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Dear Stakeholder,

Call for evidence on seal disturbance and the implications of possible additional regulation in England

The government is seeking evidence to better understand the nature and impacts of disturbance to seals, the effectiveness of existing protections, and the implications of potential future changes to legislation.

The following documents may be found on GOV.UK:

- Call for evidence document
- Call for evidence letter

We welcome your views and evidence on this topic.

Responses

To submit your call for evidence response please complete the call for evidence questionnaire provided through Smart Survey (Smart Survey is an online consultation tool).

If you require a copy of the call for evidence, please contact us at MarineSpeciesConservation@defra.gov.uk.

Responses should be received by 16 November 2026.

This call for evidence is being conducted in line with the [Cabinet Office consultation principles](#).

Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent and where relevant who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond.

Information provided in response to this call for evidence, including personal data, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information legislation. We

respect your personal privacy when responding to access to information requests. We only share information when necessary to meet the statutory requirements of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Using and sharing your information

How we use your personal data is set out in the consultation and call for evidence exercise privacy notice which can be found here [Privacy notices - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/privacy-notice).

If you have any comments or complaints about the call for evidence process, please email: consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours Faithfully,

Marine Species Conservation Team

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