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Planning

Remote Electronic Monitoring

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Description

Defra would like to test a range of monitoring objectives across 4 fisheries. Defra intend to run an open tender to procure REM technology and services. This procurement will be specific to the early adopter vessels volunteering to join our programme. Decisions about our approach to long term implementation will be made at a later date. At this stage of the programme Defra would like to understand which suppliers could provide REM technology consisting of a number of digital cameras, different types of sensors, GPS and a REM control box. Fishery B: Over 10m Demersal seines (flyseines) in English waters of the Southern North Sea and English Channel (ICES areas 4c, 7d and 7e). Likely monitoring objectives: Catch composition information and verification, improved data on non-quota species. Fishery C: Over 10m Demersal trawls using mesh sizes up to 120mm in English waters of the North Sea (ICES area 4b). Likely monitoring objectives: Catch composition and discards. Fishery D: Over 10m Fixed and drift nets (gill and trammel) in English waters of the Celtic Sea and English Channel (ICES areas 7e-j). Likely monitoring objectives: Interactions with sensitive species, improved catch and discards information. Fishery E: Over 10m Demersal trawls including beam trawls in English waters of the Celtic Sea and English Channel (ICES areas 7e-j). Likely monitoring objectives: Monitoring discarded fish, improved data on non-quota species. Defra anticipate that we will be seeking REM technology for volunteer fishing

vessels in each of the fisheries above over the course of 4 years. Defra anticipate needing technology for up to 3 vessels per fishery - likely 4 to 12 in total.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 31682210 - Instrumentation and control equipment
- 32330000 - Apparatus for sound, video-recording and reproduction
- 34500000 - Ships and boats

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 March 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

A Prior Indicative Notice (PIN) was issued in December 2024, (details below). F01: Prior information notice (prior information only) Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-040222
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The PIN generated responses from interested parties.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

30 May 2025

Contracting authority

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