

# Open consultation: Introducing Inshore Vessel Monitoring Systems (I-VMS) for fishing boats under 12m

We want to know what you think about our plans for I-VMS to be required in fishing boats under 12 metres. This will apply to all UK licensed fishing boats fishing in English waters. This proposal will not apply to EU or third country under 12 metre vessels fishing in English waters.

Installing vessel monitoring devices on the inshore fleet will provide a better understanding of where fishing is taking place. The initial cost and installation of the I-VMS unit is to be met by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund.