

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Do you support the development of an MPA network in Scotland's Seas?	Yes
What do you think about the location and size of the proposed South Arran MPA ?	I would liked to see the proposed MPA extended all round the coast of Arran. MPA areas must surely cover substantial areas to work effectively. The area that is covered in the proposal does however cover some varied seabed types which need protecting from destructive commercial practices.
What should the management measures be for the proposed South Arran MPA?	All mobile commercial fishing should be banned from the area ... Trawls, dredgers and hydraulic gear. Non destructive commercial fishing should be allowed in a well managed MPA as this is important to local communities. Sea angling and diving for shell fish should also be allowed as the socio economic benefits for the local areas a huge.
What social and economic effects do you think the South Arran MPA will have?	I know only too well what a good fishery can do for an area The socio and economic benefits of low impact sea angling was seen on the Clyde for many years Arran used to be a Mecca for sea anglers from all over Europe with many angling festivals and club events being run in the area. The economic survey carried out by the Scottish Government along other surveys and reports all show the value that is there It just needs some strong management.
Other Comments	Scottish Government has a legal obligation to improve the Clyde to good environmental status. SNH's advice on management of a few specific species and habitats fails to address adequate protection of a failing Clyde ecosystem. Proper ecosystem management is needed. It is just common sense ! As a sea angler who has fished the Clyde for coming up on 40 years I have seen first hand the catastrophic collapse of what was a fantastic fishery All through miss management and greed. We have a fundamental duty to protect the Clyde and it's marine environment for generations to come.
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