

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Please identify the main area of interest you identify with :

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| Nature Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fisheries | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Industry/Transport | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Aquaculture | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recreation/tourism | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Academic/scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Local authority | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Community group | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public sector/Regulatory body | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Local Coastal Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other (Please state)

I would also like to suggest that this planning document should consider thermal energy sources and the use of the sea to provide cooling of power plants.

Q1. Does the NMP appropriately guide management of Scotland's marine resources?

No comment

Q2. Does the NMP appropriately set out the requirement for integration between marine planning and land use planning systems?

No comment

Q3. Does the NMP appropriately guide development of regional marine planning? What, if any, further guidance is required for regional marine planners in terms of implementation and how to interpret the NMP?

No comment

Q4. The Marine Regional Boundaries Consultation proposed that in addition to regional marine planning, further integrated management of key marine areas would be achieved by designating the Pentland Firth; the Minches and the mouth of the Clyde as Strategic Sea Areas.

Should the NMP set out specific marine planning policies for Strategic Sea Areas?

Yes, I am very keen to see specific marine policies for Strategic Sea Areas

Q5. Are the objectives and policies in the NMP appropriate to ensure they further the achievement of sustainable development, including protection and, where appropriate, enhancement of the health of the sea?

No comment

Q6. Chapter 3 sets out strategic objectives for the National Marine Plan and Chapters 6 – 16 sets out sector specific marine objectives.

Is this the best approach to setting economic, social and marine ecosystem objectives and objectives relating to the mitigation of and, adaptation to climate change?

No comment

Q7. Do you have any other comments on Chapters 1 – 3?

No comment

General Planning Policies

Q8. Are the general policies in Chapter 4 appropriate to ensure an approach of sustainable development and use of the marine area? Are there alternative policies that you think should be included? Are the policies on integration with other planning systems appropriate? A draft circular on the integration with terrestrial planning has also been published - would further guidance be useful?

No comment

Q9. Is the marine planning policy for landscape and seascape an appropriate approach?

No comment

Q10. Are there alternative general policies that you think should be included in Chapter 4?

No comment

Guide to Sector Chapters

Q11. Do you have any comments on Chapter 5?

Are there other sectors which you think should be covered by the National Marine Plan?

No comment

Sea Fisheries

Q12. Do you have any comments on Sea Fisheries, Chapter 6?

It is my understanding that trawlers and dredgers damage the seabed. As far as possible I would like to see this type of fishing eliminated.

Q13. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

No comment

Aquaculture

Q14. Does Chapter 7 appropriately set out the relationship between terrestrial and marine planning for Aquaculture? Are there any planning changes which might be included to optimise the future sustainable development of aquaculture?

No comment

Q15. Do you have any comments on Aquaculture, Chapter 7?

No comment

Q16. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

No comment

Wild Salmon and Migratory Fish

Q17. Do you have any comments on Wild Salmon and Migratory Fish, Chapter 8?

No comment

Q18. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

No comment

Oil & Gas

Q19. Do you have any comments on Oil and Gas, Chapter 9?

This chapter suggests that oil installations should be removed at the end of their use. I suggest that we should collapse these and leave them on the sea bed. My understanding is that this will do several things which I would support. 1 – it would provide an artificial reef type structure that would enhance the ecosystem. 2 – the collapsed structure would become a hazard to fishing and provide islands of no fishing zones to protect fishing stocks. 3 – I expect that controlled collapse will be significantly less expensive than removal. This is in my opinion a better use of resources.

This chapter ignores the elephant in the room – that elephant is climate change. If Scotland and every other country produces all the fossil fuels they have access to I expect there to be significant and damaging climate change.

Q20. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

No comment

Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS)

Q21. Do you have any comments on Carbon Capture and Storage, Chapter 10?

No comment

Q22. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

No comment

Offshore Renewable Energy

Q23. Should the NMP incorporate spatial information for Sectoral Marine Plans?

No comment

Q24. Do you have any comments on Offshore Renewable Energy, Chapter 11?

No comment

Q25. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

No comment

Recreation and Tourism

Q26. Do you have any comments on Recreation and Tourism, Chapter 12?

One activity that does not seem to be mentioned in this chapter is swimming. I am a keen open water swimmer. I help organise a group that swims over the summer in the Clyde estuary and I know of other groups that do sea swimming.

I see evidence that this sport is growing and will continue to grow.

I suggest that this is a significant oversight for a forward looking document.

Q27. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

No comment

Transport (Shipping, Ports, Harbours & Ferries)

Q28. Should the NMP specifically designate national significant ports/harbours as described in Chapter 13: Marine Planning Policy Transport 2?

No comment

Q29. Do you have any comments on Transport, Chapter 13?

No comment

Q30. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

No comment

Telecommunication Cables

Q31. Do you have any comments on telecommunications, Chapter 14?

No comment

Q32. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

No comment

Defence

Q33. Do you have any comments on Defence, Chapter 15?

No comment

Q34. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

No comment

Aggregates

Q35. Do you have any comments on Aggregates, Chapter 16?

In the same way as I suggested above, that trawlers and dredgers do damage to the sea bed, aggregates will do the same and I suggest it should be discouraged.

Q36. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Business and Regulatory

Q37. Please tell us about any potential economic or regulatory impacts, either positive or negative, that you think any or all of the proposals in this consultation may have.

Equality

Q38. Do you believe that the creation of a Scottish National Marine Plan discriminates disproportionately between persons defined by age, disability, sexual orientation, gender, race and religion and belief?

Yes No

Q39. If you answered yes to question 23 in what way do you believe that the creation of a Scottish National Marine Plan is discriminatory?

Sustainability Appraisal

Q40. Do have any views/comments on the Sustainability Appraisal carried out for the NMP?