

## **CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

**1. Do you support the development of an MPA network in Scotland's Seas?**

Yes  No

I agree with the overall proposition but believe further consideration should be given to the inclusion of an area or areas within the Solway Firth. There are some unique coastal habitats and important bird areas. I have a concern that proposals suggested by third parties (such as the RSPB) have been omitted because of potential conflicts with the draft Sectoral Marine Plans for Offshore Wind, Wave and Tidal Energy in Scottish Waters. If the latter were truly 'offshore' such potential conflicts would not arise within the Solway Firth.