

RESPONSE FORM

DRAFT SEAWEED POLICY STATEMENT 2013

1. Do you agree with policies 1-6?

State any you agree or disagree with and your reasons.

Agree Policy 3,4 & 5

2. Should policy 2 require local provenance, i.e., stock must originate from the water body the seaweed is to be grown in? YES/ NO

State your reasons:

3. Do you agree with policy 7? YES

State your reasons: Agree in principal with the Scottish Governments support of medium scale development but they must ensure that developers apply for a Marine Licence so that any proposed site areas are assessed for the safety of navigation.

4. Do you agree with policies 8 and 9?

State any you agree or disagree with and your reasons:

5. Do you think that the size scales (shellfish (small), medium, and extensive), are appropriate?

Give your reasons:

- Small (Shellfish) 0-40×200m longlines: appropriate scale for certain inshore Scottish waters.
- Medium 41-80×200m longlines: appropriate scale for certain inshore Scottish waters.
- Extensive 80+ ×200m longlines: inappropriate for inshore Scottish waters. It would be extremely hazardous to place a site of this size into inshore Scottish waters without major mitigation measures for the safety of navigation.

6. Which consenting option would be most appropriate for seaweed cultivation?

Option 3

Give your reasons: Using both the planning and marine licensing regimes would seem to be the most appropriate method for consenting and licensing. By using both regimes developments will have been assessed for their environmental issues and safety of navigation as currently occurs for the aquaculture industry and has set a precedent.

**7. Should guidance be developed for the harvesting of wild seaweed?
If not, what (if any) alternative arrangements would you suggest?**

**8. Should the 1997 Act should be amended to provide the flexibility
to farm other species or specifically named species? YES/NO**

State what named species should be included, and provide your reasons.

9. Do you have any comments to make on the BRIA content?

When it comes to the size scale of developments stated in this consultation i.e. Small (shellfish) 0-40×200m longlines, Medium 41-80×200m longlines and extensive 80+ ×200m longlines Northern Lighthouse Board would suggest reviewing these figures as most shellfish sites which will have similar site equipment layout are much smaller generally less than 10×200m longlines. The sea area needed to accommodate Medium/Extensive developments in Scottish waters will have to be carefully considered for the safety of the mariner.