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Subject: Marine Licensing Fees Consultation

Dear Sir

The Joint Nautical Archaeology Policy Committee believes it is unfortunate that fees have to be raised so substantially and that travel is very limited and travel costs are not capped.

However we wish to endorse the £50 fixed fee for Band 1 applications including archaeological activities.

We have serious reservations about some aspects of the permitted activities in the self-service activity table, in particular:

4. Non-navigational dredging

Category	Sub-category
Clearance dredging	<p>Non-navigational clearance dredging (within a heritage designation or a wreck site elsewhere in the sea)</p> <p>Non-navigational clearance dredging (within a heritage designation or a wreck site elsewhere in the sea). The removal of material within a heritage designation or a wreck site elsewhere in the sea, described in the associated application, subject to the criteria and conditions contained in the licence document.</p> <p>The activity must be for the purpose of preserving a historic asset or exposing such an asset for the same purpose, or for the purpose of archaeological survey or investigation. The activity must be carried on in accordance with a valid consent or agreed method statement from Historic England.</p> <p><u>The maximum amount of material removed cannot exceed 500 cubic metres in a single dredge campaign and cannot exceed 1500 cubic metres in any 12 month period. The maximum footprint of material to be removed cannot exceed 350 square metres in a single dredge campaign.</u></p> <p>Heritage designation" is defined as: Protected wrecks designated under the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 Scheduled monuments designated under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 Listed buildings designated under The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Area) Act 1990</p> <p>'Wreck site' means the location of any aircraft or vessel lying wrecked on or in the seabed or of any objects contained or formerly contained in it lying on or in the seabed near the wreck.</p>

We believe these quantities are far too large to be permitted under this type of licence and that the MMO should undertake a consultation on this matter with a view to radically reducing it.

There is also no publication of the "criteria and conditions contained in the licence document". Please would you make these available on your website and send me a copy.

Please confirm same receipt of this consultation response.

Yours faithfully

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