

Consultation Questionnaire



Marine Resources Strategy

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Introduction

The Department of the Environment is asking for your views on a range of proposals to protect Jersey's seas. There are increasing pressures being placed on our natural marine resource and a growing recognition that coastlines should be managed in a planned and sustainable way. The Marine Resources Strategy consultation document sets out how the Island can safeguard its marine resources for the long term, while also supporting Jersey's commercial and leisure users.

The Department wants to hear the views of all Islanders who use the sea and beaches and has launched a consultation document to ask for your views on 45 recommendations. Among these are proposals to promote more productive, sustainable and better managed fishing and aquaculture industries so they can continue to grow and provide employment. Marine resource means both goods (e.g. marine animals for food and recreation, energy, medicines) and services (e.g. protected areas, tourism, culture and heritage). Sustainable use has been defined as development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Other proposals cover the following areas:

- The economic development of the fishing industry
- Support for new entrants to the fishing industry
- Sustainable development of the aquaculture sector
- Recreational fishing
- Managing shared resources fairly for the long term
- The development of marine spatial planning
- Research and monitoring
- International affairs

You can read the full Marine Resources Strategy and an online version of the questionnaire at <http://consult.gov.je/portal>. You'll also find Polish and Portuguese translations of the report and survey there. This consultation runs between Wednesday 3 July and Friday 27 September 2013.

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If you are completing a paper version of this survey, please post it to:
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More about the survey

This survey asks for your views on a number of different issues: Section 1 asks general questions Section 2 asks more specific questions Section 3 asks for some information about you Section 4 asks some questions about the consultation document Section 5 gives an opportunity for further comments You do not have to complete all sections.

Anonymity

You can remain anonymous, but if you choose not to give your name, we would appreciate it if you could complete some of the personal questions in section 3. Please take into consideration that all comments submitted to States of Jersey public consultations may be made public. If you have a particular wish for confidentiality please indicate this clearly when submitting a response or don't give your name.

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Section 1

1(a) Future of marine resources

How worried are you about the future of marine resources?

(please select one answer)

Very worried

Fairly worried

Not very worried

Not at all worried

No comment

If you ticked 'very worried' or 'fairly worried' please explain:

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1(b) Marine Resources Strategy

Would you agree or disagree that a Marine Resources Strategy is the best way to help plan the future of a sustainable marine resource?

(please select one answer)

Strongly agree

Slightly agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Slightly disagree

Strongly disagree

If you ticked 'strongly disagree' or 'slightly disagree' please explain:

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1(c) Policies M 17 Catch data from recreational fishing & M 22 Licensing recreational netting and long-lining

How important or unimportant is it that we develop a way to monitor and evaluate recreational fishing catches?

(please select one answer)

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither important or unimportant
- Fairly unimportant
- Very unimportant

1 (c) (i)

If you consider it to be very important or fairly important, please indicate which you prefer:

(please select one answer for each question)

- | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Voluntary | Mandatory |
| Scheme | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

1 (c) (ii)

If you consider it to be very important or fairly important, please indicate which you prefer:

(please select one answer for each question)

- | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | All | Specific |
| Species | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

If you ticked 'specific' please state which species:

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1 (c) (iii)

If you consider it to be very important or fairly important, please indicate which you prefer:

(please select one answer for each question)

	All	Specific
Fishing method	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you ticked 'specific' please state which methods:

1(d) Policy M 19 Angling tourism

How important or unimportant is it that the States of Jersey investigate the potential (tourism, reputational, employment opportunities etc) for angling tourism?

(please select one answer)

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither important or unimportant
- Fairly unimportant
- Very unimportant

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1(e) Policy M 21 Licensing all commercial fishing

Any fish landed from a boat in Jersey can only be sold or traded if the vessel is licensed. Fish caught from the shore (by netting, hooks, angling or low water fishing) may be sold without the need for the fisherman to be licensed.

In future, all commercial fishing activity may be licensed. Do you think that is fair or unfair?

(please select one answer)

Very fair

Slightly fair

Neither fair or unfair

Slightly unfair

Very unfair

If you ticked 'very unfair' or 'slightly unfair', please explain.

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1(f) Policy M 24 Bag limits for recreational fishermen for key species

Restricted catch limits, commonly known as Bag limits, can be a useful fisheries management tool, but only if used together with other measures, for example setting a bag limit in areas where only angling is allowed.

Do you agree or disagree with the introduction of bag limits for recreational fishermen for key species for the purpose of ensuring sustainable exploitation of the marine resource?

(please select one answer)

- Strongly agree
- Slightly agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Slightly disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you ticked 'strongly agree' or 'slightly agree', please list which species should be considered.

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If you ticked 'strongly disagree' or 'slightly disagree', please suggest alternative measures.

1(g) Policy M 26 Restricted metier zones

Specific commercial and recreational fishing methods are already prohibited in certain areas for various reasons including protection of the ecosystem and for safety.

How necessary or unnecessary is it to introduce more restricted fishing zones?

(please select one answer)

- Very necessary
- Slightly necessary
- No option either way
- Slightly unnecessary
- Very unnecessary

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If you ticked 'very necessary' or 'slightly necessary' please explain, including suggestions for areas and methods of fishing that would be restricted.

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Section 2: Marine Resource Consultation Policies

2 (a) Policy M1 Fishing industry - support from Government

Jersey commercial fishermen and fish farmers operate in direct competition with their French and English counterparts. How important or unimportant is it that the States of Jersey matches any support that Europe provides to those industries?

(please select one answer)

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither important or unimportant
- Fairly unimportant
- Very unimportant

2 (b) Policy M 2 Economic value to Jersey of the fishing industry

How beneficial would it be to examine the economic value of the commercial fishing industry to the Island (including the hospitality sector)?

(please select one answer)

- Very beneficial
- Of marginal benefit
- No effect either way
- Not beneficial
- Not beneficial at all

If you answered that it would be 'very beneficial' or of 'marginal benefit', then do you think that we should develop a long-term business plan, that covers the development of fishing, processing, trade and consumption?

(please select one answer)

- Yes No

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If you ticked 'No' please explain:

2 (c) Policy M 4 Species permits for commercial fishermen

Commercial fishing licences currently allow fishermen to target most species of fish and shellfish.

For conservation and socio- economic reasons other countries in different parts of the World, allocate limited numbers of permits to fish certain important species.

Would it be beneficial to test the use of a species-specific permit system for the commercial exploitation of a limited number of target species?

(please select one answer)

Very beneficial

Of marginal benefit

No effect either way

Not beneficial

Not beneficial at all

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If you ticked 'very beneficial' or 'of marginal benefit', which species would you consider most important for a pilot study?
(please select one answer)

- Whelks
- Bass
- Lobster
- Other (please state in box below)

2 (d) Policy M 6 Marketing and support

Currently very little "added value" is developed in respect of fish and shellfish landed by Jersey fishermen. Adding value is beneficial to both the economy and fish stocks, as it enables a fisherman to earn more for less fish.

Do you agree or disagree that we should analyse and possibly explore opportunities to support investment in processing, packaging and branding for Jersey-caught fish?
(please select one answer)

- Strongly agree
- Slightly agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Slightly disagree
- Strongly disagree

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2 (e) Policy M 7 Marketing support

The Jersey/Norman lobster fishery is certified as sustainable by the Marine Stewardship Council. This accreditation safeguards the future of local lobster stocks and should lead to fishermen receiving a higher price for lobster sold on the international market. This market has not been developed and there is a danger that MSC accreditation is allowed to lapse.

Do you agree or disagree that support should be provided through Genuine Jersey for market research and development that leads to a successful and profitable use of the MSC accreditation?

(please select one answer)

Strongly agree

Slightly agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Slightly disagree

Strongly disagree

2 (f) Policy M 12 Emerging fishing technologies

Officers from the Marine Resources Section, in partnership with the fishing industry, monitor and assess emerging fishing technologies to identify their impact (positive or negative) on the marine ecosystem. The information gained is used to develop cost effective fishing practices and sustainable fisheries management.

How important or unimportant is it that the States of Jersey continue to be partners in this monitoring process?

(please select one answer)

Very important

Fairly important

Neither important or unimportant

Fairly unimportant

Very unimportant

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2 (g) Policy M 13 Aquaculture and area-based planning

Fish farm concessions are currently licensed on an ad hoc basis. Applicants request permission to farm fish or shellfish in a particular area and that request is subject to public consultation, planning approval and an impact assessment before a licence is issued.

An alternative would be to identify general aquaculture areas in our seas and on our beaches, as part of a planning process for Jersey waters and for all public and other approvals to be obtained as part of that process. Under this system, there would be a streamlined process for individual applicants to apply for a commercial licence for part of the identified area.

Do you agree or disagree that area-based planning for fish/shellfish farming with a streamlined application process should be introduced?

(please select one answer)

Strongly agree

Slightly agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Slightly disagree

Strongly disagree

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If you ticked 'strongly disagree' or 'slightly disagree' please explain:

2 (h) Policy M 16 Economic review of aquaculture

Our most visible fish farms are situated on the shore off the east coast, but there are a number of other public areas used for farming oysters, scallops and ormers.

How beneficial would it be to commission an independent economic review of the value of the fish/shellfish farming industry to the people of Jersey?

(please select one answer)

- Very beneficial
- Of marginal benefit
- No effect either way
- Not beneficial
- Not beneficial at all

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2 (i) Policy M 18 Use of social media to communicate key issues

A successful partnership between the States of Jersey and recreational fishers partly depends on good communication. Currently this is done only using traditional media and on the States website.

Do you agree or disagree that we should improve communications to give and receive information and feedback more quickly and easily?

(please select one answer)

- Strongly agree
- Slightly agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Slightly disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you strongly agree or slightly agree, please indicate below which method you would prefer to be used:

(please select one answer)

- Social media (e.g. texts, Facebook, Twitter)
- Web site
- Advertisements in local media
- Other (please state using box below)

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2 (j) Policy M 20 E-licensing

Existing local licensing arrangements for recreational fishermen involve applying for and renewing licences on paper. This process can be inflexible and time-consuming.

How beneficial would it be if the States of Jersey introduced an online licensing scheme to replace the existing system?

(please select one answer)

Very beneficial

Of marginal benefit

No effect either way

Not beneficial

Not beneficial at all

2 (k) Policy M 23 Sale and purchase of fish

In other jurisdictions, to combat sales of illegally caught fish, commercial buyers of first landed fish can only purchase fish from a licensed fishermen.

Do you agree or disagree that similar legislation should be introduced to stop illegally caught fish being sold in Jersey?

(please select one answer)

Strongly agree

Slightly agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Slightly disagree

Strongly disagree

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If you ticked 'strongly disagree' or 'slightly disagree' please explain:

2 (I) Policy M 29 Marine planning guidelines

The States has approved an Integrated Coastal Zone Management Strategy. This aims to establish sustainable levels of economic and social activity in our coastal areas while protecting the coastal environment.

The next step is to develop a marine spatial plan. A marine spatial plan is a rational organisation of the use of marine space and the interactions between its uses, to balance the demands for development with the need to protect marine ecosystems and to achieve social and economic objectives in an open and planned way.

Do you agree or disagree that as part of that process, the States of Jersey should develop and publish clear, written marine planning guidelines for ministers, officers and applicants?

(please select one answer)

Strongly agree

Slightly agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Slightly disagree

Strongly disagree

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2(m) Policy M 31 Schedule of research priorities

How important or unimportant is it that the States of Jersey develop a schedule of marine resources research priorities for the short (within-year), medium and longer (5+ years) term, including estimated costs and benefits?

(please select one answer)

Very important

Fairly important

Neither important or unimportant

Fairly unimportant

Very unimportant

What research work would you like to see carried out?

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2(n) Policy M 33 Research

Currently the Marine Resources Section (often in partnership with stakeholders) conducts research work (stock assessments for lobsters and whelks, bass movement etc.) details of which can be found in the Marine Resources Annual Reports. Further research work is contracted out and other work is conducted by the industry and non-governmental organisations.

How important or unimportant is it that the States of Jersey maintains the capacity to carry out research within the Marine Resources Section (including the ability to both direct and undertake such work)?

(please select one answer)

- Very important*
- Fairly important*
- Neither important or unimportant*
- Fairly unimportant*
- Very unimportant*

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Section 3: About you

Name

3 (a) Gender

Are you? (Please tick one box only)

(please select one answer)

Male Female

3 (b) Place of Birth

Where were you born? (Please tick one box only)

(please select one answer)

Jersey

Elsewhere in the British Isles* or the Republic of Ireland

Portugal/Madeira

Poland

Elsewhere (please specify country):

Elsewhere (please specify country):

3 (c) Age

How old are you?

Under 20 years

20 - 30 years

31 - 40 years

41 - 50 years

51 - 60 years

Over 60 years

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3 (d) Vocation

Are you currently? (Please mark one box which is most appropriate to you)

(please select one answer)

- Working for an employer
- Self-employed, employing others
- Self-employed, not employing others
- Retired
- Unemployed / looking for work
- Unemployed not looking for work
- In full-time education
- A homemaker
- Unable to work (long-term sickness/disability)
- Other (please specify):

Other (please specify):

3 (e) Vocation type

Which industry do you presently work in? (Please tick one box which is most appropriate to you)

(please select one answer)

- Agriculture and fishing
- Finance (including legal work)
- Construction and tradesmen
- Wholesale & retail
- Transport and communications (inc. Airport, Harbours, Post & Telecom)
.....
- Private education or Private health
- Hospitality (Hotels, restaurants and bars)
- Public Utilities (Electricity, gas and water
- Public sector
- Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

3 (f) What prompted you to respond?

What prompted you to respond to this consultation on the Marine Resources Strategy?

(please select one answer)

I work in the fishing sector

Other (please specify)

Other (please specify):

3 (g) Fisheries sector

If you work in the fisheries sector do you work in:

(please select one answer)

Commercial Fishing

Fish farming

Other (please specify):

Other (please specify):

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3 (h) You and Jersey's marine environment

What sea or beach activities do you take part in?
(Tick all that apply to you)

(please select one answer for each question)

	Less than 5 times per year	Between 5 - 20 times per year	Between 20 - 50 times per year	More than 50 times per year
Commercial (other than fishing) - please specify using box below	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beach activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog walking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kayaking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dinghy/beach cat sailing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Yachting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Motor Boating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Surfing/windsurfing and related	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scientific interest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify what sea or beach activity you participate in other than those listed above and state approximately how many times per year):

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Section 4: General feedback on the consultation document

4 (a) Quality of document

How would you rate the "Marine Resources Consultation Document"?

(please select one answer)

Very good Good Adequate Poor

If you ticked 'very poor' or 'poor' please explain why:

4 (b) Quality of document

Overall, how well has the "Marine Resources Consultation Document" successfully identified the issues of the marine sector?

(please select one answer)

Very well

Well

Adequately

Poor

Very poor

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If you ticked 'very poor' or 'poor' please explain why:

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Section 5: Further thoughts and comments

5 (a) Are there any other relevant issues and policies which have not been covered in the Marine Resources Consultation Document which you think are important?

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5 (b) Do you have any general comments on how the Consultation Document could be improved?

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The **following policies are not covered in this questionnaire but are part of the Marine Resources Strategy Consultation Document. We welcome your views on these proposals.**

Policy M 3 Fishing industry - use of Key Performance Indicators

To investigate the potential net value to be gained by promoting the use of key performance indicators and benchmarking amongst Jersey's commercial fishermen.

Policy M 5 Funding of Marine Stewardship Council lobster certification

Government to continue to fund the costs involved in MSC accreditation until June 2015, after which point a part or all of such costs should be transferred to fishermen through formal agreements with the Jersey Fishermens' Association and Jersey Inshore Fisheries Association.

Policy M 8 Marketing support and added value

Economic Development should explore the potential of establishing a joint processing and trading organisation for fishermen and traders to add value and secure markets for Jersey caught fish.

Policy M 9 Single point of contact in Government

To define a single point of 'first contact' in Government for issues relating to the economic development of the commercial fishing industry. This point of contact may be separate from the management of the marine resource.

Policy M 10 Supported commercial fishing licences for new entrants

To explore the possibilities of supported boat licensing and to determine the costs and the economic benefits that would accrue from such a scheme.

Policy M 11 Succession planning

Jersey Business to provide business advice support to fishermen and to new entrants within a 'succession matching service'.

Policy M 14 Code of Conduct for aquaculture

To introduce a Code of Conduct for aquaculture during the fourth quarter of 2013.

Policy M 15 Adding value to aquaculture products

The aquaculture sector should be encouraged through Jersey Business towards actions leading to higher added value and productivity from their primary production base.

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Policy M 27 Marine spatial planning

To prioritise delivery of the marine spatial planning process, with leadership from within the Marine Resources Section.

Policy M 28 Marine planning process

To review the planning process for the marine environment to ensure the right balance is achieved between evidence-based economic, social and environmental considerations.

Policy M 30 To agree standardisation of reported landings

To work with French and Guernsey counterparts to agree standardisation of reporting of landings.

Policy M 31 Schedule of research priorities

To develop a schedule of research priorities for the short (within-year), medium and longer (5+years) term, including estimated costs and benefits.

Policy M 32 Funding and delivery of research priorities

To explore the business case for joint commercial and government funding of research priorities.

Policy M 34 Fisheries Management Agreement with the UK

To renegotiate the Fisheries Management Agreement with the UK so as to maximise the economic benefit to the Jersey fleet within a sustainable management regime.

Policy M 35 Fisheries Management Agreement - catch data

To include within the renegotiated FMA a reciprocal exchange of fisheries data so that the Marine Resources Section can continue to monitor Jersey's catch.

Policy M 36 Buyer and seller regulations for the sale of fish

To introduce locally relevant buyers and sellers regulations for the sale of fish.

Policy M 37 Access arrangements with Guernsey, Sark and Alderney

To design a mechanism and timetable by which to agree mutually beneficial access arrangements with Guernsey, Sark and Alderney.

Policy M 38 Fisheries Management Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Guernsey, Sark and Alderney

To develop a comprehensive Fisheries Management Agreement supported by a Memorandum of Understanding with Guernsey, Sark and Alderney.

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Policy M 39 Costs and benefits to Jersey of new treaties or agreements

To agree between departments a consistent, open and fair process of judging the costs and benefits to the Island of any new treaty or agreement under consideration

Policy M 40 A review of the objectives of the Marine Resources Panel

To formalise the modus operandi and composition and review the objectives of the Fisheries and Marine Resource Advisory Panel.

Policy M 41 Prioritising service delivery requirements

The Marine Resources Section, following consultation with key stakeholders, to identify and prioritise service delivery requirements with a view to submitting a business case for securing any necessary additional resourcing from 2013 onwards.

Policy M 42 IT efficiencies

The Marine Resources Section to work with Central Services to develop an IT delivery plan to introduce electronic systems for delivering key services where these can be seen to improve efficiency, especially as regards licensing and quota allocation.

Policy M 43 To review staffing levels in the Marine Resources Section

To review staffing levels in the light of the review of staff effort against different activities and the agreed service delivery requirements and to take actions to avoid or manage key person dependence.

Policy M 44 Pilot thematic working groups

Department of the Environment to pilot thematic project groups to identify and deliver efficiencies through synergies in enforcement, sampling and licensing.

Policy M 45 Integrated management of Jersey's territorial sea

To transfer responsibility fisheries and marine legislation from EDD to the Environment Department and to establish a political oversight group to ensure the Territorial Sea is managed in a fully integrated way across government.