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Dear Finlay,

LAUNCH OF THE MARINE FUND SCOTLAND 2022/23

At the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee session on 9 February 2022 I gave a commitment to update the Committee on launching the next round of funding through the Marine Fund Scotland. I'm happy to inform you that the launch of the Marine Fund Scotland for 2022/23 is being announced today, 13 May 2022, and that the fund will be open for online applications during the course of the following week, commencing 16 May 2022.

This second year of the Marine Fund Scotland has a refreshed focus that is geared towards delivering outcomes in support of Scotland's Blue Economy Vision which was published on 31 March 2022.

The eligibility and assessment criteria for the fund are laid out in guidance documentation which will shortly be available on the Scottish Government [web site](#). The guidance and the eligibility criteria ensures that funding through the Marine Fund Scotland is aligned to the Blue Economy Vision and delivers value for money.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

MAIRI GOUGEON

