

Apply for a band 1 marine licence

Is the estimated cost of your marine works project over £1 million?

Select
No

Will the work last longer than 12 months?

Select
No

Which areas does your planned activity fall within?

To qualify as low risk, your activity must not occur in either: an area used for military defence purposes an area hosting a cable or pipeline You can check the location of the military defence areas and areas with cables or pipelines using the Welsh Marine Planning Portal website (opens in a new tab). Select if your planned activity falls within:
None of these

Who should we contact about this application?

This form must be completed by someone who has authority to act on behalf of the applicant.	
We will contact you if we have any questions about this application.	
First name	Michelle
Last name	Kay
Address line 1	CEFAS Pakefield Road
Address line 2 (optional)	-
Town or city	Lowestoft
County (optional)	-
Postcode	NR33 0HT
Email	marineoperations@cefas.co.uk
Phone number	01502524332
Your relationship to the applicant, for example 'consultant'	Employee

Tell us about the applicant

Is the applicant:
a public body

Tell us the public body details

Enter details	
Public body name	CEFAS
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Have you had pre-application advice from us about this work?

Select
No

Tell us about the work

What is the project title?
CEND112026 Clean Seas Environmental Monitoring Programme

Briefly describe the low risk band 1 activities you will be carrying out.

For example:

Carrying out minor maintenance on a pier, including installing scaffolding, replacing bolts and decking, then removing scaffolding (construction activity example) Collecting twelve sediment samples from the sea bed (removal activity example) Depositing five marker buoys (deposit activity example) Brushing wind-blown sand back onto the beach where it came from (beach management activity example)

To sample representative CSEMP sediment stations using day grab, for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), trace metal contaminants, sediment particle size analysis (PSA), and benthic fauna. Work being undertaken to evaluate sediment contamination levels and benthic community abundance at a number of locations around the Welsh coastline. At each site sediment (max 5 replicates per site, each approx.) Fishing at each location is targeting dab and flounder for fish disease and chemical body burden analysis. At each location we are looking to sample 50-100 fish in size range 20-24cm. At selected locations samples of dab will include cohort analysis for chemical contaminant burdens, so additional size ranges (<10cm; 10-15cm, 15-20cm and >24cm) will also be collected. We do not expect to sample more than 25 fish in each size range. Manta trawl, plastic pump and/or catamaran will be used to sample the surface of the ocean for microplastics. 0.1m³) will be collected using a day grab. This work is being undertaken as part of Defra's Clean Seas Environmental Monitoring Programme (CSEMP) for the purposes of OSPAR reporting.

When do you want the licence to start?

Band 1 licences are typically issued for one year, subject to consultation.

Make sure the date you provide is on or before the day you want to start carrying out the work.

Licence start date 18/06/2026

Tell us about your coordinates

We need to understand exactly where the work will happen through the coordinates you give us.

If you need to give us more than 10 coordinates, you must upload them in an Excel spreadsheet.

You can also upload a Shapefile if you have one.

Check how to give us coordinates (opens in a new tab).

Do you want to tell us about more than 10 coordinates?

Yes

Upload your coordinates

You can upload up to ten documents of 50MB each.

Select 'Choose file' each time

- File: CSEMP Welsh Sediment Stations Priority 1 to 8.xlsx - [Download](#)
- File: Fishing tows Welsh Waters.xlsx - [Download](#)

Upload your map

Your map must be scaled so we can see a detailed view of the area where you will be carrying out your activity.

Include a north arrow so that we can correctly identify the orientation of the map.

Check how to create a map (opens in a new tab)

- File: CSEMP 2026 Welsh Stations.png - [Download](#)

Upload your method statement

Check what you need to include in your method statement (opens in a new tab).

If your method statement does not cover all the necessary points, we will not be able to approve your licence application.

- File: Method Statement 2026.docx - [Download](#)

What materials will you deposit as part of your work?

You must include:

materials deposited above, on, or below the water (for example, on a bridge or jetty)
temporary materials such as scaffolding which will be removed after the work is complete
Select all that apply

None

Other (please provide a description of materials):
removal of materials for scientific research using a granton trawl and day grab.

How will you deliver materials to the site?

Select

Vessel

Which materials will you remove as part of your work?

You must include:

materials removed from a location above, on, or below the water (for example, on a bridge or jetty) temporary materials such as scaffolding which will be removed after the work is complete Select all that apply

Other (please provide a description of materials):

We will collect 0.1m cube of sediment at up to 41 random chosen stations using a day grab. Use of a Granton trawl (main net 75mm) and a 4m beam trawl towed at 2-4 knots for 30 minute trawls. Retention of Dab (Limanda limanda). Manta trawl to collect microplastics from the sea surface.

Upload your confirmation from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency

The document must clearly show that the Maritime and Coastguard Agency has given you confirmation that your work will not pose a risk.

- File: RE_ Cefas Survey CEND112026 navigational safety - MCA Response.pdf - [Download](#)

Upload your confirmation from Trinity House

The document must clearly show that Trinity House has given you confirmation that your work will not pose a risk.

- File: Trinity House FW_ Cefas Survey CEND112026 navigational safety.pdf - [Download](#)

Did you consult with archaeological consultees?

If you are doing any kind of removal (such as boreholes or sediment sampling) or beach management, you must consult with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW) and your local archaeological trust (opens in a new tab).

Yes

Upload your correspondence with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales

We need to see that the RCAHMW are satisfied that your work will not have a negative impact on any archaeological features

- File: RCAHMW Cefas Survey CEND112026 sediment station.pdf - [Download](#)

Upload your correspondence with your local archaeological trust

We need to see that the local archaeological trust is satisfied that your work will not have a negative impact on any archaeological features

- File: RCAHMW Cefas Survey CEND112026 sediment station.pdf - [Download](#)

Do you want to upload correspondence with other consultees?

Check the list of possible consultees (opens in a new tab)

Select

Yes

Upload your correspondence with other consultees

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Select 'Choose file' each time

- File: PA2606 Q26021 - DEFRA Clean Seas and Environmental Monitoring Programme.pdf - [Download](#)

Does the applicant have statutory powers to consent any aspect of the work?

Such as coast protection authority, dredging powers, statutory undertakers

No

Do you want to claim public register confidentiality?

We normally put all the information in your application on a public register, unless we approve of your reasons for withholding all or part of it

No

Paying for your application

Your licence application for a band 1 activity costs £600.

You need to pay as soon as you have submitted your application. We will return any applications we receive without payment.

How will you pay for your application?

Bank transfer

Create a payment reference

Make a note of your reference as you will need to use it when you pay.

Your reference must:

begin with 'PRCAPP' be followed by the first five letters of the applicant name end with any three digits

PRCAPPCEFAS011

How we collect your personal data

We will process the information provided by you in line with the data protection legislation.

For more information on how we manage, store and use your data, check our privacy notice (opens in a new tab).

I have read and understood this information

Declaration

The person who completes this form should be the one who signs it.

This person must have the authority to sign the form on behalf of the holder. They could be a director or a company secretary.

It is an offence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, under which this application is made, to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information. This could invalidate any licence granted.

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information given in this application form and supporting documentation is true.

Full name Michelle Kay

Position in company Deputy RV Operations & Contract Manager

Date

09/04/2026

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