The European Ocean Act

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European Ocean Act: Public consultation

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has launched a public consultation on the upcoming European Ocean Act, which will bring together the European Union's policies and actions for managing the ocean into a unified and coordinated plan.

The consultation gives stakeholders and the wider public an opportunity to indicate their priorities and concerns. Stakeholders can provide input on areas that are not directly mentioned but that they wish to be tackled by the Act. Providing feedback at this stage is particularly important as the European Ocean Act is still in its preparatory phase. Consultations offer an opportunity to "Have your say" and raise any concerns. Feedback that highlights practical considerations and potential economic consequences, supported by scientific data, has a greater chance of being taken into account in the policy process.

Actions

Stakeholders and the general public within and outside the EU can provide feedback via the European Commission's Have Your Say webpage until **16 July 2026**.

Stakeholders wishing to respond must be registered. Those who do not already have an account will first need to create an EU login account.

Timeline

The Ocean Act is likely to be adopted in the fourth quarter of 2026.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

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