



**Rural Affairs and the Environment:
Marine Directorate**

EUROPEAN FISHERIES FUND (EFF)

**CONSERVATION CREDITS
SELECTIVE GEAR SCHEME**

APPLICATION FORM

RESTRICTED - COMMERCIAL

- NB.**
- The vessels concerned must have been on the EU Fishing Vessel Register for at least 5 years.
 - The application will not receive consideration unless all the required supporting documents are provided at the time of submission.

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

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Project Reference No:

Date received:

Measure No: 1.3

Action No(s):

INTRODUCTION

This application form is for those applying for grant aid for selective gear amendments under the Conservation Credits Selective Gear Scheme of the European Fisheries Fund (EFF). It should be read in conjunction with the accompanying guidance notes - careful reading can save time and effort.

- Please give a full answer to each question. The processing of the application will be delayed if we need to seek further information from you.
- Please type your answers or write in **dark ink** using block letters.
- Where boxes are provided please tick ✓ the appropriate box(es).
- **Do not leave blank spaces - mark N/A (not applicable) if appropriate.**
- The use of correcting fluid on this form may render it invalid. If you make a mistake do not over-write. A line should be drawn through a wrong entry and the correct entry written clearly along side. Amendments should be initialled by the applicant/agent.
- Complete the checklist on the final page to ensure that you have included all the information which is required.

The Scottish Government: Fisheries Grants Team can only offer general advice on the completion of application forms. However, enquiries can be directed to the EFF Grants Team;

(Tel: 0131 244-6329)

(Email : EFF.ScottishGovernment@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

Applicants are advised not to start work on, or commit expenditure to projects before a formal acknowledgement of receipt of this application from the Fisheries Grants Team is received.

SECTION A - INDIVIDUAL DETAILS

A1 Contact Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____

Fax No: _____

E-mail Address: _____

A2 VAT Registration Number (if applicable)

SECTION B - THE PROJECT

Description of the Project

B1 Please provide description of the project

I wish to make changes to the current gear configuration of the vessel named in the attached vessel information sheet, with a view to increasing the selectivity of species and age class of white fish it is capable of catching, by installing either square mesh panels of 110mm or 120mm or a cod-end of 130 mm mesh or greater, or a combination of these , or by changing to an 'Orkney Trawl' or 'Eliminator Trawl', configuration, or another gear of proven equivalent escapement capability. These measures are in line with the Scottish arrangements for delivery of the EC Cod Recovery Plan.

B2 Help applied for

What would you like to receive help for from a grant?

Improvements to the selectivity of fishing gear (including replacement)

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Environmental impacts / sustainability

B3 Please describe below your project's anticipated impact on the environment with particular regard to sustainability of fish stocks and fuel efficiency.

The gear configuration changes will increase the selectivity of the vessel with respect to increasing the selectivity of species and age class of white fish it is capable of catching. This addresses the need to reduce the mortality levels for cod in the EC Cod Recovery Zone in the Scottish North Sea and West of Scotland.

With respect to fuel efficiency, it is anticipated that the increasing mesh size of the relevant piece of gear will reduce drag and therefore improve fuel efficiency.

SECTION C - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

C1 What is your project aiming to achieve and how will you measure its success?

Please provide details of expected benefits and targets as a result of completion of this project.

The benefit of the project is that the fish selectivity of the vessel will be increased and, as a result, the level of cod mortality, number of discards and the unintended capture of whitefish from stocks under threat will be reduced. A measure of the success of the project will be the extent to which each vessel meets the challenges of Scotland's Conservation Credits Scheme, which is designed to deliver the requirements of the EC Cod recovery Plan.

SECTION D - PROJECT COSTS

Please give details of anticipated expenditure (estimates/quotations should be attached)

Description of Activity/Work planned for each named vessel.	Estimate/Quotation Reference (if installation costs are being claimed) <i>Own labour costs not eligible</i>	Amount
	Estimated total cost:	

SECTION E - PROJECT FINANCING

E.1 Please provide a breakdown of how the project is to be funded. Written details are required for all overdrafts/loans other grants and sources of funding

Total planned expenditure: £ _____
(This should equal 'Total Planned' at Section D3)

Funding will be secured as follows:

E.2 Own Funds (evidenced by letter or bank statement):

Own Capital £ _____

Loans £ _____

E.3 Grants secured/anticipated: £ _____

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Action _____

'In-Shore'
Vessel Y / N

SECTION F – DECLARATION (to be completed by applicant)

I declare that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I declare that the skippers of the vessels concerned with this application have the necessary experience and qualifications required.

I declare that the information provided on the vessel(s) concerned are accurate and correct at time of submission.

I undertake to meet any statutory or other obligations in relation to the project including, where appropriate, tendering for public works. I also undertake to meet any obligations regarding hygiene and the environment in force at present or in the future.

I undertake to notify the Scottish Government: Marine Directorate in advance of carrying out any changes to the nature or construction of this project.

I undertake to notify the Scottish Government: Marine Directorate of any other application for grant aid for this project not specified in this form.

I confirm that no work on this project has been undertaken other than consultancy work, obtaining quotations or planning permission, or the drawing up of plans. Physical work on the project will not commence before the date specified in writing by the Scottish Government: Marine Directorate.

I note the obligation to drawdown grant as per the project timetable and that failure to meet this schedule may result in the Scottish Government rescinding the grant award.

Signature

Date

Name (print)

For and on behalf of all of..... Organisation

WARNING: If you obtain or attempt to obtain by deception grant for yourself or anyone else you may be liable to a fine. A false or misleading statement, whether made by the applicant or their authorised agent, may mean that approval of any grant offer will be revoked and any grant withheld or recovered with compound interest applied. Applicants are reminded that if the project is approved and grant offered, 'Conditions of Grant' will apply which will be sent out with award letter. Any breach of these conditions may lead to withdrawal of the offer/recovery of any grant/or prosecution.

VAT Declaration for EFF Grants

Grants claimed under EFF schemes must normally be based on expenditure net of VAT. If however, you or your company are not registered for VAT, you may claim grant on gross expenditure. Completion by you of the declaration below (that you or your company are NOT VAT registered) will allow us to pay grant on your gross expenditure on this project.

I, [_____] as the applicant declare that, I (or my company), as the applicant for a grant on this project, declare that I am NOT registered for VAT (Value Added Tax) because:

- (a) I am / we are / the company is not eligible to register; or
- (b) I / we have decided NOT to apply for voluntary registration.
- Further, I / We hereby declare that I am / we are / **not** registered, nor have any application outstanding for the purposes of VAT and that I / We have not claimed and will not claim deduction or repayment as input tax for any amounts of VAT included in the price paid or expected to pay for on the following works or facilities which are the subject of the claim made by me / us on:
 - I understand that when examining the above-mentioned claim, Defra and / or the MFA may have to ask HMRC about my VAT registration status, and I have no objection to any such enquiry.

Business Name:

Name of Applicant:

Signed:

Dated:

SECTION G - CHECKLIST

Please ensure you have completed this form correctly and have enclosed, where appropriate, evidence in relation to the following questions.

(Tick)

- Vessel information sheet is attached
- Please ensure two copies of all documents are submitted with the originals
- Please ensure that estimates / quotes are provided for manufacture and installation costs
- Evidence of funding to deliver project is attached.

Please also ensure that you have included any answers written on separate sheets; and that such sheets are marked with the question number to which they refer.