

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Structure

Q1. Do you agree with the timescales outlined?

Yes No

Marine litter is a growing problem and faster progress is required.

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.

A significant reduction in marine litter should be achieved by 2020

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

Additional action should be taken given the importance of the marine environment to industry and tourism.

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?

Marine sourced litter should be included as well as land sourced litter.

Actions

Strategic Direction 1:

Q7. What are your views on the possible actions?

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

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?

Agree with the actions and it has to be a range of initiatives. Recognition is required of the efforts in place to recover material deposited at sea in order that it can be correctly disposed of e.g. "Fishing for Litter"

Strategic Direction 2:

Q10. What are your views on the possible actions?

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

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?

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

Agree with the actions and both are important. A quicker timeframe would be helpful for progress.

Strategic Direction 3:

Q14. What are your views on the possible actions?

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

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?

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

Actions are admirable but there needs to be recognition that a lot of marine based litter that is recovered is not suitable or acceptable for recycling.

Strategic Direction 4:

Q18. What are your views on the possible actions?

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

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?

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

Agree with actions. Important to have one recognised source of information on marine litter statistics.

Strategic Direction 5:

Q22. What are your views on the possible actions?

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

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?

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

Agree with actions and all 3 are important.

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.

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

Action to reduce the impact of marine litter will have a positive effect on the tourism and the sea fishing sector.

General

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

Yes No

Aberdeenshire Council is a sponsor of the "Fishing for Litter" project promoted by the KIMO Local Authority Organisation. The project involved fishermen at sea taking rubbish ashore for disposal that is caught in their nets. It isn't the fishermen or the local authorities rubbish. The material can originate from international waters and inevitably ends up in landfill as the material is not suitable for recycling. The sponsors usually pay for the disposal, a large part of which is landfill tax. Landfill tax was based on the polluter pays principal but in this case the "polluter" is not paying the tax and the local authority is being penalised for correctly disposing of the material that is brought ashore. The landfill tax acts as a disincentive to the "Fishing for Litter" project and the application of the landfill tax to this activity should be reconsidered.