

Letter of Offer

«Contactfullname»

«OrganisationName»

«OrganisationStreetAddress1»

«OrganisationStreetAddress2»

«OrganisationCounty»

«OrganisationPostCode»

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Application Reference Number: «Reference»
Date of Submission: «DateSubmitted»
Date of Approval: «DateApproved»
Final Offer Acceptance Date: «DateHolding»
Final V-Notch Event Date: 09/10/2023
Grant Administrator: «CaseOfficer»

Dear «Contactfullname»,

Further to your application under the Inshore Fisheries Conservation Scheme – V-Notching Support (submitted by the above-named applicant, hereinafter referred to as the “Grantee”), I wish to inform you that your application has been approved, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of this scheme.

The minimum amount of lobsters that you have been approved to V-Notch is «[EstimatedWeightKGValue]»kg. When this quantity has been v-notched any additional v-notching events must be confirmed with your regional officer prior to taking place and will be subject to budget being available. There is not a guarantee of additional approval of v-notching events.

Payment of grant aid is determined by the criteria below:

Amounts granted:

Solely vessels less than 12 metres (LOA) and using non-towed gear

- Individual applications – 70%
- Member of an Association/Co-Operative/Group applications – 75%

Please note: The grant will be calculated by applying the appropriate grant rate (as documented above) to the ‘market price’ for lobster (€/Kg).

The market price will be determined by BIM based on the market intelligence available to BIM. The market price will be determined and reviewed by BIM monthly (or other appropriate time intervals). No other market rate shall be applied for the purposes of the scheme and its administration.

Please contact your local BIM Officer to arrange mutually convenient dates and times for the V-Notching to take place.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Lawlor

Fisheries Manager.

Appendix 1:

Conditions of Grant Offer for Grant Application:

«Reference»

Terms & Conditions

Applicants should please note that terms and conditions will apply to all applications. These will include, but are not limited to, the following:

General

The managing authority for the scheme is the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). The implementing agency for the scheme is Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM).

Applicants must, in every case, indicate clearly the single calendar year to which their application applies. Multi-annual applications and/or any application which seeks to create or might be construed as creating, an expectation beyond a single year will be deemed not to have met the Mandatory Criteria of the Support and will be returned forthwith. For its part, BIM will:

- Indicate clearly the single calendar year to which every approval applies.
- Indicate clearly the final date by all V-Notching must be completed.
- Refer to the Letter of Offer for the final date.
- Provide a framework wherein applications may be made to the Board in a timely manner mindful of possible constraints on funding.

Please be advised that expenditure incurred (including any work undertaken or receipts dated) prior to the commencement date of a project is ineligible for grant payment. The Commencement date of a project is the date shown in the Acknowledgement Email, issued by BIM, following receipt of a completed application form.

This Support is open to owners/operators either as individuals or as members of a collective¹ of fishing vessels less than 12 metres in length (LOA), registered in the polyvalent (including Polyvalent-potting) segment of the Irish Fishing Boat Register, at the time of application and not using towed gears.

¹ A collective may be defined as a registered collective with a bank account and tax registration in the collective's name.

Specific terms covering the implementation of an approved V-Notching Support will be set out in the form of an agreement between the applicant and implementing authority and will include:

- a) The maximum amount (number or weight) of lobster to be v-notched.
- b) The date(s) by which funding must be drawn down.
- c) The minimum number of v-notching events to be conducted by the implementing authority. As in previous Supports, v-notching events must be pre-arranged with BIM and all v-notching carried out by a BIM officer or an officer appointed for that purpose by the implementing authority.

In the event that this Support is over-subscribed, the implementing authority reserves the right to prioritise group schemes taking into account the following criteria:

- a) Applications with a previous history of participation in V-Notching Support will be given priority over other applications without such a history, except that new applications will be prioritised in areas where they have not previously existed.
- b) The ability of the applicant to carry out the proposed program.

Procedure for dealing with appeals

In the event of a dispute, the applicant may appeal a decision using the formal BIM's Appeals Process.

