

Cornwall Community Quota Trial

Expression of interest

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

In 2022, Defra invited applications to take part in a community quota trial to access and manage an amount of additional quota derived from Brexit. A group based in Cornwall was chosen from the 5 applications received. The group consists of Cornwall Council, the Cornish Fish Producer Organisation and the Duchy Fish Quota Company.

- Cornwall Council <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/>
- Cornish Fish Producers Organisation <https://cfpo.org.uk/>
- Duchy Fish Quota Company <https://www.duchyfishquota.co.uk/>

(Please be aware, this is a Cornish quota trial, any application will have to demonstrate links and benefits to the county.)

Aims of trial

The keys aims of the trial include:

- supporting new entrants
- supporting fisher progression in the industry through quota access
- incentivising the use of more sustainable techniques and gears

The trial will be open to any fishing vessel in Cornwall, including sector and non-sector vessels. The project aims to engage more than 5 participating vessels and the details of these vessels will be confirmed as part of the reporting process.

The trial will run from 2024 for three years and has been successful in securing various fish stocks, as set out below:

Stock name	Stock code	Predicted amount available (t)
Cod Celtic Sea	COD/7XAD34	3
Sole Western Channel	SOL/07E.	15
Sole 7fg	SOL/7FG.	0.5
Skates and Rays Western	SRX/67AKXD	60
Whiting Celtic Sea	WHG/7X7A-C	25
	Of which WHG/*7BKXAD	5.069
	Of which WHG/*7D	19.930
Plaice English Channel	PLE/7DE.	20
	Of which PLE/*7D	5.884
	Of which PLE/*7E	14.115
Hake Western	HKE/571214	122

Process to apply:

There will be a two-step process to apply for quota. This initial expression of interest will be assessed and then if eligible you will be invited to submit a more detailed application form, which will be assessed against a range of objectives as per below:

- a) Social objective
- b) Environmental objective
- c) Economic objective
- d) Community objective
- e) Ability to deliver

Questions to complete in this expression of interest as follows (please submit as much detail as possible to allow a fair understanding of your application):

1. Applicant name, email address and contact number
2. Vessel name, PLN and home port
3. Please share a brief introduction to your fishing experience, e.g. positions/boats worked / owned:
4. Which port and market do you land your catch? *(Please be aware, this is a Cornish quota trial, any application will have to demonstrate links and benefits to the county.)*

5. Which stock(s) are you interested in applying for as part of the trial? (*species & volume*)

6. What fishing methods will you be using to target the stocks? Please explain any ways you would be seeking/willing to improve on selectivity of your fishing method as part of this trial.

7. This is a joint trial hosted by Cornwall Council, CFPO and DFQC. Please explain the social, economic and environmental benefits and impacts it will make to Cornwall if you are awarded any of the quota from the trial.

8. Any other details to support your initial expression of interest.

Next steps:

Please complete the following questions and submit to chris@cfpo.org.uk by 2nd September, 2024. Expressions of interest will be reviewed and applicants will be notified of next steps by 9th September 2024.