

Press release: Catch recording for under 10m fishing vessels starts this summer

Changes to the planned introduction of catch recording for all English and Welsh under 10 metre fishing boats have been made following a public consultation.

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A report on the consultation, which closed in April, was published on 6 June 2019 and includes a summary of the comments received and how fishing authorities are responding to them.

Michael Coyle, head of compliance and control for the Marine Management Organisation (MMO), said: "We would like to thank everyone who responded to this consultation as well as more than 100 fishers who have been helping us to test the prototype of the catch recording service that we have been developing. We have listened to the concerns of individuals and industry and made three significant changes to the way that we will be introducing this licence change."

One of these changes is the decision to carry out a phased introduction of the new service, beginning in July. By introducing catch recording to sections of the under 10m fishing fleet gradually, the project team will continue to learn from the experiences of owners and skippers throughout the summer and make improvements where necessary.

The second important change is removal of the requirement for a landing declaration. Submission of a landing declaration, within 48 hours of fish leaving a vessel had been set out in the original proposal for all quota and non-quota catches. Following several responses to the consultation, raising concerns about double reporting, this requirement has now been removed; the catch record is the only document needed.

The third change, to the catch recording service, removes the need for a separate paper transport document to be carried. As long as the estimated catch record has been submitted this digital record will suffice.

The MMO and Welsh Government are intent on supporting the viability and growth of the fishing industry. This project is an important part of this strategy as it will provide a better understanding of catch by the under 10 metre fishing fleet registered in England and Wales. Better data gathering will provide better scientific evidence and lead to better decision making.

Other benefits of introducing catch recording for under 10 metre vessels include: a greater understanding of the activities of under 10 metre fishing vessels, which will allow for better fisheries' management; better records will also allow the origins of fish to be traced, which should lead to improved sales and marketing opportunities for the industry; and improvements in enforcing catch limits and quotas.

The new catch recording service will see the owners and operators of under 10 metre vessels, who catch and land species subject to quotas, catch limits or effort restrictions, recording their catch via a mobile device (a smartphone or tablet) prior to the fish leaving the vessel. This service would be available online (via a URL, from any device) and also as an app, which can be downloaded for both android and Apple devices.

Those who catch only non-quota species would have 24 hours to record their catch via either a mobile device, a personal computer or laptop.

This summer Welsh Government will be running a number of training events for owners and skippers and the MMO will be organising face-to-face sessions to demonstrate the new system. Further details will be released in the coming weeks.

The full summary of responses to the consultation can be found [here](#).

News story: Sellafield Ltd hosts Cumbrian business summit

Business leaders saw first-hand how our social impact programme is changing lives in West Cumbria.

The trip was part of the CBI's regular group meeting, which was hosted this time by Sellafield Ltd.

Jamie Reed, head of corporate affairs, updated members on how Sellafield is transforming from a commercial reprocessing business to a remediation and waste management site.

He explained how this transition is supporting jobs and opportunities in our current and future workforce and in our supply chain.

The group were taken on a bus tour of education and economic development projects across West Cumbria which have been supported by us and our owner, the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority.

The tour included:

- Construction Skills Centre
- Energy Coast University Technical College
- Energus Apprentice Training Centre
- A site earmarked for a possible Heathrow Airport construction hub
- Whitehaven Bus Station/Watershed project
- Campus Whitehaven

Jamie said:

It was a pleasure to host the CBI and to give members a flavour of the work we are doing to support our communities.

Our priority will always be the safe and secure clean-up of the Sellafield site, but we are also committed to ensuring our communities derive the maximum benefit from the work we do.

We are particularly focused on education, skills, and business development projects, which will help create a resilient and diversified local economy which benefits from Sellafield but is not reliant on it.

[News story: North Wales Employers' Pledge Support to UK Armed Forces](#)

DECA, GAP Personnel, Allan Morris Transport, Jackson Fire, and Sealand Support Services Ltd. (SSSL), were the five North Wales organisations signing the Armed Forces Covenant at a ceremony organised by the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association (RFCA) for Wales today.

DECA employs over 440 staff, of which more than 10% are ex-service personnel. The agency provides specialised maintenance, repair, overhaul and upgrade services for a wide range of electronic components used in UK Armed Forces' vehicles, aircraft and ships, mainly from Deeside but at other UK sites too. The Agency is part of the SSSL Joint venture, with BAE Systems and Northrup Grumman that has recently won global assignments worth over £2Bn to support component repair on the new F-35 aircraft, which are flown by the Royal Navy and RAF.

Geraint Spearing, DECA Chief Executive said, "DECA has a long heritage

supporting the UK's Armed Forces and we are extremely proud to signal this commitment by signing the Armed Forces Covenant today, demonstrating our continued recognition of and support to those who protect our nation with honour, courage and commitment."

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise from the nation that those who serve or have served in the UK Armed Forces, and their families, are treated fairly. The programme in Wales is delivered by the RFCA for Wales Regional Employer Engagement Directors on behalf of Defence Relationship Management. Over 120 Welsh organisations and employers have already signed the Armed Forces Covenant.

RFCA for Wales provides Defence with an extensive 'network of networks' to enable understanding and collaboration between the military and civil communities in Wales. There are over 3,000 signatories to the Covenant across the UK, with a growing number of organisations signing up to it every week.

Press release: Sentence increase for teaching assistant who had sex with her pupil

Freya Squires has had her sentence increased to 4 years 8 months' imprisonment by the Court of Appeal.