

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Structure

Q1. Do you agree with the timescales outlined?

Yes ✓ No

It makes sense to align the timetable with delivery of MSFD.

Vision

Q2. Do you agree with this vision?

Yes ✓ No

Q3. Does the draft vision have the right level of ambition? If not, please offer alternative text or suggestions.

No. It is too weak and vague. An alternative could be “By 2020 marine litter in Scotland is significantly reduced so that the integrity and function of marine ecosystems is not compromised and there is no significant risk to communities and human health. This is.....”

Marine Strategy Framework Directive

Q4. Do you think implementation to achieve Good Environmental Status under Descriptor 10 will be sufficient or do you think additional action in Scotland is also necessary?

Yes ✓ No

Providing the targets set for GES for this descriptor are robust and supported by an adequate programme of measures.

Strategic Directions

Q5. Do you agree that Strategic Directions are a suitable way of outlining action under the Strategy?

Yes ✓ No

Q6. Do you agree with the list of Strategic Directions?

Yes No ✓

If not, how would you reword them or what would you add?

The strategic directions are fine but there is nothing related to research. For example, into the effects of different types of litter or potential for removal of marine litter from the system (for which some technologies are being trialled). An extra strategic direction should therefore be added.

Actions

Strategic Direction 1:

Q7. What are your views on the possible actions?

These actions are appropriate.

Q8. Which do you believe is the most important possible action in helping to deliver the Marine Litter Strategy?

The first possible action is most important. Producers are only likely to respond if there is public pressure to do so. If the public do not care, they are unlikely to either.

Q9. Can one or more of these possible actions be delivered under existing activities or do you think more action is needed under the Marine Litter Strategy?

The strategy should be used as an opportunity to increase efforts in relation to the actions described.

Strategic Direction 2:

Q10. What are your views on the possible actions?

These actions are appropriate.

Q11. Which do you believe is the most important possible action in helping to deliver the Marine Litter Strategy?

Action 2.

Q12. Can one or more of these possible actions be delivered under existing activities or do you think more action is needed under the Marine Litter Strategy?

Not known/no comment.

Q13. Do you think any of the existing actions need to be improved? If so, please provide details.

No comment.

Strategic Direction 3:

Q14. What are your views on the possible actions?

These actions are appropriate.

Q15. Which do you believe is the most important possible action in helping to deliver the Marine Litter Strategy?

Action 2.

Q16. Can one or more of these possible actions be delivered under existing activities or do you think more action is needed under the Marine Litter Strategy?

The development of technologies linked to recovery, monitoring etc will require new actions.

Q17. Do you think any of the existing actions need to be improved? If so, please provide details.

No comment.

Strategic Direction 4:

Q18. What are your views on the possible actions?

These actions are appropriate.

Q19. Which do you believe is the most important possible action in helping to deliver the Marine Litter Strategy?

Action 3. A review of 'where we are at' in our understanding is vital before moving forward with monitoring etc.

Q20. Can one or more of these possible actions be delivered under existing activities or do you think more action is needed under the Marine Litter Strategy?

More action will be required to operationalize the possible actions.

Q21. Do you think any of the existing actions need to be improved? If so, please provide details.

The monitoring programme for plastics needs to be better integrated with other monitoring activities and also further developed to make better use of

existing monitoring resources (e.g. by adding as a parameter at currently sampled stations)

Strategic Direction 5:

Q22. What are your views on the possible actions?

These actions are appropriate.

Q23. Which do you believe is the most important possible action in helping to deliver the Marine Litter Strategy?

Action 1. This would ensure 'buy-in' at different levels and could be used to influence actions 2 and 3 anyway.

Q24. Can one or more of these possible actions be delivered under existing activities or do you think more action is needed under the Marine Litter Strategy?

New actions are required.

Q25. Do you think any of the existing actions need to be improved? If so, please provide details.

No comment.

Option for delivery

Q26. Do you think that Option 4 is the most appropriate mechanism for developing and improving policies under the Marine Litter Strategy?

Yes No

Any other views on the options outlined or other options not identified are also invited.

No comments.

Equalities

Q27. Are there any equalities issues that should be factored into the Equalities Impact Assessment for the Marine Litter Strategy?

Yes No

Comments

Strategic Environmental Assessment

Q28. Do you have any feedback on the findings of the Strategic Environmental Assessment?

Yes No

Comments

Partial Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA)

Q29. Are there any particular issues that you wish to highlight with regard to the partial BRIA, and the potential impacts on the third sector, business and the economy?

Yes No

Comments

General

Q30. Are there other issues that have not been highlighted in this consultation that you would like to mention?

Yes No

Comments