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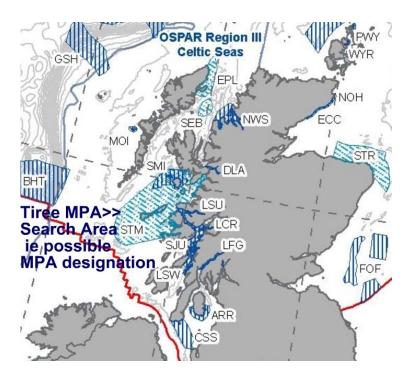
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To whom it may concern.

I am writing in response to the Scottish Government consultation on Possible Nature Conservation Marine Protected Areas.

I firmly support the development of an MPA network in Scotland's seas and I believe a network of well-managed Marine Protected Areas is essential for the preservation and protection of one of the world's most beautiful marine environments around Scotland.

Not only would I support the establishment of the proposed MPA sites by Scottish Government, I specifically wish the **Skye-Mull search area including Tiree** (as below) to be designated as a nature conservation Marine Protected Area by Scottish Government.

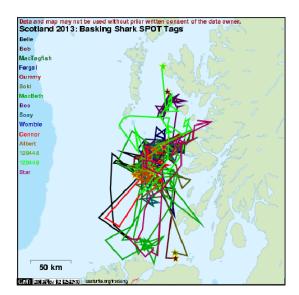


The **Skye-Mull search area including Tiree** is designated a **BASKING SHARK HOT-SPOT.** 

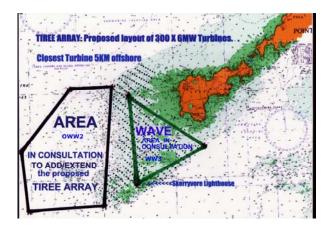
This designation has been confirmed by current SNH Tagging project results, as of 12 Nov which are displayed below.

Basking Sharks are protected under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000, the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 and the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004. These Acts make it illegal to intentionally kill, injure or recklessly disturb or harass Basking Sharks in British waters.

Also:- In 2007 Basking Sharks were designated a Prohibited Species under the EU CFP



The critical requirement for the **Skye-Mull search area(including Tiree)** to be designated a MPA, is to ensure Scottish Government's abides by, and fulfills its legal obligations, as above, with regard to any possible adoption/consent of proposed offshore wind farm development(s), within this MPA search area.



I am replying as an individual and am happy for my response to be published on the Scottish Government website, but not my name and address.

I understand that my name and address are required to identify me as an individual, so that my response can be included in the consultation analysis.

I am content for the Scottish Government to contact me again in relation to this consultation exercise.

Yours Faithfully

