

# Future Maritime Support Programme contracts awarded

Press release

Following a robust competition, five contracts have been awarded as part of the Future Maritime Support Programme (FMSP).



The contracts will form part of the £5.2 billion Future Maritime Support Programme and sustain over 9,400 British jobs.

The first five contracts to be awarded for services that will support and maintain UK HM Naval Bases equipment and capabilities. This will include engineering and maintenance services (Hard Facilities Management), management of warehouses and distribution, accommodation, catering and recreational facilities such as gyms and football pitches (Soft Facilities Management).

## **At HMNB Portsmouth:**

- £365 million to BAE Systems and KBR for Hard Facilities Management
- £54 million to Sodexo for Soft Facilities Management
- £37 million to Kuehne & Nagel Limited for Warehousing and Distribution

## **At HMNB Clyde:**

- £67 million to ESS for Soft Facilities Management
- £16 million to Babcock for Warehousing and Distribution

The contracts will support the Royal Navy's capabilities, including the new aircraft carriers and submarines, and will deliver improved availability, resilience and certainty of delivery.

The FMSP ensures that Royal Navy personnel benefit from enhanced services and facilities whilst on land or at sea.

FMSP is made up of 11 contracts, replacing the Maritime Support Delivery Framework and Submarine Deep Maintenance Period contracts. All other contract announcements will be made in due course.

## [UK Prime Minister congratulates Bangladesh on golden jubilee](#)

World news story

Prime Minister Boris Johnson congratulates Bangladesh on its Golden Jubilee and looks forward to the UK and Bangladesh working together to create an environmentally-sustainable future.



PM Boris Johnson with Bangladeshi PM Sheikh Hasina during his visit to Dhaka on 9 February 2018.

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson congratulated the people of Bangladesh on their Golden Jubilee. He said: “It’s amazing to reflect on how much your nation has achieved since the circumstance of its birth.”

In a video message, Prime Minister Johnson remembered the historic visit of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to Downing Street in London in 1972, describing the visit as “instrumental in forging the friendship” between the UK and Bangladesh.

Prime Minister Johnson recalled fondly his visit to Bangladesh in 2018, when he was welcomed “with a great deal of warmth and generosity”. He emphasised the bond between the UK and Bangladesh, “incarnated by the 600,000 strong British-Bangladeshi community who contribute so much to the United Kingdom every day”. He added: “I think particularly of the fantastic doctor and nurses in our NHS, many of whom are helping to treat and vaccinate people in our battle against COVID-19”.

Prime Minister Johnson hailed Bangladesh as “one of the fastest growing economies in the world” and emphasised that the UK and Bangladesh “share the

ambition to create an ever more prosperous and environmentally-sustainable future”.

Prime Minister Johnson concluded by saying: “I look forward to working with Prime Minister Hasina and to seeing her again at COP26 in Glasgow. But for now as we look ahead to next 50 years of British and Bangladeshi friendship, I wish everyone the very best for your Golden Jubilee.”

## **Further information**

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## **[Boost for fish migration in Norfolk chalk stream](#)**

The Environment Agency and the Norfolk Rivers Trust’s joint project started in 2019 when a redundant weir near Wymondham Abbey was removed. The weir was causing an obstruction to fish migration.

During that phase of work it was discovered that the foundations of nearby Becketswell Bridge were an obstacle for all fish species. So they devised plans to create a fish and eel pass.

Once funding was secured for this new phase of the project, work began to install it earlier this year. It is set to be completed in the next couple of weeks.

The new pass costing £55,000, is made up of a series of wooden sleepers with notches. They will gently raise the water levels so that fish can swim over the bridge foundations in all conditions.

On completion, fish species such as minnow, perch, gudgeon and eel will be able to easily navigate through the upper section of the river. This is a tributary of the River Yare.

There are only about 200 chalk streams in the world, and 58 of them are in East Anglia. Picture: Norfolk Rivers Trust

Amy Prendergast, catchment co-ordinator at the Environment Agency in East Anglia, said:

We are so proud to see the completion of this project, which has brought so many benefits to the local ecology. > Removing the weir has helped to restore the river to a more natural habitat and also reduced the flood risk to properties near Damgate Bridge.

The new fish pass further enhances those improvements, as now all species of fish can continue their journeys upstream.

We are grateful to Norfolk Rivers Trust for all their hard work in helping make this project a success. We would also like to thank the funding partners Broadland Catchment Partnership, as well as the town council and residents for being so encouraging.

Ursula Juta from Norfolk Rivers Trust said:

Working on this fish passage project has been a great experience. Knowing we're making a positive impact on the ecology of the river and helping fish migrate freely is very rewarding.

Community engagement and education is at the heart of our work at Norfolk Rivers Trust. It's been great to meet the Wymondham residents to explain the importance of the works. We're a very small charity doing major river restoration work all over Norfolk so all the support is much appreciated.

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The Environment Agency will continue to monitor and survey the river to measure the effect of the project.

Other project partners are the Broadland Catchment Partnership, who contributed some of the funding, and Wymondham Town Council, who will be maintaining the structure.

The project is part of the North Norfolk Chalk Stream improvement programme. This builds on the work of the Norfolk Rivers Trust to develop and implement plans for chalk streams across the area.

There are only about 200 chalk streams in the world, and 58 of them are in East Anglia.

Chalk streams get their pure, clear water from underground chalk aquifers and springs, which then flows across flinty gravel beds.

This makes them perfect sources for clean water and ideal for lots of wild creatures to breed and thrive.

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## Increased presence at sea deters illegal fishing

Vastly increased offshore patrols, aerial surveillance and monitoring have ensured illegal fishing has been kept at bay in England's seas since the UK became an independent coastal state on 1 January this year.

With additional government investment of £32m, the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has enhanced its surveillance and fisheries control capacity. It has more marine officers on shore, more patrol ships at sea, increased aerial and radar surveillance to complement existing electronic monitoring systems.

Michael Coyle, MMO Head of Compliance and Control said:

MMO activity at sea or on shore operates on a risk based, intelligence led approach and matches the seasonal pattern of

fishing activity. Levels of activity are usually reduced during the winter months, but we've maintained our enforcement presence at sea throughout.

During March, inspections are at a higher level than ever due to the increased capacity we've introduced. There have been 41 inspections so far in March; 15 of these were UK vessels and 26 were EU vessels.

The overall intent is to enable fishermen to go about their business while MMO exercises control duties in a proportionate and reasonable way.

While inspections at sea help the MMO gather important data that could lead to prosecution, such as incorrect mesh sizes, undersized species, undeclared catch – they are not the means by which the government acquires data on what is being fished where and when. This information comes from fishing catch, landing and sales records that all fishing vessels and merchants are legally required to supply.

The MMO also works with partners including the devolved fisheries administrations, Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authorities and the Joint Maritime Information Centre to ensure a coordinated approach to control and enforcement across UK waters. This sophisticated intelligence network is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The UK currently can also request data on EU fishing vessels to support enforcement efforts and the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement provides the framework for continued data exchange. There are ongoing technical conversations with the European Commission to rapidly establish a mechanism to allow sharing of this data moving forward.

Further information about the MMO's fisheries enforcement activity is published on blog posts from [MMO](#) and the [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs](#).