

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. We agree with all Policies 1 - 6

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: No, but "nearby" provenance should be adopted – slightly physically broader than "local"

3. Do you agree with policy 7? YES/NOYES

State your reasons: we have no particularly defined views on this in reality

4. Do you agree with policies 8 and 9?YES

State any you agree or disagree with, and your reasons: The idea of IMTA is sound, and its +ve aims re aquaculture effects are good

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

Give your reasons: there are potentially very large differences in area between the types and, accordingly, the impacts

6. Which consenting option would be most appropriate for seaweed cultivation? #3

Give your reasons – it stands the best chance of taking into account the many different aspects (even if definition will be hard)

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

Yes, the process should be co-led by industrial users so that the guidance is balanced between commercial practicality and effective marine management...and also informed by actual experience of harvesting in Scottish waters rather than relying on experience elsewhere which may not be relevant.

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

State what named species should be included, and provide your reasons. In principle yes, but this is not our area of expertise

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

It makes good sense but we would recommend that you approach this whole topic from Seaweed in total, with equal emphasis on both Cultivated and Wild Seaweed – it is the latter that will be commercialised more broadly first