

# Take part in an online debate for the new bass FMP

Policy Lab



As part of its work on the new bass fisheries management plan (FMP), Policy Lab are running a nationwide online debate in which stakeholders from across the sector can get involved to share their ideas for the new FMP.

## ***How does it work?***

The event is called a **collective intelligence debate** and will take place between **Monday 15th August and Friday 19th August 2022**. You take part by anonymously logging onto a platform for around 10 mins each day while the debate is live, at any time during the day.

While on the platform, you would be presented with a series of statements about the bass world and the FMP, which you can vote to agree or disagree with. You would also have the option to create your own statements which would get fed back into the debate for others to vote on. The content of these statements could be anything to do with bass and the FMP, such as perspectives on fishing in particular regions, or ideas for what the FMP should contain in the future.

Once the debate is complete, the platform will use machine learning to group participants based on their perspectives. Crucially, it will allow Policy Lab to identify areas of consensus across the bass world, providing an important basis to begin the co-design stage of the project which will follow in the autumn.

## ***Why should I take part?***

- 1. The debate will provide an important opportunity for you to have your say.** You'll be able to share your views and contribute directly to Policy Lab's work on this project. The results of this debate will prove crucial for the co-design process which will follow.
- 2. It's easy to take part.** Participating only requires about 10 minutes of your time each day (at any time during the day), and you don't have to engage with the platform on all five days that the debate is taking place. The online platform is very straightforward to use, and will contain instructions to help you take part.
- 3. You can broadcast your ideas for the new FMP to a wide audience.** What makes a collective intelligence debate special and different is that it is people-centred: it doesn't facilitate a conversation between you and the government, but rather one between you and other people like you who have an interest in the new bass FMP. The debate therefore gives you the chance to get your ideas out there, and gives Policy Lab the chance to learn from this which ideas are popular across the sector.

## ***How do I sign up?***

**If you would like to take part in this debate** please click here to confirm your interest:

<https://tinyurl.com/bassfmpci>. If you haven't already completed our general interest form for the project (<https://tinyurl.com/seabassfmp>), please also make sure you do this, so that we have all of the necessary information we need to get you set-up for the debate.

Please do feel free to distribute information about this event among your networks.

We hope you can take part!