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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Invitation to respond to a consultation on “Intertidal hand gathering of shellfish in Northern Ireland- A call for evidence”**

I am writing to you to invite you to respond to a consultation and call for evidence on intertidal shellfish gathering within Northern Ireland and potential options for managing this activity.

This consultation sets out potential management measures for hand gathering of shellfish and asks stakeholders for their opinions on these measures. It also seeks to gather evidence from stakeholders involved in, or with knowledge of shellfish gathering activities in Northern Ireland through a questionnaire.

The document is aimed at organisations, groups and individuals involved in shellfish gathering or those that have a general interest in the Northern Ireland marine area.

**Consultation arrangements**

Full details are provided in the consultation document, available on the DAERA website at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultation/shellfishgathering2022>

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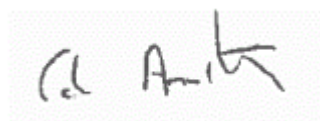
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In an effort to reduce the environmental impact of the production of consultation papers, the Department is encouraging stakeholders to respond using the online response function. If required, a limited number of hard copies (typescript) of the consultation response form are available - please contact us to discuss your requirements by email to [MarineConservation@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:MarineConservation@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by telephone (02890 569854).

During the consultation period the Department will organise stakeholder meetings to discuss the fisheries management proposals detailed in the consultation document. It is likely that most of these engagement sessions will be delivered using online webinars, but a small number of face to face meetings may also be organised, if feasible and practicable. Please contact us to register your interest by email to [MarineConservation@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:MarineConservation@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by telephone (02890 569854).

The closing date for responses to the consultation is 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022. Thank you in advance for your help and participation in this consultation, should you have any queries please contact us to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,



**Colin Armstrong**  
**Head of Marine Conservation & Reporting**

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