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Industry/Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aquaculture	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation/tourism	<input 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

Other (Please state)

Comments

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

A timescale for delivering actions and policies is needed, together with an outline of implementation.

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

There is a lack of detail in explaining how integration will be achieved. The policy directions are all of indisputable value, but too vague in terms of how action will be taken to achieve them.

**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?**

It is suspected that consultation responses will highlight this. However, the NMP should act as an 'umbrella policy guide' so that guidance can be added to encourage integration in regional marine planning.

**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?**

Clarification of how best to define Strategic Sea Areas is essential – would such identification lead to a strategic planning direction? Or is another designation required? It may, perhaps, be best to strengthen what already exists in the document, but add additional terminology.

**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?**

The plan lacks tangible outputs for respondents to consider, so it is difficult to respond in detail. For instance, 'sustainable development' needs to be defined according to key specific objectives.

**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?**

Is the NMP going to be as detailed as the Land Use Plans, or will it be more descriptive? The overall framework is sound, but it will need to be consistent with other legislation and to show specific links to other policies without it becoming over-generalised.

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

Spatial targets would help to focus priorities and create actual input.

### **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?**

The phrase "take into account" suggests that integration is not being encouraged as strongly as it could be and may prove too weak to have any real bearing.

We are not convinced there are adequate links to pre-existing policies; it is important the NMP establishes operational links from the outset and that communication (via capacity building events and wide publicity) is built into the Plan from day 1.

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

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

A streamlined approach is vital and the regulatory process needs to be simplified without the key message being diluted. Inter-sectoral thought needs to be encouraged, together with stakeholder engagement.

### **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?**

The regulatory sector.

Coastal and maritime heritage needs to be included to encourage protection and enhancement.

### **Sea Fisheries**

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

Comments

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

Comments

### **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?**

Comments

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

Comments

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

Comments

**Wild Salmon and Migratory Fish**

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

Comments

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

Comments

**Oil & Gas**

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

It is vital that the needs of all cetaceans using the seas are taken into account.

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

Comments

**Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS)**

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

Comments

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

Comments

## **Offshore Renewable Energy**

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

Yes.

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

Comments

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

Comments

## **Recreation and Tourism**

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

It is important that a national Cetacean Watching Code of Conduct is implemented and widely publicised.

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

Comments

## **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?**

Comments

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

Comments

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

Comments

## **Telecommunication Cables**

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

Comments

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

Comments

## **Defence**

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

Comments

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

Comments

## **Aggregates**

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

It is important that marine and estuarine dredging takes into consideration Priority Species and Habitats and the effects on the overall biodiversity of not just the seas, but also the seabed. Policies demonstrating best practice mitigation need to vigorously promoted, together with a formal reporting system put in place.

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

Comments

## **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?**

Comments

## **Sustainability Appraisal**

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

Has the Appraisal generated improvement – has it made a difference to the Plan (and can we see evidence of this if it has)?