

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you agree with the proposals set out in the draft **Scottish Marine Regions Order 2013**?

Yes No

If no, please explain why not and your suggested alternative(s).

Comments

Scottish Fishermen's Federation agrees in principle with the proposals but notes that further consideration on the proposed Inshore Fisheries Groups (IFG's) may be necessary depending on the outcome of the public consultation on this draft Scottish Marine regions Order 2013.

2. Do you have any further comments? In particular we are seeking views on

- the drafting of the Order;
- the co-ordinates establishing the marine region boundaries;
- the boundaries outlined at paragraph 8 above;

- the names of the regions suggested; and
- the illustrative map.

Comments

Scottish Fishermen's Federation wish to draw attention to potential difficulties that may arise where the proposed boundary between Argyll and Bute, and West Highland Regions sees the Sound of Mull and Loch Linnhe falling into two different regions. This may lead to future difficulties with different management partnerships responsible for adjoining waters which are effectively within a narrow stretch of water.

We note this boundary is aligned with the proposed Inshore Fisheries Groups (IFGs) which would see two different IFG's involved in management decisions within a single body of water.

3. Do you believe that the creation of Scottish Marine Regions discriminates disproportionately between persons defined by age, disability, sexual orientation, gender, race and religion and belief?

Yes No

4. If you answered yes to question 3 in what way do you believe that the creation of Scottish Marine Regions is discriminatory?

Comments