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Dear Sir/ Madam,

**INVITATION TO RESPOND TO CONSULTATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF
FISHERIES MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR OFFSHORE MARINE PROTECTED
AREAS**

I am writing to invite you to respond to a consultation on proposals to develop fisheries management measures to safeguard features within Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) within the Northern Ireland offshore region.

Fisheries management measures are proposed for the following MPAs:

- Pisces Reef Complex Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
- South Rigg Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)
- Queenie Corner Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)

The consultation document is aimed at organisations, groups, and people who undertake activities, or have a general interest in the marine area.

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Consultation Arrangements

Full details of the fisheries management proposals are provided in the consultation document, available on the Departmental website at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-development-fisheries-management-measures-marine-protected-areas-mpas-northern-ireland-offshore-region>

In an effort to reduce the environmental impact of the production of consultation papers, the Department is encouraging stakeholders to respond using the online response function.

There is no requirement to provide comments on all of the proposals – you may wish only to provide comments on sites of particular interest to you. During the consultation period the Department will organise stakeholder meetings to discuss the fisheries management proposals detailed in the consultation document. Please contact us to register your interest by email to MarineConservation@daera-ni.gov.uk.

The closing date for responses to the consultation is 24 August 2026.

Thank you in advance for your help and participation in this consultation, should you have any queries please contact us to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

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