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## Acoustic Fish Tag Framework 2025

Natural Resources Wales

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## Scope

## Reference

117884

## Description

This notice details the award intentions for lot 1 & 2 of the Acoustic Fish Tag Framework 2025.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) are looking to set up a framework for the purchase of 180kHz and 69kHz acoustic fish tags and receivers. Tagging projects are currently being run on the River Dee, Usk, Tywi and Wye, and may be expanded further.

## Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

## **Lot 1. 180kHz Acoustic Tags and Receivers**

### **Description**

This lot is related to 180kHz Acoustic Tags, Receivers and associated equipment.

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## **Lot 2. 69kHz Acoustic Tags & Receivers**

### **Description**

69kHz Acoustic Tags, Receivers and associated equipment.

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## **Contract 1. Lot 1 - 180kHz Acoustic Tags and Receivers**

### **Lots**

Lot 1. 180kHz Acoustic Tags and Receivers

### **Supplier**

- RS Aqua Ltd

### **Contract value**

- £275,000 excluding VAT
- £329,998 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

2 December 2025

### **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

2 December 2025

### **Standstill period**

- End: 11 December 2025
- 8 working days

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

15 December 2025

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

- 16 December 2025 to 31 December 2029

- 4 years, 16 days

## **Main procurement category**

Goods

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The duration of the framework agreement will initially for 12 months. Following this initial term, the agreement will automatically renew for successive 12-month periods (except the last period which will be 14 months) unless either NRW or the Supplier provides written notice of termination by August 31st prior to the renewal. The maximum length of this framework is 50 months (until 31/12/2029).

## **CPV classifications**

- 03000000 - Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products
- 32342400 - Acoustic devices
- 34930000 - Marine equipment
- 38290000 - Surveying, hydrographic, oceanographic and hydrological instruments and appliances
- 71352000 - Subsurface surveying services
- 77800000 - Aquaculture services

## **Contract locations**

- UKL - Wales
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## **Contract 2. Lot 2 - 69kHz Acoustic Tags and Receivers**

### **Lots**

Lot 2. 69kHz Acoustic Tags & Receivers

### **Suppliers (2)**

- RS Aqua Ltd
- Thelma Biotel AS

### **Contract value**

- £224,996 excluding VAT
- £330,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Above the relevant threshold

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2 December 2025

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## **Contract locations**

- UKL - Wales

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## **Information about tenders**

### **Lot 1. 180kHz Acoustic Tags and Receivers**

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
  - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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### **Lot 2. 69kHz Acoustic Tags & Receivers**

- 2 tenders received
- 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 2 suppliers awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Suppliers

### RS Aqua Ltd

- Companies House: 01661817

The Granary, Hones Yard, 1 Waverley Lane

Farnham

GU9 8BB

United Kingdom

Email: [info@rsaqua.co.uk](mailto:info@rsaqua.co.uk)

Region: UKJ25 - West Surrey

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Lot 1 - 180kHz Acoustic Tags and Receivers

Contract 2. Lot 2 - 69kHz Acoustic Tags and Receivers

## **Thelma Biotel AS**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYCZ-6978-QMJZ

Klæbuveien 196B,

Trondheim

196B7037

Norway

Email: [mail@thelmabiotel.com](mailto:mail@thelmabiotel.com)

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2. Lot 2 - 69kHz Acoustic Tags and Receivers

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## Contracting authority

### Natural Resources Wales

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBBR-3628-MPRN

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Website: <http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk>

Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales