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Dear Nikki,

Coastal and Marine National Park (CMNP)

Please accept this letter as our response to your public general invitation for consultation on the above.

Our Association represents the views of 46 mooring owners who enjoy boating within the area of Argyll which you propose as possibly being covered within the National Park. Our membership, in common with members of many other mooring associations in Argyll, is extremely interested in any development which would improve conditions for wildlife and help conservation along the entire Argyll coastline.

Craignish Lagoon Moorings Association (CLMA) was formed in 1988 to protect the mooring area from over development and maintain the look of an informal anchorage for a limited number of craft based and active in the area. To date we have succeeded in our original aims and have also created one of the largest designated anchorages for visiting craft on the West Coast of Scotland.

The 46 families, in our association, live locally and further afield. Whilst not being wealthy people, they contribute to the local economy year after year. One of the primary reasons for joining a mooring association is to maintain boating costs at an affordable level. The membership is apprehensive that the formation of the CMNP will attract escalating administration costs which may cause a rapid and unnecessary inflation in boating costs for no sound reason or additional value for money.

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The Association has only recently been informed of the planned CMNP and this letter is aimed at ensuring our mooring owners' views are taken into account. The membership has to be regarded as a stakeholder in current and future consultations. As an Association, with a long-established regime of care and consideration of the marine environment, CLMA would wish to be kept informed and involved in future consultation and development.

Yours sincerely,

**W. Ian Grieve.
Secretary,
Craignish Lagoon Moorings Association**