

CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to facilitate the consultation process, readers are invited to focus their responses on the following questions. However, responses are not limited to these questions and additional comments are welcomed.

Plan Development

1. Do you agree with the approach (outlined in Section 3 of the Sectoral Marine Plans) used to develop the Plans?

Yes No

Please explain:

Comments

2. Do you have any views on the findings of the Sustainability Appraisal Report? Do you think that all the social, economic and environmental effects (positive and negative) have been identified? Are there other issues that should be taking into account in the preparation of the Final Draft Plans?

3. The SEA has identified a range of potential effects from the Draft Plans. Measures for the mitigation of these effects have been identified in the SEA environmental report. Do you have any views on these findings? Do you think that the proposed mitigation measures will be effective? Do you have any additional suggestions?

Comments

4. The Socio-economics Report has identified a range of potential impacts on existing sea users. Do you have any views on these findings? Do you think that the proposed mitigation measures will be effective? Do you have any additional suggestions?

Comments

5. Taking into account the findings from the technical assessments, do you have views on the scale and pace of development that could be sustainably accommodated in Scottish Waters??

Comments

6. Are there aspects of the Draft Plans that you believe should be improved? Are there any aspects you believe should be taken forward differently?

Please explain any reasons for your answer and provide details of any suggested improvements:

I believe that the location of the MPAs don't necessarily take into account the tourism and business opportunities that they can provide. Specifically, the MPA Clyde Sea Sill MPA has been located between the end of the Mull of Kintyre and reaches south. This MPA can be better placed by locating it nearer to Campbeltown to the north. Campbeltown used to have a thriving sport and leisure fishing industry that complemented it's previous status as a popular tourist destination. As the leisure fishing stocks declined, and charter sport fishermen went out of business, the local tourism industry (ie B&Bs, Cafes, Holiday Lets, Restaurants) have all suffered as a result. An MPA situated closer to Campbeltown will help the local leisure fishing industry to recover, not only to provide a valuable income for the locals of Campbeltown, but also to provide a local recreational activity for the younger people. Many of whom have fewer advantages than equivalent urban youths because of the remote location of Campbeltown.

7. Do you believe an appropriate balance, between tackling climate change, maximising opportunities for economic development and dealing with environmental and commercial impacts been achieved in the Draft Plans?

Yes ✓ No

Please explain:

On the whole – yes.

Draft Plan options

8. The Draft Plan for Offshore Wind Energy proposes 10 Draft Plan options. What are your views on the Offshore Wind Draft Plan options? Are they in the correct place? Are there reasonable alternatives that should be considered?

Please indicate which proposed Draft Plan option(s) you are commenting on using the relevant indicator (i.e. OWN1)

Comments

9. The Draft Plan for Wave Energy proposes 8 Draft Plan options . What are your views on the Wave Draft Plan options? Are they in the correct place? Are there reasonable alternatives that should be considered?

Please indicate which proposed Draft Plan option(s) you are commenting on using the relevant indicator (i.e. WN1)

Comments

10. The Draft Plan for Tidal Energy proposes 10 Draft Plan options. What are your views on the Tidal Draft Plan options? Are they in the correct place? Are there reasonable alternatives that should be considered?

Please indicate which proposed Draft Plan option(s) you are commenting on using the relevant indicator (i.e. TN1)

Comments

11. Do you believe any draft plan options be removed from the Draft Plans for Wind, Wave and Tidal Energy?

Yes No

If Yes, please indicate which proposed Draft Plan options you believe should be removed (using the relevant indicator), and explain why :

Comments

Plan Implementation and Review

12. The Plans, once implemented, will be reviewed to take account of actual development and increasing knowledge of development factors. How often do you believe should this be done and why? Who do you believe should be involved in the Plans Review Steering Group, to oversee the review process?

Comments

Strategic Environmental Assessment

13. To what extent does the Environmental Report set out an accurate description of the current environmental baseline? Please also provide details of any additional relevant sources.

Comments

14. Do you agree with the predicted environmental effects of the plans as set out in the Environmental Report?

Comments

15. Do you agree with the recommendations and proposals for mitigation of the environmental effects set out in the Environmental Report?

Comments

16. Are you aware of any additional on-going research or monitoring that may help to fill gaps in the evidence base, particularly relating to the marine environment and its interactions with renewable energy devices? Please give details of additional relevant sources.

Comments

17. Are you aware of any further environmental information that will help to inform the environmental assessment findings?

Comments

Additional comments

18. Do you any other comments you wish to make of the Plans and / or the related assessments?

Comments