**Whelk Management Measures 2020**

**Consultation Response Form**

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Organisation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable)

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your involvement in the fishing industry? ­­

Commercial Fisherman [ ]

 Recreational Fisherman [ ]

 Merchant/Processor (please state) [ ]  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Environment / Conservation [ ]

 Other (please state) [ ]  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Do you agree with the Welsh Government’s primary objective to conserve whelk stocks and thereby stabilise the Welsh whelk fishery?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  No comment

1. Do you agree it should be prohibited for UK vessels to take whelk with pots from the Welsh zone without an authorisation?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  No comment

1. Do you agree authorisations should be issued annually from the period beginning of March in one year to the end of February in the following year?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  No comment

1. Do you agree the Welsh Government should charge a fee for an authorisation?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  No comment

1. Do you agree with the process to set future landing caps in Box 2?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  No comment

1. Do you agree it should be prohibited for vessel owners to fish beyond the authorised monthly landing cap?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  No comment

1. Do you agree authorisation holders should provide statistical information to the Welsh Government, such as numbers of pots fished, amount of undersized whelk, location of fishing activity etc. to assist with stock assessment calculations?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  No comment

1. Do you agree authorisation holders should be required to gather data (as described in paragraph 44) to assist with stock assessment calculations?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  No comment

1. Do you agree authorisation holders should provide landings data direct to Welsh Government?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  No comment

1. Do you agree the Welsh Government should ban authorised vessels from retaining or landing de-shelled whelk?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  No comment

1. Do you agree authorisation holders should be required to have an active and functioning Vessel Monitoring System on board when fishing whelk with pots in the Welsh zone?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  No comment

1. We would like to know your views on the effects of issuing whelk authorisations with a flexible landing cap on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be?  How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

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1. Please also explain how you believe the issuing of whelk authorisations with a flexible landing cap could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English Language.

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1. We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

Please enter your response here:

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Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report.  If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here: [ ]