



Contract Opportunity:

Coastal Woodlands – Deer Management Project Opportunities

Background

- 1 The Solway Coast and Marine Landscape Connections Project (SCAMP) is currently in a 2-year development phase, running to a proposed end date of March 2027. Website: <https://www.solwaycoastmarine.co.uk/>.
- 2 SCAMP is the first project in the UK to be awarded funding under the National Lottery Heritage Fund's 'Landscape Connections' programme.
- 3 The aim of the development phase is to design and detail the work that will take place in the proposed subsequent 8-year delivery phase.
- 4 SCAMP is proposing a focus on five key habitats along the Solway Firth, one of which is 'Coastal Woodlands'. For SCAMP purposes, 'Coastal Woodland' is classed as one within approximately 5 miles of the coast.
- 5 A range of projects are being explored and developed under this heading, led by Dumfries & Galloway Woodlands (DGW), a registered charity. (www.dgwoodlands.org.uk.)

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- 6 Deer Management is a vital part of the wider coastal woodland management focus. SCAMP gives an opportunity to support the deer management sector, and its work to manage deer populations in the region.
- 7 The area of interest is deer management in its widest possible sense – from training the next generation of deer managers and related roles, through to equipment and facilities in the region, and broader marketing/promotion of venison and related products locally.
- 8 This 'Deer Management Project Opportunities' contract is an opportunity to give the potential for projects to be designed that could be delivered through the SCAMP Delivery Phase. The work will assess capacities and appetites locally for a variety of projects.
- 9 The contract will end with a list of projects, and potential costings, that could form part of the SCAMP delivery phase.

- 10 This contract will be a mixture of desktop work, visits to practitioners and potential partners, culminating in the drafting of a summary report.
- 11 An ambition through this contract is to consider other innovative projects on a national stage, and their potential application locally.
- 12 Economic benefit is a key ambition of the wider SCAMP project, with interest in how projects can support local economic activity, including existing and potential new businesses.
- 13 The summary report will outline opportunities and constraints in the sector, and propose projects that could take place in the SCAMP Delivery Phase.

Expressions of Interest

- 14 Expressions of Interest are sought to undertake this work that could inform planning of the Coastal Woodlands Deer Management delivery phase projects.
- 15 It is estimated that this contract will have a total cost of £7,500.
- 16 Expressions of Interest should include:
 - A copy of your cv outlining your business and deer related skills/experience
 - An outline of your initial thoughts on the key issues to take forward during the contract and how you would deliver these – approx. 3 paragraphs is sufficient
 - An indication of your daily rate and therefore how much time a £7,500 contract would cover.
- 17 **Expressions of Interest to be submitted to mcnabb.laurie@dgwoodlands.org by 9am on 14th April 2026.**
- 18 Timeline:
 - Award Contract + Contract kick off meeting: April 2026
 - Contract Completion: By 30/09/2026
- 19 Any queries about the contract or making an expression of interest, please contact mcnabb.laurie@dgwoodlands.org.