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Dear Finlay,

CONSULTATION ON FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLANS

I am writing to provide an update on the Scottish Government's work to develop Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs).

Today, the Scottish Government has published a public [consultation](#) on two proposed FMPs for Nephrops which have been jointly developed with the other UK administrations.

The consultation on two draft FMPs for Nephrops will run for 12 weeks until 17 June 2026. Following the consultation, responses will be analysed and the FMPs will be reviewed ahead of publication later in 2026.

The consultation is an opportunity for stakeholders to help shape and influence the future of Nephrops fisheries management policy in the UK and builds upon previous engagement with a wide range of stakeholders across the UK.

A significant amount of work on the other Scottish-led FMPs, including eleven demersal and eight pelagic stocks, is currently underway. In line with statutory obligations the Scottish Government plans to publish all twenty-one Scottish-led FMPs by the end of 2026.

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