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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.

BLUEFIN TUNA (BFT) CATCH AND RELEASE RECREATIONAL FISHERY (CRRF) PRIVACY NOTICE

This privacy notice tells you what to expect us to do with your personal information when MMO collects it in relation to the bluefin tuna catch and release recreational fishery via the Recreational Bluefin tuna catch and release fishing trip reporting form.

Vessel owner applicants wishing to participate in the Catch and Release Recreational bluefin tuna fishery in English waters must hold a valid permit issued by the MMO. In English waters, the MMO manages fishing for bluefin tuna fisheries in accordance with the ICCAT agreement on behalf of the Secretary of State, under [The Sea Fisheries \(International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#).

Purpose for processing – why we are collecting your personal data.

MMO collects and processes information for the following purposes in relation to the BFT CRRF:

- In pursuance of public purposes supported by legislation, in order to open a recreational Bluefin Tuna fishery in England controlled through the permit approach defined in the regulation.
- To process applications seeking a permit in the English Bluefin Tuna, Catch and Release Recreational Fishery (CRRF).

- To record details of applicants applying for a CRRF permit
- To record details of those provisionally awarded a CRRF permit offer.
- To share details of successful applicants that are eligible for mandatory BFT training with accredited training provider (Angling Trust), before permit issuance.
- To inform permit individuals of any in-season changes within the CRRF fishery, such as closure of the fishery should quota be exhausted or permit condition adjustments.
- To contact individuals when business needs require, including important updates to services.
- To validate permit holders' BFT data entry submissions. A permit holder must report information to MMO (legal requirement - [The Sea Fisheries \(International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#)).
- To fulfil the UK obligations to ICCAT. To be able (if requested by ICCAT) to submit a list of CRRF permit holders operating in the UK Bluefin Tuna CRRF fishery.
- To evaluate the scheme. The UK government undertakes commensurate and appropriate evaluation to understand efficiency and effectiveness of interventions and their impacts.

What personal data is collected?

MMO collects and processes the following information in relation to the BFT CRRF:

- Your name, address, full contact details
- Vessel ownership and registration details
- We may ask for proof of activity as a charter vessel.
- Previous transactions with the MMO
- Permit holders Bluefin tuna data entry submissions.
- Details of additional vessel owner/master details associated to permitted vessel, if applicable.
- Details confirming the completion of mandatory training

How your personal data has been obtained.

In addition to information MMO obtains from you directly, such as via forms that you have submitted to us, some information is obtained indirectly:

- Vessel data is obtained directly from stakeholders, including vessel owners, skippers, agents.
- Details of those who have completed the mandatory training (a requirement prior to MMO issuing a BFT CRRF permit) are obtained from The Angling Trust.

Why we can process your personal data.

The lawful basis for processing your data to process your permit application, evaluate the scheme is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest, which is laid down by law, [The Sea Fisheries \(International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#). The task is the delivery of the English Atlantic Tuna Catch and Release Recreational Fishery.

The lawful basis for processing your email address with a third-party contractor in relation to any BFT social science research commissioned by Defra is consent, as given by ticking the relevant box in your application form.

Consent to process your personal data.

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

The processing of your personal data for social science research purposes is based on consent. You can withdraw this consent at any time by emailing BFT.Recreational@marinemanagement.org.uk.

Who we share your personal data with

MMO will only share your personal data where we are legally permitted to do so.

MMO may share the personal data collected under this privacy notice with the Angling Trust in order to facilitate mandatory training. Full name, email address, partial postcode and names of any additional nominees for training will be shared for this purpose only.

MMO may publish a list of vessels that hold a CRRF permit during the fishing season on MMO BFT gov.uk pages, in order to allow charter customers to

validate and verify they are booking their fishing experience on a CRRF permitted vessel.

MMO may also share information:

- If we have a legal obligation to do so or if we are requested to do so by a competent authority such as the police, a court or an ICCAT request, as part of our BFT contracting party obligations).
- If we need to use or disclose your information to obtain legal advice in connection with legal proceedings.
- If we need to share your information to protect your vital interests if you are unable to give us consent or it is unreasonable for us to ask for your consent in circumstances (e.g., if you are injured).

MMO may share information relating to managing/understanding BFT CRRF activity impacts. This is shared in an anonymised format, to Defra, Cefas and/or Natural England. For example, in order to understand a particular type of interaction.

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 collected under the CRRF process for the life of the permit issued.

In general, this will be a maximum of three years, if an applicant has received a multi-year permit such as a charter permit that lasts from 2026 to 2028.

In the instance that an applicant has received a permit for one season or is on a permit reserve list, the data will be kept for one year.

There is a legal obligation to retain your information once you have applied for a CRRF permit in accordance with [The Sea Fisheries \(International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#).

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 (deciding 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 the personal data, we will be unable to assess your application for a CRRF permit.

From time-to-time Defra may commission specific BFT social science research relating to the CRRF fishery. You can withdraw this consent at any time by emailing BFT.Recreational@marinemanagement.org.uk. However, we will not be able to take your experience and opinions into account.

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:

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.