

Friends of Tarbert

6th, Jan., 2007.

Nikki Milne,
Environment & Rural Affairs Department,
Scottish Executive.

RE.: Coastal & Marine National Park.

Dear Madam,

In view of the suggested establishment of an Argyll C&M National Park potentially affecting the operations of sections of the Tarbert fishing fleet Friends of Tarbert wish to make the following representations :

- 1) We consider that the suggested area of the of the Park is far too large .
What is being proposed is very much a pilot scheme and if the costs of a park prove to outweigh the benefits the greater the area of a park the greater would be the costs .
- 2) We consider it desirable that the involvement of Argyll & Bute in a governance of a Park should be kept to a minimum . There simply is neither the wisdom nor sense of responsibility within Argyll & Bute Council for it to make any substantially beneficial contribution to the governance of a Park .
- 3) We consider that a Park should only be established if 75 per cent of the people in permanent residence within the boundaries of the Park vote in favour of it .
- 4) We consider that if a Park is established a majority of management board members should be permanently resident within the Park .
- 5) We consider that if a Park is established and its benefits are later brought into question a vote of 75 per cent of the people permanently resident within its boundaries should suffice to remove its Park status .

Yours faithfully,

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