

Staff prizes at SRUC – call for nominations

The call for nominations is open for two SRUC Staff prizes.

Notice: DY11 7RZ, Roxel (UK Rocket Motors) Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish surrenders that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the partial surrender notice and decision document for:

- Operator name: Roxel (UK Rocket Motors) Limited
 - Installation name: Kidderminster Rockets
 - Permit number: EPR/BK2437IM/S003
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Notice: CB21 6GT, Heptares Therapeutics Limited environmental permit application advertisement

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for Radioactive Substances Activity. The arrangements are explained in its [Public Participation Statement](#)

These notices explain:

- what the application is about
- how to view the application documents
- when you need to comment by

The Environment Agency will decide:

- whether to grant or refuse the application
 - what conditions to include in the permit (if granted)
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[News story: English fishing vessels sought for trials which may help to reduce discards](#)

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is looking for English fishing vessels working in the North Sea to take part in three trial schemes which may help to reduce discards and encourage more selective fishing behaviour.

Vessels taking part in the trials may be fitted with remote electronic monitoring (REM) equipment or be involved in trying out new gears and may be awarded additional quota in return.

The MMO has run fully documented fisheries (FDF) schemes, sometimes referred to as catch quota trials, [since 2011](#). As part of these schemes remote electronic monitoring (REM) equipment is fitted to vessels to encourage a reduction in discards. In addition, REM has proven to be a useful tool for gathering scientific data. The MMO has collaborated with the Centre for the Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences (Cefas) on exploring this use.

The MMO is [looking for English fishing vessels to apply](#) for two fully documented fisheries schemes in 2018:

1. North Sea Fully Documented Fisheries
2. North-East Nephrops Fully Documented Fisheries

The MMO is also looking for English vessels to take part in the North East Nephrops Net Selectivity trials which is looking to trial new gears which have the potential to be more selective.

North Sea Fully Documented Fisheries

To take part the vessel must be English-registered and a member of a Producer Organisation. In return for taking part in this scheme, vessels will be able to access additional quota for North Sea cod and saithe. In addition scientific quota may be available.

[Vessels should apply to take part by 18 April 2018](#), but if unable to do so by the deadline should contact the MMO as soon as possible to express an interest.

The aims of the scheme in 2018 are to:

- Test the use of REM as a control and enforcement tool
- To monitor compliance with fisheries legislation
- Test new developments in REM technologies
- Trial the use of inter-species flexibility (ISF)

North-East Nephrops

This is a new scheme for 2018. To take part vessels must be English-registered and work within the North East nephrops fishery. In return for participation in this scheme, vessels will be able to access additional quota for North Sea haddock and whiting. In addition, scientific quota for nephrops may be available.

[Vessels must apply to take part by 30 April 2018.](#)

The aims of this scheme are to:

- Test the use of REM as a control and enforcement tool within the nephrops fishery
- To monitor compliance with fisheries legislation
- Test new developments in REM technologies

North-East Nephrops Net Selectivity trials

This is a new scheme for 2018. To take part vessels must be English-registered and work within the North East nephrops fishery. When applying for this scheme vessels are asked to propose how they might improve their gear selectivity and the methods they will use to do this. In return for participation in this scheme, vessels will be able to access additional quota for North Sea haddock and whiting.

[Vessels must apply to take part by 30 April 2018.](#)

The aims of this scheme are to:

- Trial the use of highly selective gear to reduce discards and catches of below Minimum Conservation Reference Size (MCRS) fish
- To document the effects of using highly selective gear in this fishery

For more information on the scheme email ukcatchquota@defra.gov.uk or call 0300 123 1032. If you would like to take part but have issues meeting the stated deadlines please contact the MMO as soon as possible to express your interest.

[This blog post explains more](#) about how fully documented fisheries work in practice.

[Guidance: North Sea Fully Documented Fishery \(FDF\) and North Sea Nephrops schemes](#)

The Fully Documented Fishery (FDF) schemes aim to reduce fish discards and encourage fishermen to fish more selectively. Vessels participating in either scheme are required to comply with the Landing Obligation and all fisheries regulations.

North Sea FDF scheme

To apply for the North Sea FDF scheme you should refer to documents 1a) and 1b). You need to apply to take part by 18 April 2018.

North East Nephrops FDF scheme

To apply for the North East Nephrops FDF scheme you should refer to documents 2a) and 2b). You need to apply to take part by 30 April 2018.

The documents give more information on the specific conditions of each scheme including:

- eligibility
- additional quota given to those boats taking part in the scheme
- rules on discards and undersize fish
- operation of the remote electronic monitoring (REM) system
- control and enforcement
- conditions placed on the vessel and people taking part
- data control and handling
- penalties
- other general conditions

North East Nephrops net selectivity trial

Document 3 provides more information about the North East Nephrops net selectivity trials. To express an interest in taking part in this scheme please contact the MMO by email: ukcatchquota@defra.gov.uk or call 0300 123 1032. Vessels must apply to take part by 30 April 2018.

If you would like to take part in the schemes but are unable to apply by the deadline please contact the MMO as soon as possible to express an interest.

Further information and reports on the results of the scheme are available in the [document collection](#).