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Dear Sir / Madam,

This is the response from the Scottish Federation of Sea Anglers to the CONSULTATION ON A MARINE RESERVE IN LAMLASH BAY, ARRAN being undertaken by yourselves.

Question 1. Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to establish a Marine Reserve in Lamlash Bay?

- **AGREE**

Question 2. Do you think there would be any (a) positive or (b) negative implications should a Marine Reserve be established in Lamlash Bay?

(a)

- **A positive step providing a controlled pilot study of**
 - **fish stock regeneration**
 - **the regeneration of marine biodiversity in general**
- **Potential to benefit both commercial & recreational fisheries**
- **Provide data to support activities to regenerate other depleted areas**

(b)

- **Not stated but implied is a ban on both shore fishing and bait collection**

Question 3. Are there any other points which you would like to make in relation to the proposed Lamlash Bay Marine Reserve?

- **It is hoped that the data gathered during the proposed closure will be shared and communicated openly and comprehensively with angling groups.**

Additional Notes

We found the consultation document sadly lacking - contributing to the consultation process would have been much simpler if the document had contained much of the

information contained in the COAST proposal document, or at least pointers to it.

Individual anglers should not have to be aware of the entire history of the proposal, nor have to search through information on varied sources to provide their feedback; it makes it appear that the consultation is being parachuted in without any real consultation.

General notes on Marine Reserves and No Take Zones

- ALL sea angling bodies should be considered and consulted as stakeholders if there is going to be any form of restriction placed on recreational anglers.
- The specific purpose(s) and objective(s), checks and balances of any MR/NTZ should be clearly documented and consulted upon.
- No-Take should only apply to the objective of the NTZ, any activity (commercial or recreational) not impacting that objective should not be restricted.

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