

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Q1. Do you agree with the recommended list of Priority Marine Features as the basis for targeting future marine conservation action in Scotland's seas?

If your response includes a suggestion to amend the list, please indicate the specific species and habitats that your comments apply to and, where possible, provide or reference any evidence or data sources which have influenced your comments.

Yes No

We welcome the list of PMFs which should add clarity to developers and planners, with species currently protected by a confusing array of legislation. However, we are unclear how mobile commercial species will be affected by inclusion and how this will impact their commercial exploitation.

General

Q2. Are there other issues that have not been highlighted in this consultation that you would like to mention?

Yes No

In terms of mobile commercial species, it is envisaged that this designation would potentially provide protection for parts of their life cycle such as spawning or nursery areas and should this be the case, we request that appropriate and updated (local) data should be used to inform marine planning decisions.