

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

General questions

Question 1: Do you consider that the overall number of seal haul out sites proposed at national/regional/local level represent a reasonable balance between seal conservation and other sustainable activities around the Scottish coastline?

No

Question 2: Do you consider that additional sites should be included at national/regional/local level and, if so, why, how many additional sites and which sites?

Cromarty Firth sites NH 59653 61491 and NH 59319 63014 SPA/RAMSAR/SSSI. Seals haul out regularly in this area, east of the Cromarty Bridge. Boundaries should be as per SPA etc. Current problem of harassment by, usually, ill-informed tourists.

Question 3: Do you consider that fewer sites should be included at national/ regional/local level and, if so, why, how many fewer sites and which sites?

No

Question 4: Do you agree that existing Special Areas of Conservation for seals should be added to the list of seal haul out sites being considered for possible designation?

Yes

Question 5: Do you consider that particular national or regional level activities might represent a potential risk of harassment to seals on haul out sites in general?

Yes e.g. tourism

Question 6: Do you consider that particular local activities might represent a potential risk of harassment to seals on particular haul out sites included on the list?

Yes e.g. tourism

Question 7: Do you have any views on whether the boundaries of particular haul out sites included on the list might be revised ?

Yes – see Q2.

Equality assessment

The Scottish Government must ensure that any policies that it implements do not unduly discriminate against persons defined by age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, race and religion and belief. We would welcome your views on whether

you believe that any of the propositions set out in this consultation paper will unduly impact on any of these groups mentioned.

None