

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Please identify the main area of interest you identify with :

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| Nature Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fisheries | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Industry/Transport | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Aquaculture | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recreation/tourism | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Academic/scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Local authority | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Community group | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public sector/Regulatory body | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Local Coastal Partnership | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Other (Please state)

Q1. Does the NMP appropriately guide management of Scotland's marine resources?

Given the broad range of partner bodies Solway Firth Partnership represents, many of whom are making their own submissions, we are not able to provide a detailed formal response.

Policies in the NMP are high level and there is potential for conflict in the decision making process. Further work to guide application of policies at regional planning level is essential. Guidance on what weight should be given to each of the policies in the decision making process would significantly add to the NMP and support sustainable development.

Early steps should be taken to identify strategic data gaps and ensure these

are addressed.

Q2. Does the NMP appropriately set out the requirement for integration between marine planning and land use planning systems?

Supplementary guidance is required and the Draft Planning Circular addressing the relationship between the statutory land use planning system and marine planning and licensing is a starting point for this.

Q3. Does the NMP appropriately guide development of regional marine planning? What, if any, further guidance is required for regional marine planners in terms of implementation and how to interpret the NMP?

Supplementary guidance is required and Solway Firth Partnership would be pleased to work with Marine Scotland and partner bodies to help develop this.

Q4. The Marine Regional Boundaries Consultation proposed that in addition to regional marine planning, further integrated management of key marine areas would be achieved by designating the Pentland Firth; the Minches and the mouth of the Clyde as Strategic Sea Areas.

Should the NMP set out specific marine planning policies for Strategic Sea Areas?

Q5. Are the objectives and policies in the NMP appropriate to ensure they further the achievement of sustainable development, including protection and, where appropriate, enhancement of the health of the sea?

Interpretation of the NMP will be critical to its effectiveness in delivering its high level objectives.

Q6. Chapter 3 sets out strategic objectives for the National Marine Plan and Chapters 6 – 16 sets out sector specific marine objectives.

Is this the best approach to setting economic, social and marine ecosystem objectives and objectives relating to the mitigation of and, adaptation to climate change?

Q7. Do you have any other comments on Chapters 1 – 3?

General Planning Policies

Q8. Are the general policies in Chapter 4 appropriate to ensure an approach of sustainable development and use of the marine area? Are there alternative policies that you think should be included? Are the policies on integration with other planning systems appropriate? A draft circular on the integration with terrestrial planning has also been published - would further guidance be useful?

Q9. Is the marine planning policy for landscape and seascape an appropriate approach?

Q10. Are there alternative general policies that you think should be included in Chapter 4?

Guide to Sector Chapters

Q11. Do you have any comments on Chapter 5?

Are there other sectors which you think should be covered by the National Marine Plan?

Sea Fisheries

Q12. Do you have any comments on Sea Fisheries, Chapter 6?

Q13. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Aquaculture

Q14. Does Chapter 7 appropriately set out the relationship between terrestrial and marine planning for Aquaculture? Are there any planning changes which might be included to optimise the future sustainable development of aquaculture?

Q15. Do you have any comments on Aquaculture, Chapter 7?

Q16. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Wild Salmon and Migratory Fish

Q17. Do you have any comments on Wild Salmon and Migratory Fish, Chapter 8?

Q18. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Oil & Gas

Q19. Do you have any comments on Oil and Gas, Chapter 9?

Q20. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS)

Q21. Do you have any comments on Carbon Capture and Storage, Chapter 10?

Q22. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Offshore Renewable Energy

Q23. Should the NMP incorporate spatial information for Sectoral Marine Plans?

Q24. Do you have any comments on Offshore Renewable Energy, Chapter 11?

Q25. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Recreation and Tourism

Q26. Do you have any comments on Recreation and Tourism, Chapter 12?

Q27. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Transport (Shipping, Ports, Harbours & Ferries)

Q28. Should the NMP specifically designate national significant ports/harbours as described in Chapter 13: Marine Planning Policy Transport 2?

Q29. Do you have any comments on Transport, Chapter 13?

Q30. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Telecommunication Cables

Q31. Do you have any comments on telecommunications, Chapter 14?

Q32. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Defence

Q33. Do you have any comments on Defence, Chapter 15?

Q34. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Aggregates

Q35. Do you have any comments on Aggregates, Chapter 16?

Q36. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Business and Regulatory

Q37. Please tell us about any potential economic or regulatory impacts, either positive or negative, that you think any or all of the proposals in this consultation may have.

Equality

Q38. Do you believe that the creation of a Scottish National Marine Plan discriminates disproportionately between persons defined by age, disability, sexual orientation, gender, race and religion and belief?

Yes No

Q39. If you answered yes to question 23 in what way do you believe that the creation of a Scottish National Marine Plan is discriminatory?

Sustainability Appraisal

Q40. Do have any views/comments on the Sustainability Appraisal carried out for the NMP?