

Kent and Essex IFCA Cockle Fishery Review

Consultation 3

Draft application forms and
scoring descriptors

The Application Form Rationale and Description

Whilst the criteria in Consultation 2 gave an outline of how the application process would work overall, the next step in the process is to turn the criteria into questions in an application form and then to develop a clear and transparent process that shows applicants how their application will be scored by the Application Panel. A draft version of the application form can be found in Appendix 2 and is included to illustrate how the application process will work in practice, giving prospective applicants an idea of what the final application form might look like. The scoring scheme and grade descriptors that will be used by the Application Panel to score the applications can be found in Appendix 4. Officers, KEIFCA members, and our legal team have worked hard to create a straightforward application form and have combined some of the criteria into a requirement for a business plan (see below) to simplify the form so applicants can provide evidence and examples showing they have the knowledge and ability to work within a sustainable fishery for the benefit of the wider community and local economy.

5.1 Detail of questions in application form

(a) Information about the applicant

The application form asks a series of standard questions that collect basic information about the applicant.

(b) Information about the vessel

The application form asks a series of standard questions that collect basic information about the registered fishing vessel that will be used by the applicant. The questions also establish the capability of the vessel to work in a large volume cockle suction dredge fishery.

(c) Compliance track record - the Fit and Proper Person's Assessment (FPPA)

Throughout the process there has been strong support for considering an applicant's compliance track record in the application process. Officers have worked closely with our legal team to look at the options available that could turn this criterion into a workable and proportionate set of questions. Officers have looked at a range of systems used by other regulators and have talked to other agencies about their experience of using different systems. At the meeting on the 29-30th November 2022, Members discussed and evaluated 2 systems; the first proposed by Thames Estuary Fisherman's Association (TEFA) was a system based on the operator's licence scheme used in the Road Transport industry, the second was a fit and proper person's assessment based on that used successfully in the Dee Estuary Cockle Fishery Order 2008. In talking to officers from the Dee the test seems to work well and has been effective in reducing offences and helping to create a culture of compliance in the fishery. Authority members reviewed the two systems and agreed that the fit and proper persons test was the most appropriate for the new regulating order (see Appendix 1 for comments on the operator's licence scheme used in the Road Transport industry).

In filling in the FPPA, applicants are asked a series of questions which would require them to record any unspent criminal convictions, unspent fishing convictions and poor behaviour as well as outline the steps taken by the applicant to change or mitigate their future behaviour or actions. If the Authority agrees to issue licences to a company, then the application form would require all of the directors of the company as well as the shareholders and any other individuals who have a decision-making responsibility within the company to complete this question.

(d) Experience

Members reviewed the suggestions from both the Consultation 2 feedback, as well as the Consultation 3 pre-consultation phase, regarding track record. Feedback from the majority of the current TECFO and the Permit fleets felt that just the track record built up from working in the Thames cockle fisheries over a number of years should be used to score this question. However, fishers who had worked in the industry but had not been either licence holder or a permit holder, or who expressed a desire to work in a valuable local fishery on their doorstep but had not had the opportunity, felt that more factors should be considered like experience of working in the Thames or experience of working in other cockle fisheries in the UK.

To reflect these different positions, two different questions are included in the application form, however both used the same underlying process to score track record with the number of years a licence or a permit has been held during

the reference period used to mark each application within a scoring band and then detailed information about the experience of the applicant used to score the application within the band.

Option A uses the track record built up by applicants from the TECFO and permit fishery, whereas Option B also includes relevant experience of fishing in the Thames and relevant experience cockle fishing outside the KEIFCA district.

The reference period was taken from the introduction of the new permit byelaw to the season before this option was proposed (2015-2022). Feedback from some members of the industry had asked for a longer reference period to be used that included track record before the TECFO was created. Members reviewed this suggestion and felt that the scoring within a scoring band would allow this additional experience to be considered.

(e) 7-year Business Plan

After discussing an equivalent approach used in the Poole Harbour Fishery Order 2015, members felt that asking prospective applicants to outline their business plan for the next 7 years could help provide evidence that the applicant is serious, capable, and competent and help reassure the Application Panel that the applicant will maximise their fishing opportunity.

A 7-year business plan also provides an opportunity for applicants to highlight what they will do, rather than the other criteria that reflect on what applicants have done. Members also felt that a 7-year business plan format would be the best place for applicants to address the evidence showing company supporting local supply chains criteria, the examples of the steps the company adding value to landings criteria and the examples of company taking steps to support the wider community, as it provides a degree of flexibility for applicants.

Within the broad requirement of submitting a 7-year business plan, applicants are then given a series of bullet points that can help provide a guide to the reply. However, the 7-year business plan would be submitted as a stand-alone document allowing applicants a degree of flexibility to enable different applicants to provide evidence and examples in different ways.

(f) History of landing and cooking cockles caught from the Thames cockle fishery, within the KEIFCA district

The question of whether to include this question in the application form has produced a significant amount of correspondence and difference of opinion in both the Consultation 2 stage and the pre-consultation phase in Consultation 3, with this question removed completely in one of the weighting options below.

The steps of 'landing and cooking' were chosen by the Authority Members rather than 'landing, cooking and processing' as the steps of landing and cooking are clear and unambiguous in the process from harvest to sale and have traditionally taken place in local ports in the district for decades. Other steps in the process from harvest to sale depend upon the market the product is being sold into and are undertaken differently by different operators and can be included in the applicants 7-year business plan submission.

Applicants are asked to record the percentage of the cockles caught by the applicant within the District that were cooked within the District over the reference period (2018-2024). The evidence submitted outlining the percentage of cockles landed and cooked in the district during the reference period will be used to mark each application within a scoring band (see Appendix 3 for more details). This question would apply for all applicants, and applicants that have only worked in the permit fishery would be able to use this evidence.

(g) Supporting skilled local employment, apprenticeships or equivalent

This criterion generally received support from a wide range of stakeholders that replied through the consultation process, and the detail of the question was reviewed by KEIFCA members as part of the meeting on the 29-30th November. The question is similar to one used by Kent County Council in some of its tender application processes. Evidence provided by applicants would be used to mark each application within a scoring band (see Appendix 4 for more details).

(h) Taking steps to reduce the impact of fishing operations on both cockle stocks and the seabed

Over the years fishers have come up with a range of suggestions as to how the impact of the gear could be reduced and have expressed frustration at some members of the industry having excessive damage rates of cockles or fishing in such a way that it damages the ground. This question looks to incentivise and reward fishers who have taken clear and positive steps to address these issues.

As part of the consultation process for developing new management for Thames cockle fisheries post September 2024, Kent & Essex IFCA carried out a review of the environmental impacts caused by hydraulic suction dredging for cockles. The results were published in a report which was met with a high level of concern and prompted a call for a stronger focus on environmental management and bolder environmental stewardship to be taken on by fishers.

In summary, hydraulic suction dredging for cockles was found to penetrate the seabed to a depth of 5 – 10 cm, thereby causing a localised shift of sediment type towards a coarser sediment type, flattening out of the seabed, substantial local mortality (likely to range between 21 – 33%) of benthic organisms and imposing complex and potentially negative feedback loops within the ecosystem. Damaged cockles that are returned to sea were found to have very low post release survival rates (0 – 10%). Exceeding management limits set for damage rates (maximum 10%) could undermine sustainable harvesting because of the potential to incur high levels of unaccounted impacts on cockle stocks.

The environmental impact and sustainability of the fishery could be improved in a variety of ways such as enhanced spatial management that directs fishing effort away from sensitive habitats, reducing fishery footprint size, reducing damage rates through engineering and slight modifications of fishing methods and continued research to improve our understanding of the impacts and the success of efforts to alleviate fishery pressures on the environment and cockle stocks.

Currently damage rate checks are undertaken at the start of the season and all gear is required to pass a test to show it is working below a 10% threshold. Whilst most of the fleet work at a level of 3-4%, some vessels have been found to be working at 15% damage rates before the one-off inspection at the start of the season.

Moving all of the fleet to work constantly at a damage rate of 3-4% would make a massive difference to the stock and help develop a culture where skippers and crew regularly monitor and record damage rates as well as the length of time fished and take proactive steps to reduce this impact to the lowest level possible. Taking meaningful steps to reduce the impact of the gear on the seabed and wider ecosystem would also have considerable benefit to not only the cockle stocks but the wider ecosystem. Evidence provided by applicants would be used to mark each application within a scoring band (see Appendix 3 for more details).

(i) Reducing CO₂ emissions and improving the wider environment

In reviewing the feedback from stakeholders, Members agreed that while this was an important criterion to keep in the process, the options available for the cockle harvesting businesses that the licence would be issued to are, at present, limited and would require significant investment in new equipment. Instead, the Authority looked to broaden out this question slightly to include efforts to reduce the wider environmental impacts of emissions and pollution from cockle harvesting and, like the business plan, require applicants to provide evidence of steps already taken as well as actions they are looking to take over the next 7 years. The ambition of the Authority is that as alternative fuels and engines come onto the market (like the development of electric cars) the industry would take positive steps to invest in and use this technology. It is also suggested that applicants can look at the SEAFISH website (<https://www.seafish.org/responsible-sourcing/climate-change-and-the-seafood-industry/seafood-co2-emissions-profiling-tool/>) for possible ideas of how to provide evidence to answer this question. Evidence provided by applicants would be used to mark each application within a scoring band (see Appendix 4 for more details).

7-year Application form

Instructions for applicants:

Please complete ALL of the questions below using the boxes provided. Ensure you check the word limit for each question and do not exceed this. **Read the questions carefully** ensuring you understand what is being asked. Please provide full responses but keep them concise and clear, providing only relevant information to answer the question. Please ensure you read any supporting materials that have been provided for specific questions.

Part 1: Applicant Information

| Question | Responses |
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| Full name of the applicant (This needs to be the registered company's name or trading name.) | |
| Registered office/trading address (if applicable) | |
| Trading Status | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Company <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Sole trader If other, please specify: |
| Details of Persons of Significant Control (PSC), where appropriate: ¹ | |
| (i) Name: | |
| (ii) Date of Birth: | |
| (iii) Nationality: | |
| (iv) Country where the PSC usually lives: | |
| (v) Service address: | |
| Full name of the immediate parent company: (Please enter N/A if not applicable): | |
| Full name of the ultimate parent company: (Please enter N/A if not applicable): | |

Part 2: Contact Details

| Question | Responses |
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| Contact name | |
| Name of organisation | |
| Role in organisation | |
| Phone number | |
| E-mail address | |
| Postal address | |
| Signature (electronic is acceptable) | |
| Date | |

¹ UK companies, Societates European (SEs) and limited liability partnerships (LLPs) will be required to identify and record the people who own or control their company. Companies, SEs and LLPs will need to keep a PSC register, and must file the PSC information with the central public register at Companies House. [See PSC guidance](#).

Part 3: Fishing Vessel Details

| Question | Responses |
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| Name of fishing vessel | |
| PLN of fishing vessel | |
| RSS No. | |
| Overall length of vessel | |
| Owner of fishing vessel | |

Part 4: Fishing Experience Track Record

WHICH OF OPTION A OR OPTION B WILL BE A DECISION MADE BY THE AUTHORITY AT THEIR MEETING ON 7 March 2023

Option (A)

Please provide evidence of your organisation's relevant track record of working in the Thames cockle fishery during the reference period 2015 – 2022 inclusive.

Include in your response:

- The number of years you have held a TECFO licence in the reference period (Including, the number of years the company has been under the current ownership as well as any ownership or directorship changes)
- The number of years you have held an interest in a cockle permit to fish outside the regulating order (CFFPB) the reference period.

Click or tap here to enter your answer.

Please ensure to stick to the 1000-word limit

Please provide any relevant information regarding your historic and overall experience of working in the Thames and in the Thames cockle fishery (TECFO and CFFPB)

Click or tap here to enter your answer.

Please ensure to stick to the 1000-word limit

Option (B)

Please provide evidence of your organisation’s relevant track record of working in the Thames cockle fishery, working in the Thames and working in other UK cockle fisheries during the reference period 2015 – 2022.

Either include in your response:

- The number of years you have held a TECFO licence in the reference period (Including, the number of years the company has been under the current ownership as well as any ownership or directorship changes)

Or include in your response:

- The number of years you have held an interest in a cockle permit to fish outside the regulating order (CFFPB) during the reference period.
- The number of years of you have had been commercially fishing for species other than cockles within the KEIFCA District during the reference period (1 year would be regarded as more than 50 fishing trips).
- The number of years you have held a permission to fish for cockles outside of the KEIFCA District in another UK cockle fishery during the reference period.

Please ensure to stick to the 1000-word limit

Please provide any relevant information regarding your historic and overall experience of working in the Thames and in the Thames cockle fishery (TECFO and CFFPB)

Please ensure to stick to the 1000-word limit

Part 5: Fit and Proper Persons Assessment (FPPA)

Please indicate if any of the following situations apply to you, your organisation or any other person who has powers of representation, decision or control in the organisation.

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| Have any relevant unspent ² criminal convictions and cautions (to include, but not be limited to: offences relating to violence, intimidation, fraud, drugs, people trafficking, modern slavery). | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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| Has, in the past 7 years, influenced or attempted to influence the decision-making process of KEIFCA; or has obtained or attempted to obtain confidential information that may confer upon the organisation undue advantages in the licence application process, or has negligently provided misleading information that may have a material influence on decisions concerning exclusion, selection or award of a licence.. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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If you have answered ‘Yes’ to the above, provide details and explain what measures been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion?

KEIFCA will carry out corroborative checks of their own records as well as those from the Marine Management Organisation, other Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities and any other relevant regulator.

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-guidance-on-the-rehabilitation-of-offenders-act-1974>

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| <p>Do you consider that you, your organisation, or any person who has powers of representation, decision or control in the organisation, has a poor record of behaviour or compliance over the past 7 years (2018-2024)? (A 'yes' response to this question will not necessarily preclude you from being issued with a licence, however any response below will be considered as part of determining a final ranked list of applicants)</p> <p>Examples of this may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A history of non-compliance with the Restrictions and Regulations contained in any Regulating Order within the KEIFCA District or with KEIFCA byelaws; • A history of non-compliance with Licence Conditions; • A history of non-compliance with directions given by KEIFCA Officers • Poor behaviour which KEIFCA considers to be unacceptable. This could include physical acts or language (written, verbal or online) that causes KEIFCA staff, officers, members or other fishery stakeholders to feel intimidated, afraid, threatened or abused. • Failure to provide required documents and declarations that are disingenuous may also be considered poor behaviour. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <p>If you have answered 'Yes' to the above, provide details and explain what measures have been taken to ensure an improvement in behaviour or future compliance with relevant legislation by the organisation. KEIFCA will carry out corroborative checks of their own enforcement records as well as those from the Marine Management Organisation, other Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities and any other relevant regulator.</p> | |
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Part 6: Business Plan

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| <p>Please confirm that you have a comprehensive business plan, covering at least the 7 years of the licence (2025-2031). You must supply a copy of it with your application. Your business plan should address the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive summary providing an overview of your proposed business and plans. 2. Methodology to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification of fishing vessel with appropriate capability to land up to 13 tonnes of cockles per fishing trip • Details of key personnel involved in fishing operation and a brief outline of their experience in the cockle fishery • Details of landing locations and equipment to facilitate landing of large quantities of cockles including transport to cooking location and cooking processes • Details of intended markets for products • Details of how you will be supporting local business and supply chains • Details of how you or your processor intend to add any value to the catch • Details of how your business intends to support the wider community (sponsoring/ support of local sports team/ charity etc) • Funding and demonstrable sources of funding • Details of the investment you make in company/ Investment in the District | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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Part 7: Socio-economic and Environmental Criteria

ONLY IF LANDING AND COOKING IN THE DISTRICT IS INCLUDED BY THE AUTHORITY UNDER THE WEIGHTING OPTION QUESTION

Please provide details of your organisation's relevant history of landing and cooking cockles caught in the Thames cockle fisheries within the KEIFCA district over the last 7 years (2018-2024). Please include:

- An overview of where and how your cockles harvested from the Thames are cooked; whether they are landed in the KEIFCA district, how they are transported after landing, whether they are cooked by you or a 3rd party, and the method of cooking.
- What percentage of the cockles caught by you within the district are also cooked within the District over the reference period.

Please ensure to stick to the 800-word limit

Please detail your support of skilled local employment over the last 7 years (2018-2024). Please include:

- Your staff structure including number of local employees (staff resident in KEIFCA district) and whether staff are employed on a seasonal or permanent, full time or part time basis
- The training provided to staff, including professional qualifications/tickets
- The opportunities provided to support young fishers such as apprenticeships, mentoring or equivalents. Please include examples, highlighting any structured or formal training

Please ensure to stick to the 800-word limit

Please explain the steps or actions your organisation has taken to reduce the impact of your fishing operations on both cockle stocks and the seabed over the past 7 years (2018-2024). *In your answer, please include any anticipated benefits on future cockle populations as well as the wider ecosystem of your actions.* Please include:

- Details of the actions your organisation has taken to assess and reduced the number of damaged cockles "damage rate" (the number of chipped, damaged or smashed cockles) returned to the sea as part of cockle harvesting process.
- Details of the steps you have taken to reduce the impact of cockle harvesting gear on the seabed (i.e the depth of impact of the gear on the seabed, reduce sediment levels/ plumes from suction dredging etc)

Please ensure to stick to the 800-word limit

Please provide an outline of both your organisation's previous actions, and its future plans, to reduce CO₂ emissions and improve the wider environment by reducing waste emissions and pollutants. Consider the following:

- Any steps you have taken towards baseline assessments of your organisations CO₂ emissions from fishing to factory.
- Please detail any steps you have taken to reduce the energy requirements and emissions of your fishing operation (fishing to factory) and outline what the benefits of these actions has been.

- Please detail any steps you are planning to take, to reduce the energy requirements and emissions of your fishing operation (fishing to factory) and the what the anticipated benefits of these actions will be.
- Please detail the steps you have taken, or plan to take, to work with other companies or organisations to reduce energy requirements and emissions, especially in the onward supply chain.

Please ensure to stick to the 800-word limit

To include (tick to confirm inclusion)

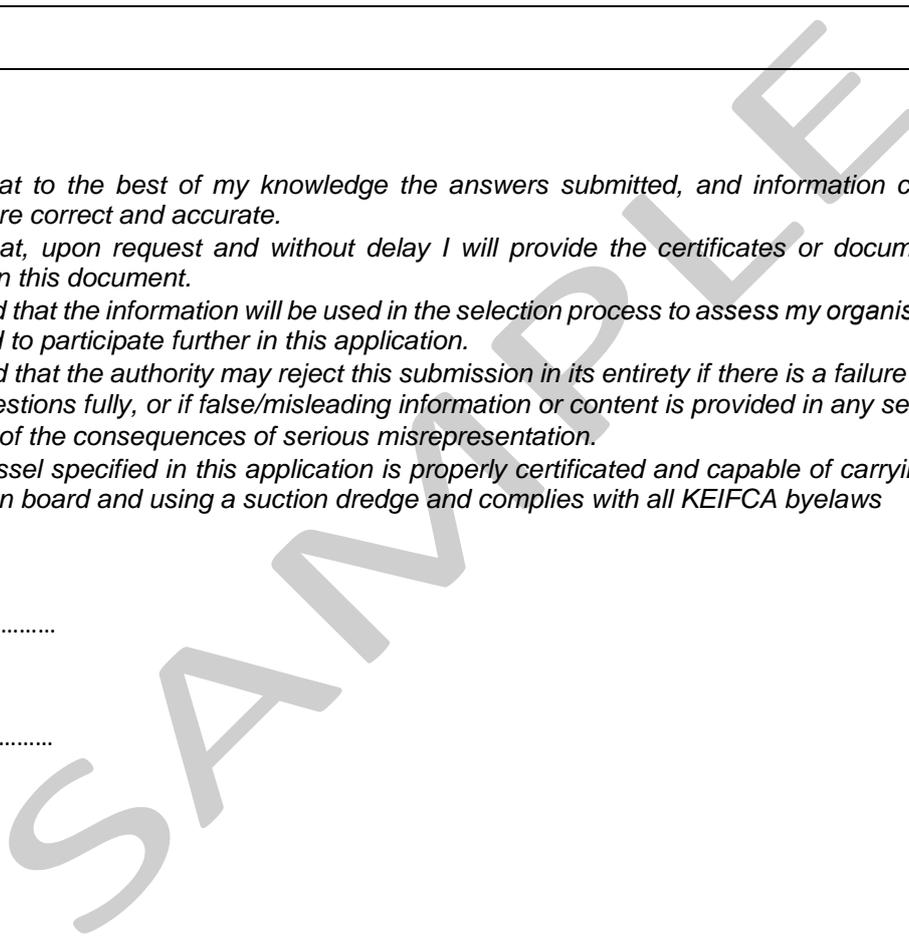
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| Copy of business plan – if submitting hard copy please submit ten (10) copies | |
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Declaration

- *I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted, and information contained, in this document are correct and accurate.*
- *I declare that, upon request and without delay I will provide the certificates or documentary evidence referred to in this document.*
- *I understand that the information will be used in the selection process to assess my organisation’s suitability to be invited to participate further in this application.*
- *I understand that the authority may reject this submission in its entirety if there is a failure to answer all the relevant questions fully, or if false/misleading information or content is provided in any section.*
- *I am aware of the consequences of serious misrepresentation.*
- *That the vessel specified in this application is properly certificated and capable of carrying a minimum of 13 tonnes on board and using a suction dredge and complies with all KEIFCA byelaws*

Signed.....

Date.....



Annual renewal form

Section 1: Licence Holder Information

| Question | Responses |
|---|-----------|
| Full name of the licence holder (This needs to be the registered company's name or trading name.) | |
| Registered office/trading address (if applicable) | |
| Full names of all company Directors | |
| Full names of all company Shareholders | |
| Full name of Person with Significant Control (PSC) | |

Section 2: Correspondence Contact Details

- This **MUST** be a Director, Shareholder or majority Owner in the company, or the licence holder in the case of an individual

| Question | Responses |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Contact name | |
| Role in organisation | |
| Phone number | |
| E-mail address | |
| Postal address | |

Section 3: Vessel Details

- The vessel must be owned by the licence holder
- A copy of the current transcript of registry for the named vessel must be supplied with this form
- A copy of the current fishing licence must be supplied with this form

| Question | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| Name of fishing vessel | |
| PLN of fishing vessel | |
| RSS No. | |
| Overall length of vessel | |
| Engine Power of vessel (plus original if derated) (kW) | |
| Owner of fishing vessel (must be the same as the licence holder) | |
| Current MCA Transcript of Registry number (copy of Transcript of Registry must be supplied with application) | |
| Current Defra/MMO fishing licence number (copy of licence must be supplied with application) | |
| Gear Type | |

Section 4: Master Details

- Only the person named below will be authorised to skipper the above-named vessel whilst it is operating under the cockle licence to be issued
- If any of the details below change during the year, it is the responsibility of the licence holder to inform KEIFCA in writing/email.
- A DBS check must be conducted for the Master of the vessel and a copy of that DBS check supplied with this form.

| Question | Responses |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Surname | |
| First name(s) | |
| Home address | |
| Mobile phone number | |
| Email address | |
| Date of Birth | |

Section 5: Relief Master Details

- The person named below will only be authorised to skipper the above-named vessel in the event that the Master is unable to fulfil their responsibilities. This must be notified to KEIFCA prior to the Relief Skipper conducting a fishing trip. Notification will also include the reason for the Master being unavailable and specify when the Master is expected to resume their responsibilities.
- If any of the details below change during the year, it is the responsibility of the licence holder to inform KEIFCA in writing/email.
- A DBS check must be conducted for the Relief Master and a copy of that DBS check supplied with this form

| Question | Responses |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Surname | |
| First name(s) | |
| Home address | |
| Mobile phone number | |
| Email address | |
| Date of Birth | |

Section 6. Fit and Proper Persons Assessment (FPPA)

| Please indicate if any of the following situations apply to the vessel master or relief vessel master. | |
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| They have any relevant unspent (footnote) criminal convictions and cautions (to include, but not be limited to: offences relating to violence, intimidation, fraud, drugs, people trafficking, modern slavery). | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| A fisheries conviction under Section 3 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967. Fisheries convictions under the 1967 Act are considered to be spent 12 months after the date of conviction. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| A fisheries conviction in respect of any other fisheries legislation. Fisheries convictions under other fisheries legislation will be considered to be spent in accordance with the terms of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If you have answered 'Yes' to the above, provide details and explain what measures been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? | |
| KEIFCA will carry out corroborative checks of their own records as well as those from the Marine Management Organisation, other Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities and any other relevant regulator. | |
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| Do you consider that the vessel master, relief vessel master or crew has a poor record of behaviour or compliance? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Examples of this may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a history of non-compliance with the Restrictions and Regulations contained in any Regulating Order within the KEIFCA District or with KEIFCA byelaws; • a history of non-compliance with Licence Conditions; • a history of non-compliance with directions given by KEIFCA Officers • poor behaviour which the regulator considers to be unacceptable. This could include physical acts or language (written, verbal or online) that causes KEIFCA staff, officers, members or other fishery stakeholders to feel intimidated, afraid, threatened or abused. | |
| If you have answered 'Yes' to the above, provide details and explain what measures have been taken to ensure an improvement in behaviour or future compliance with relevant legislation by the organisation. KEIFCA will carry out corroborative checks of their own enforcement records as well as those from the Marine Management Organisation, other Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities and any other relevant regulator. | |
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To include (tick to confirm inclusion)

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|---|--|
| Photo ID for Master (driving licence/passport) | |
| Photo ID for Relief Master (driving licence/passport) | |
| DBS Check for Master | |
| DBS Check for Relief Master | |
| Current Fishing Licence | |
| Current Transcript of Registry | |
| Annual Licence Fee Payment | |

Declaration

- *I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted, and information contained, in this document are correct and accurate.*
- *I declare that, upon request and without delay I will provide the certificates or documentary evidence referred to in this document.*
- *I understand that the authority may reject this submission in its entirety if there is a failure to answer all the relevant questions fully, or if false/misleading information or content is provided in any section.*
- *I am aware of the consequences of serious misrepresentation.*
- *I declare that the vessel specified in this application is properly certificated and capable of carrying a minimum of 13 tonnes on board, and complies with all KEIFCA byelaws*
- *I declare that a current and up-to-date biosecurity plan is in place for the fishing operation*

Signed.....

Date.....

Marking scheme

Track Record/Experience - Option A

Either provide evidence of holding a TECFO licence:

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| Provide evidence of your relevant experience of cockle dredging in the Thames. Holding a TECFO licence | Held a TECFO licence 8 times in the last 8 years |
| Score | 100 |

Or, provide evidence of holding a KEIFCA cockle permit:

The number of times an applicant has held a category 1 cockle permit is used to arrive at their initial banding

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|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| Held a category 1 cockle permit to fish outside the regulating order (CFFP) in the last 8 years | 8 - 7 times | 6 – 5 times | 4 – 3 times | Twice | Once | Applicant’s response overall fails to meet the requirement and/or contains insufficient information to evidence overall meeting the requirement |
| Score | 100 - 81 | 80 - 61 | 60 - 41 | 40 - 31 | 30 - 21 | 0 |

The applicant’s experience is then assessed against the grade descriptors and used to score an application within a band.

| Grade Descriptions | Score |
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| <p>Excellent: Applicant provides evidence to show that they have comprehensive expert knowledge and significant, long-term, regular, and current, experience of skippering and running and a cockle suction dredge boat in the Thames cockle fishery built up over a large number of cockle seasons, including landing large volumes of cockles per trip.</p> <p>Applicant provides evidence to show that they have extensive knowledge and experience built up over a large number of years of fishing in the Thames, including working within MPAs and working safely on MOD firing ranges.</p> | 19 |
| <p>Very Good: Applicant shows that they have broad knowledge and experience of skippering and running and a cockle suction dredge boat in the Thames cockle fishery built up over a number of cockle seasons, including landing large volumes of cockles per trip.</p> <p>Applicant provides evidence to show that they have knowledge and experience built up over a number of years of fishing in the Thames, including working within MPAs and working safely on MOD firing ranges.</p> | 15 |
| <p>Good: Applicant shows that they have knowledge and experience of skippering and running and a cockle suction dredge boat in the Thames cockle fishery and landing large volumes of cockles per trip.</p> <p>Applicant provides some evidence to show that they have knowledge and experience of fishing in the Thames, including working within MPAs and working safely on MOD firing ranges.</p> | 9 |
| <p>Fair: Applicant shows that they have basic knowledge and some experience of skippering and working on a cockle suction dredge boat in the Thames cockle fishery.</p> | 4 |
| <p>Not met requirement: Applicant’s response overall fails to meet the requirement and/or contains insufficient information to evidence overall meeting the requirement</p> | 0 |

Track Record/Experience - Option B

Either provide evidence of holding a TECFO licence:

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| Provide evidence of your relevant experience of cockle dredging in the Thames. Holding a TECFO licence | Held a TECFO licence 8 times in the last 8 years |
| Score | 100 |

Or, if you haven't held a TECFO licence, provide evidence from the following three areas:

1. Holding a KEIFCA cockle permit,

The number of times an applicant has held a category 1 cockle permit is used to arrive at their initial banding

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| Held a category 1 cockle permit to fish outside the regulating order (CFFP) in the last 8 years | 8 - 7 times | 6 - 5 times | 4 - 3 times | Twice | Once | Applicant's response overall fails to meet the requirement and/or contains insufficient information to evidence overall meeting the requirement |
| Score | 70 - 61 | 60 - 51 | 50 - 41 | 40 - 31 | 30 - 21 | 0 |

The applicant's experience is then assessed against the grade descriptors and used to score an application within a band.

| Grade Descriptions | Score |
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| Excellent: Applicant provides evidence to show that they have comprehensive expert knowledge and significant, long-term, regular, and current, experience of skippering and running and a cockle suction dredge boat in the Thames cockle fishery built up over a large number of cockle seasons, including landing large volumes of cockles per trip. | 9 |
| Very Good: Applicant provides evidence that they have broad knowledge and experience of skippering and running a cockle suction dredge boat in the Thames cockle fishery built up over a number of cockle seasons, including landing large volumes of cockles per trip. | 7 |
| Good: Applicant provides evidence that they have knowledge and experience of skippering and running and a cockle suction dredge boat in the Thames cockle fishery and landing large volumes of cockles per trip. | 4 |
| Fair: Applicant provides evidence that they have basic knowledge and some experience of skippering and working on a cockle suction dredge boat in the Thames cockle fishery. | 1 |
| Not met requirement: Applicant's response overall fails to meet the requirement and/or contains insufficient information to evidence overall meeting the requirement | 0 |

2. Experience of other fishing in the Thames,

The years of experience commercially fishing in the Thames and KEIFCA district an applicant has got is used to calculate their initial banding. A year is 50 trips or more of catch landed into a port within the KEIFCA district (using buyers and sellers' receipts)

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| Provide evidence of other commercial fishing activity in the Thames and KEIFCA, and fished for species other than cockles as a qualified vessel skipper in the KEIFCA | 8 – 6 years | 6 –3 years | 3 – 1 years | Applicant's response overall fails to meet the requirement and/or contains insufficient information to evidence overall meeting the requirement |
| Score | 15 - 11 | 10 - 6 | 5 - 1 | 0 |

The applicant's experience is then assessed against the grade descriptors and used to score an application within a band.

| Grade Descriptions | Score |
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| Excellent: Applicant provides evidence to show that they have comprehensive expert knowledge and significant, long-term, and regular, experience of skippering and running a commercial fishing boat in the Thames and KEIFCA district, built up over a large number of years, including working within MPAs and working safely on MOD firing ranges. Applicant provides clear, strong convincing evidence outlining how this experience can be applied to working in the cockle suction dredge fishery in the Thames. | 4 |
| Very Good: Applicant shows that they have broad knowledge and experience of skippering and running a commercial fishing boat in the Thames and KEIFCA district built up over a number of years, including working within MPAs and working safely on MOD firing ranges. Applicant provides some convincing evidence outlining how this experience can be applied to working in the cockle suction dredge fishery in the Thames. | 3 |
| Good: Applicant shows that they have knowledge and experience of skippering and running a commercial fishing boat in the Thames and KEIFCA district and applicant provides some evidence to show that they have knowledge and experience of fishing within MPAs and working safely on MOD firing ranges. Applicant provides limited evidence outlining how this experience can be applied to working in the cockle suction dredge fishery in the Thames. | 2 |
| Fair: Applicant shows that they have basic knowledge and some experience of skippering a commercial fishing boat in the Thames and KEIFCA district. | 1 |
| Not met requirement: Applicant's response overall fails to meet the requirement and/or contains insufficient information to evidence overall meeting the requirement | 0 |

3. Experience of cockling outside of the KEIFCA District

The years of experience an applicant has got commercially fishing for cockles as a qualified vessel skipper, or permit or licence holder, outside the Thames and KEIFCA district but in the UK is used to calculate their initial banding.

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| Provide evidence of having commercially fishing for cockles as a qualified vessel skipper, or permit or licence holder, outside the Thames and KEIFCA district but in the UK | 8 – 6 years | 6 –3 years | 3 – 1 years | Applicant’s response overall fails to meet the requirement and/or contains insufficient information to evidence overall meeting the requirement |
| Score | 15 - 11 | 10 - 6 | 5 - 1 | 0 |

The applicant’s experience is then assessed against the grade descriptors and used to score an application within a band.

| Grade Descriptions | Score |
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| Excellent: Applicant provides evidence to show that they have comprehensive expert knowledge and significant, long-term, and regular, experience as a qualified vessel skipper, or permit or licence holder, outside the Thames and KEIFCA district but in the UK. Applicant provides clear, strong convincing evidence outlining how this experience can be applied to working in the cockle suction dredge fishery in the Thames. | 4 |
| Very Good: Applicant shows that they have broad knowledge and experience as a qualified vessel skipper, or permit or licence holder, outside the Thames and KEIFCA district but in the UK. Applicant provides some convincing evidence outlining how this experience can be applied to working in the cockle suction dredge fishery in the Thames. | 3 |
| Good: Applicant shows that they have knowledge and experience as a qualified vessel skipper, or permit or licence holder, outside the Thames and KEIFCA district but in the UK. Applicant provides limited evidence outlining how this experience can be applied to working in the cockle suction dredge fishery in the Thames. | 2 |
| Fair: Applicant shows that they have basic knowledge and some experience as a qualified vessel skipper, or permit or licence holder, outside the Thames and KEIFCA district but in the UK | 1 |
| Not met requirement: Applicant’s response overall fails to meet the requirement and/or contains insufficient information to evidence overall meeting the requirement | 0 |

| Grade Descriptions | Score |
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| <p>Exceptional response with value added</p> <p>The business plan submitted by the licence applicant exceeds the requirements by demonstrating exceptional experience, competence, and capability in delivering the key details and requirements of the plan whilst delivering value additional to the requirement in supporting local business and supply chains, adding value to the catch especially within KEIFCA district and supporting the wider community.</p> <p>Application (a) meets the requirement in an exceptional manner with a robust plan that delivers an overall extremely effective and detailed plan including the relevant commitment, understanding and resource or (b) meets the requirements with at least an acceptable plan that overall includes the relevant commitment, understanding and resource and provides evidence of factor(s) that will add exceptional value above the requirements.</p> | 100 |
| <p>Very good business plan / significant value added.</p> <p>The applicant's business plan (a) meets the requirement in a very good manner with a robust plan that delivers an overall effective and detailed plan including the relevant commitment, understanding and resource or (b) meets the requirement with at least an acceptable plan that overall includes the relevant commitment, understanding and provides evidence of factor(s) that will add significant value to supporting local business and supply chains, adding value to the catch especially within KEIFCA district and supporting the wider community.</p> | 93 |
| <p>Good business plan / some value added.</p> <p>The applicant's business plan (a) meets the requirement with a plan that delivers an overall effective plan including the relevant commitment, understanding and resource or (b) meets the requirement with at least an acceptable plan that overall includes the relevant commitment, understanding and resource and provides some evidence of relevant of factor(s) that will add significant value to supporting local business and supply chains, adding value to the catch especially within KEIFCA district and supporting the wider community.</p> | 85 |
| <p>Acceptable business plan - satisfies the requirement.</p> <p>Applicant's business plan meets the requirement with an acceptable plan that overall includes the relevant commitment, understanding and resource and quality, notwithstanding that there may be minor issues which are easily resolvable and in any event which do not have a material impact on the overall acceptability of the plan.</p> | 80 |
| <p>Minor reservations.</p> <p>Applicant's business plan meets the requirement with a plan that overall includes the relevant commitment, understanding and resource but which may give rise to some minor reservations in one or more areas which may be resolvable but, if not, may have an impact on the overall acceptability of the plan.</p> | 70 |
| <p>Major reservations.</p> <p>Applicant's business plan overall fails to meet the requirement and/or gives rise to one or more serious concerns about the relevant commitment, understanding, and/or resources irrespective of any added value above the requirements or elements of the requirements.</p> | 30 |
| <p>Unacceptable.</p> <p>Applicant's business plan overall fails to meet the requirement and/or contains insufficient information to evidence overall meeting the requirement, including the relevant commitment, understanding and/or resources irrespective of any added value above the requirements or elements of the requirements.</p> | 0 |

Landing and cooking

| Grade Descriptions | Score |
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| <p>Applicant provides evidence to show that between 71-100% of cockles harvested from the Thames cockle fishery over the reference period have been cooked in the KEIFCA district.</p> <p>Applicant provides evidence of regular and long-term commitment to landing cockles harvested from the Thames in the KEIFCA district.</p> <p>Applicant provides evidence of regular and long-term commitment to cooking cockles harvested from the Thames cockle fishery in the KEIFCA district.</p> | 100 |
| <p>Applicant provides evidence to show that between 51-70% of cockles harvested from the Thames cockle fishery over the reference period have been cooked in the KEIFCA district.</p> <p>Applicant provides evidence of regular and long-term commitment to landing cockles harvested from the Thames in the KEIFCA district.</p> <p>Applicant provides evidence of regular and long-term commitment to cooking cockles harvested from the Thames cockle fishery in the KEIFCA district.</p> | 80 |
| <p>Applicant provides evidence to show that between 31-50% of cockles harvested from the Thames cockle fishery over the reference period have been cooked in the KEIFCA district.</p> <p>Applicant provides evidence of regular and long-term commitment to landing cockles harvested from the Thames in the KEIFCA district.</p> <p>Applicant provides evidence of regular and long-term commitment to cooking cockles harvested from the Thames cockle fishery in the KEIFCA district.</p> | 60 |
| <p>Applicant provides evidence to show that between 10-30% of cockles harvested from the Thames cockle fishery over the reference period have been cooked in the KEIFCA district.</p> <p>Applicant provides evidence of regular and long-term commitment to landing cockles harvested from the Thames in the KEIFCA district.</p> | 40 |
| <p>Applicant provides evidence to show that less than 10% of cockles harvested from the Thames cockle fishery over the reference period have been cooked in the KEIFCA district.</p> <p>Applicant provides evidence of regular and long-term commitment to landing cockles harvested from the Thames in the KEIFCA district.</p> | 20 |
| <p>Unacceptable</p> <p>The information submitted by the applicant does not satisfy the requirements of the question. The response provided fails to demonstrate sufficient relevant experience, competence, and capability in this area.</p> | 0 |

Support of skilled local employment

| Grade Descriptions | Score |
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| <p>Exceptional response with value added</p> <p>The information submitted by the applicant exceeds the requirements outlined in the question by clearly demonstrating tangible investment and commitment to training skilled staff, and with training delivered to exceptional standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A clear staff structure including detailed and comprehensive list of employees including clearly outlining the number of staff resident in KEIFCA district and outlining which staff are on seasonal or permanent, full time or part time contracts. ● A detailed and comprehensive overview of the training provided to staff including any induction training and any staff performance, review or evaluation system and tickets or qualifications gained by staff ● Thorough and comprehensive examples of applicants providing to support young fishers such as apprenticeships, mentoring or equivalents including how the applicant practically trained and supported the young fishers development over a number of years <p>Overall the application answers questions in the application to a high level and meaningful actions have clearly been taken to support skilled local employment that are additional to the requirements</p> | 100 |
| <p>Good response with some value added</p> <p>The information submitted by the applicant fully satisfies the requirements by demonstrating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A clear staff structure including detailed and comprehensive list of employees including clearly outlining the number of staff resident in KEIFCA district and outlining which staff are on seasonal or permanent, full time or part time contracts. ● A detailed and comprehensive overview of the training provided to staff including any induction training and any staff performance, review or evaluation system and tickets or qualifications gained by staff ● Thorough and comprehensive examples of applicants providing to support young fishers such as apprenticeships, mentoring or equivalents including how the applicant practically trained and supported the young fishers development over a number of years <p>Overall, the application answers some questions in the application to a high level and some meaningful actions have clearly been taken to support skilled local employment that are additional to the requirements.</p> | 80 |
| <p>Acceptable response - satisfies the requirement</p> <p>The information submitted by the applicant satisfies the requirements by demonstrating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A clear staff structure including a list of employees including clearly outlining the number of staff resident in KEIFCA district and outlining which staff are on seasonal or permanent, full time or part time contracts. ● An overview of the training provided to staff including any induction training and any staff performance, review or evaluation system and tickets or qualifications gained by staff <p>The applicant has a plan, with milestones to help support skilled local employment over the 7 years of the licence especially that highlight steps taken to investment in staff and their skills or develop links with local education establishments</p> | 60 |
| <p>Minor reservations</p> <p>The information submitted by the licence holder does not fully satisfy all requirements</p> | 40 |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A clear staff structure including a list of employees including clearly outlining the number of staff resident in KEIFCA district and outlining which staff are on seasonal or permanent, full time or part time contracts. ● An overview of the training provided to staff including any induction training and any staff performance, review or evaluation system and tickets or qualifications gained by staff ● Examples of applicants providing to support young fishers such as apprenticeships, mentoring or equivalents including how the applicant practically trained and supported the young fisher's development over a number of years <p>Overall the information submitted does not satisfactorily answer one or more of the application questions leading to minor reservations as to the extent of the meaningful actions that have been taken to support skilled local employment or to the deliver future plans.</p> | |
| <p>Major reservations</p> <p>The information submitted by the licence holder does not satisfy the requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A clear staff structure including a list of employees including clearly outlining the number of staff resident in KEIFCA district and outlining which staff are on seasonal or permanent, full time or part time contracts. ● An overview of the training provided to staff including any induction training and any staff performance, review or evaluation system and tickets or qualifications gained by staff ● Examples of applicants providing to support young fishers such as apprenticeships, mentoring or equivalents including how the applicant practically trained and supported the young fishers development over a number of years <p>Overall, the information submitted does not satisfactorily answer several application questions leading to reservations as to the extent of the meaningful actions that have been taken to support skilled local employment or to the deliver future plans. The application leaves the KEIFCA application panel with serious concerns about the applicant's ability to deliver the required outcomes.</p> | 20 |
| <p>Unacceptable</p> <p>The information submitted by the applicant does not satisfy the requirements of the question. The response provided fails to demonstrate sufficient relevant experience, competence, and capability in this area.</p> | 0 |

Reduce the impact of your fishing operations on both cockle stocks and the seabed

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| <p>Exceptional response with value added</p> <p>The information submitted by the applicant exceeds the requirements outlined in the question by clearly demonstrating tangible actions taken to significantly reduce the impact of your fishing operations on both cockle stocks and the seabed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A detailed and comprehensive overview of the steps taken to significantly reduce the cockle harvesting gear on the seabed number of damaged cockles returned to the sea as part of cockle harvesting process. ● A detailed and comprehensive overview of the steps taken to significantly reduce the number of damaged cockles returned to the sea as part of cockle harvesting process. <p>Overall, the application answers questions in the application to a high level and meaningful actions have clearly been taken to reduce the impact of cockle harvesting operations on both cockle stocks and the seabed that are additional to the requirements.</p> | 100 |
| <p>Good response with some value added</p> <p>The information submitted by the applicant fully satisfies the requirements by demonstrating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A detailed and comprehensive overview of the steps taken to significantly reduce the cockle harvesting gear on the seabed number of damaged cockles returned to the sea as part of cockle harvesting process. ● A detailed and comprehensive overview of the steps taken to significantly reduce the number of damaged cockles returned to the sea as part of cockle harvesting process. <p>Overall, the application answers some questions in the application to a high level and some meaningful actions have clearly been taken to reduce the impact of cockle harvesting operations on both cockle stocks and the seabed that are additional to the requirements.</p> | 80 |
| <p>Acceptable response - satisfies the requirement</p> <p>The information submitted by the applicant satisfies the requirements by demonstrating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An overview of the steps taken to significantly reduce the cockle harvesting gear on the seabed number of damaged cockles returned to the sea as part of cockle harvesting process. ● An overview of the steps taken to significantly reduce the number of damaged cockles returned to the sea as part of cockle harvesting process. <p>Overall, the application answers questions in the application to an adequate level and some actions have clearly been taken to reduce the impact of cockle harvesting operations on both cockle stocks and the seabed.</p> | 60 |
| <p>Minor reservations</p> <p>The information submitted by the licence holder does not fully satisfy all requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An overview of the steps taken to significantly reduce the cockle harvesting gear on the seabed number of damaged cockles returned to the sea as part of cockle harvesting process. ● An overview of the steps taken to significantly reduce the number of damaged cockles returned to the sea as part of cockle harvesting process. <p>Overall, the information submitted does not satisfactorily answer one or more of the application questions leading to minor reservations as to the extent of the meaningful actions that have been taken to reduce the impact of cockle harvesting operations on both cockle stocks and the seabed.</p> | 40 |

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| <p>Unacceptable</p> <p>The information submitted by the applicant does not satisfy the requirements of the question. The response provided fails to demonstrate sufficient relevant experience, competence, and capability in this area.</p> | 0 |

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| <p>Exceptional response with value added</p> <p>The information submitted by the applicant exceeds the requirements by clearly demonstrating tangible outcomes, delivered an exceptional standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a detailed and comprehensive baseline assessment of its organisations CO₂ emissions from fishing to factory using a recognised audit system. ● significant, measurable steps that have already been taken to significantly reduce energy requirements and waste emissions both in the short and long-term (fishing to factory). ● The applicant has a detailed plan, with clear (SMART) milestones to continue to reduce both CO₂ emissions and waste emissions in the long-term and meet government targets to be carbon neutral by 2030. ● The applicant has taken clear steps to work with other companies or organisations to reduce energy requirements and emissions, especially in the onward supply chain <p>Overall, the application answers questions in the application to a high level and meaningful actions have clearly been taken to reduce energy requirements and emissions that are additional to the requirements.</p> | 100 |
| <p>Good response with some value added</p> <p>The information submitted by the applicant fully satisfies the requirements by demonstrating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a detailed and comprehensive baseline assessment of its organisations CO₂ emissions from fishing to factory using a recognised audit system. ● significant, measurable steps that have already been taken to significantly reduce energy requirements and waste emissions both in the short and long-term (fishing to factory). ● The applicant has a detailed plan, with clear (SMART) milestones to continue to reduce both CO₂ emissions and waste emissions in the long-term and meet government targets to be carbon neutral by 2030. ● The applicant has taken clear steps to work with other companies or organisations to reduce energy requirements and emissions, especially in the onward supply chain <p>Overall, the application answers some questions in the application to a high level and some meaningful actions have clearly been taken to reduce energy requirements and emissions that are additional to the requirements.</p> | 80 |
| <p>Acceptable response - satisfies the requirement</p> <p>The information submitted by the applicant satisfies the requirements by demonstrating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a baseline assessment of its organisations CO₂ emissions from fishing to factory using a recognised audit system. ● measurable steps that have already been taken to significantly reduce energy requirements and waste emissions both in the short and long-term (fishing to factory). ● The applicant has a plan, to continue to reduce both CO₂ emissions and waste emissions in the long-term ● The applicant has taken some steps to work with other companies or organisations to reduce energy requirements and emissions, especially in the onward supply chain | 60 |

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