data for engagement purposes relating to FMPs and RFGs is consent.

## **Consent to process your personal data**

The use of your personal data for fisheries management plans and regional fisheries group engagement is based on consent.

You can withdraw consent by emailing

[regionalfisheriesgroups@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:regionalfisheriesgroups@marinemanagement.org.uk) for regional fisheries groups or [fmp@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:fmp@marinemanagement.org.uk) for fisheries management plans.

## **Who we share your personal data with**

MMO will only share your personal data where we are legally permitted to do so, including but not limited to where you have given us consent to share your details – for example, with government departments such as Defra.

MMO may share the information collected under this privacy notice in anonymised form with:

- Seafish
- Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs)
- Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas)

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 in line with our data protection policy and retention schedule. We will only hold and process your data for so long as is necessary for the fulfilment of our stated purposes or when legally required to do so.

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

If you do not provide your information, MMO will not be able email you with updates relevant to the project or your area of fishing, invite you to take part in workshops, surveys or interviews, or provide advice or updates relating to your fisheries.

## 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.

### [Adequacy | ICO](#)

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:

### Public Task

- 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

### Consent

- The right to be informed
- The right of access
- The right to rectification
- The right to erasure
- The right to restrict processing
- The right to data portability
- 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.