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## **LIFE R4ever Kent Project (LIFE20 NAT/UK/001001013) - River Kent SSSI Condition Monitoring - White-clawed Crayfish**

Natural England

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

WCCLR4eK

### **Description**

The LIFE R4ever Kent project (2021 -2026) aims restore and revitalise the River Kent Special Area of Conservation (SAC) in South Cumbria and its wider catchment, so it is more resilient to environmental pressures. This unique river, located on the fringes of the English Lake District is home to internationally important populations of bullhead, white-clawed crayfish, freshwater pearl mussel and water crowfoot (*Ranunculus*) habitat. A contractor is required to carry out a Common Standards Monitoring (CSM) compliant assessment for White-clawed crayfish, *Austropotamobius pallipes*, to be used by Natural England to undertake a Whole Feature Assessment of this monitored feature as well as a SSSI Unit condition assessment for the relevant units. This is a deliverable required for the LIFE funded project.

Whilst previous survey work for the white-clawed crayfish has been undertaken within the River Kent catchment there has never been a co-ordinated, catchment-wide, CSM-compliant survey to inform a SSSI condition assessment of this feature.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £29,166 excluding VAT
- £35,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 6 April 2026 to 31 December 2026
- 8 months, 25 days

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 90711300 - Environmental indicators analysis other than for construction

### **Contract locations**

- UKD - North West (England)

## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

20 February 2026, 5:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

27 February 2026, 5:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

To apply for this opportunity you must submit your quotation meeting the requirements detailed in the Request for Quotation (RFQ) attached.

Your response must be sent to [morgan.barrie@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:morgan.barrie@naturalengland.org.uk) by 17:00 on 27/02/2026.

If you have any clarification questions linked to this opportunity or the procurement process please submit these via email to [morgan.barrie@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:morgan.barrie@naturalengland.org.uk). Please note that, unless commercially sensitive, both the question and the response will be circulated to all tenderers.

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

No

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### **Award criteria**

See attachments

## Procedure

### Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

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## Documents

### Associated tender documents

[River Kent SSSI - White Clawed Crayfish SSSI Condition Monitoring RfQ - Final.docx](#)

RFQ

[NE\\_Commercial Response basic 2.pdf](#)

Commercial response template

[R4Ever Kent WCC Survey- order form.docx](#)

Order form

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## Contracting authority

### Natural England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJDG-6588-XDMM

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government