

To whom it may concern,

I care about the future of Scotland's seas and believe that the creation of a well-managed network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) is vital so that we can continue to enjoy the many benefits of healthy marine ecosystems.

Please find my response below to questions 1, 28 and 35 of the MPA consultation:

1. I support the development of a network of MPAs in Scotland's seas. I believe the proposed Nature Conservation MPAs must be designated in line with scientific advice, and be supported by effective management that ensures the conservation and recovery of marine ecosystems.

28. The Firth of Forth Banks is unique and must be designated as a Nature Conservation MPA. The scientific advice clearly recommends the designation of this site over the alternative proposal of Turbot Bank and Norwegian Sediment Plain.

35. The network of MPAs as consulted on is not complete and the Scottish Government must commit to creating additional MPAs as soon as possible to protect species including basking shark, minke whale, white-beaked dolphin, Risso's dolphin, common skate and sites for birds at sea.

Yours sincerely