

## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

### 1. Do you agree with the proposals set out in the draft Scottish Marine Regions Order 2013?

Yes  No

If no, please explain why not and your suggested alternative(s).



#### **COAST background**

COAST (Community of Arran Seabed Trust) was founded in 1995. Our vision for sustainable bio productivity in a protected Lamlash Bay has never wavered in all that time. The first No Take Zone in Scotland in Lamlash Bay was achieved under Fisheries legislation in 2008. COAST was the main driver behind this initiative and is seen as a model for other communities to follow when seeking to protect their marine environment. COAST is a Scottish Charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee.

#### **COAST's Comments**

The boundary between Argyll and West Highlands and the Clyde and South West regions do not make ecological sense. Although political boundaries are always subject to change the physical boundaries will not change. We therefore strongly recommend that boundaries are drawn which make physical and ecological sense.

The boundary between Argyll and West Highlands should be drawn west from Ardnamurchan Point.

The boundary between Clyde and South West should be drawn south west from Corsewell Point.

#### **Regional marine planning partnerships**

The composition of the proposed marine planning partnerships will be critical to their success. We welcome the opportunity to comment on this at the next stage of consultation. It is vital that these authorities include representatives, at the decision making level, from coastal communities and groups who have a vested long-term interest in the sustainable management of these regions.

**2. Do you have any further comments? In particular we are seeking views on**

- the drafting of the Order;
- the co-ordinates establishing the marine region boundaries;
- the boundaries outlined at paragraph 8 above;
- the names of the regions suggested; and
- the illustrative map.

- the drafting of the Order; **No comment**
- the co-ordinates establishing the marine region boundaries; **No comment**
- the boundaries outlined at paragraph 8 above; **See above**
- the names of the regions suggested; **Regional names are better than compass points (e.g. avoid south/north west/east). Use regional names that will resonate with local communities.**
- the illustrative map. **Clear and easy to understand.**

**3. Do you believe that the creation of Scottish Marine Regions discriminates disproportionately between persons defined by age, disability, sexual orientation, gender, race and religion and belief?**

Yes  No

**4. If you answered yes to question 3 in what way do you believe that the creation of Scottish Marine Regions is discriminatory?**

Comments