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Dear Sir / Madam

Consultation on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund

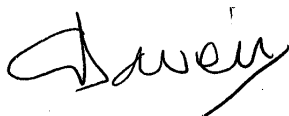
Natural Resources Wales welcomes the opportunity to respond to Defra's consultation concerning the implementation of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in the UK.

Natural Resources Wales works as a regulator, partner and advisor to businesses, non-governmental organisations, Local Authorities and communities to help deliver Welsh Government and European Union policies and priorities. We take an ecosystem approach to promoting integrated natural resource management that delivers social, economic and environmental benefits to the people of Wales.

We strongly support the strategic priorities identified under the new EMFF, including the delivery of wider maritime policy (incorporating objectives for marine spatial planning, Marine Protected Areas, and others) as part of the proposed framework. The distribution of funds across the Union Priorities reflects the integrated approach to Natural Resource Management currently being developed in Wales and should be a significant opportunity to deliver shared outcomes for the marine environment in Wales.

Thank you again for the opportunity to input to this strategic scoping consultation and we hope you find these comments helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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