

## 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 type="checkbox"/>            |
| Academic/scientific           | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Local authority               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Community group               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Public sector/Regulatory body | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Local Coastal Partnership     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

Other (Please state)

Comments

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

We consider that the NMP offers appropriate guidance for the management of Scotland's marine resources.

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

We consider that the NMP appropriately sets out the requirement for integration between marine planning and land use planning systems.

**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?**

We consider that the NMP appropriately guides the development of 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?**

With regard to shipping, the Pentland Firth and the Minches are strategic routes for transiting traffic; there would be a benefit from specific marine planning policies reflecting this. Similarly, the Firth of Clyde and Firth of Forth can be considered as strategic destination routes.

**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?**

We consider that the objectives and policies in the NMP are appropriate to ensure sustainable development.

**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?**

We are content with the strategic objectives for the NMP.

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

Comments

### **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 general policies in Chapter 4 are considered appropriate.

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

Comments

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

Comments

### **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

### **Sea Fisheries**

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

No

**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?**

No

**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?**

No

**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?**

No

**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?**

No

**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?**

Given the uncertain nature of many planned and possible developments, it would appear prescriptive to incorporate spatial information within the NMP.

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

No

**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?**

No

**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?**

No. Any potential development should be evaluated in relation to all local port activities.

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

Chapter 13 appears to be balanced, recognising the importance of shipping activity. We welcome the commitment to protect navigational safety in relevant areas.

The wording of *Transport 6* is considered confusing in that one cannot increase existing shipping route length without changing the described route.

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

No

### **Telecommunication Cables**

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

No

**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?**

No

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

Comments

### **Aggregates**

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

No

**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.**

Comments

### **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?**

No