

Subject: MARINE POLLUTION

I am writing to respond to the Scottish Government's consultation on a draft Scottish marine litter strategy. I am appalled at the litter washed up on beaches in addition to that left by beach users. The sea is a soup of plastic - it is imperative that a policy is developed for education of the general public and in particular the fishing and sea-cargo industry.

A marine litter strategy introduced in Scotland is I believe that it is an important step in reducing pollution in our seas. I walk on Dornoch beach most mornings, carrying a plastic carrier-bags specifically for the purpose of picking up litter which is for the most part washed in on the tide. Often larger litter has to be dragged off the beach to a bin on the carpark, and may take several attempts along with other dog-walkers.

I am particularly concerned about the effect of floating debris on marine life - some of which we then eat!

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