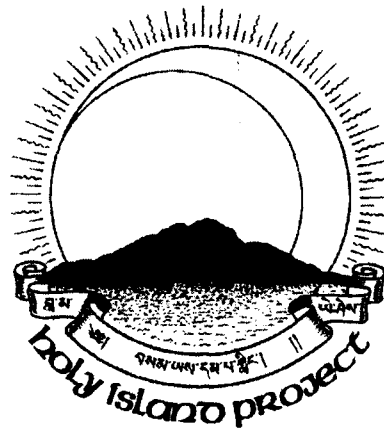


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**CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSED MARINE RESERVE IN LAMLASH BAY**

22 April 2008

Dear Sir

I am responding to this consultation to offer the support of the Holy Isle Project for the proposal to establish a Marine Reserve in Lamlash Bay. Having kept abreast over many years with the work carried out by the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), I heartily endorse their work to promote a sustainable future for the Bay and their engagement with stakeholders and members of the community, including ourselves.

I believe the implications of a no take zone in Lamlash Bay are wholly positive and will enhance Scotland's reputation as a pioneer in environmental protection. Arran and Holy Isle attract worldwide visitors who will be able to see this forward looking initiative developing alongside the Holy Isle Project, which is itself becoming world renowned for its approach to environmental protection and sustainable living.

I am concerned, however, by Marine Harvest's proposal for a fish farm at Clauchland's Point, which has currently gone to appeal, and would like to voice my opposition to this project on the basis of the negative impact it would have on the Marine Reserve. Such a development would undermine the benefits gained from the proposed no take zone and runs counter to the environmental and sustainability vision it represents. Further, since the proposed farm is foreign-owned and would be largely automated, it would bring little or no economic benefit to Arran

Yours sincerely

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