Dear

ATISN 20782 – Request for copy of habitats risk assessment

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 22 July 2024. You asked for:

a copy of the habitats risk assessment carried out under The Cockle Fisheries
Management and Permitting (Specified Area) (Wales) Order 2024 and in particular
relating to the minimum landing size (MLS).

The Habitats Regulations Assessment you requested is enclosed.

You will note the MLS has been referred to under the section dealing with adaptive management conditions. As there are a number of environmental factors that may affect the MLS, the size will be quoted in the permit conditions that apply to each individual fishery.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House,

Water Lane,

Wilmslow,

Cheshire,

SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely