

MPA LOOS



MPA Network Consultation

Scottish Government

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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Q1

I wholeheartedly support the development and implementation of MPAs in the seas around Scotland in line with the legal requirement to create an "ecologically coherent" network of MPAs which is "representative" of nationally important species and is "particularly important for highly mobile species, such as certain birds."

Q35

I urge the Scottish Government to ensure that Scotland's unique, yet increasingly embattled and endangered seabirds are added to those marine species already designated in the proposals.

Q 35 contd.

Failure to ensure specifically protection for seabirds will render the proposed network incomplete and incoherent and is likely to result in extinctions of some species within the next ten years.

Q 2, Q 3, Q 6, Q 13, Q 19 and Q 21

Clyde Sea Sill, East Caithness Cliffs, Fether - Haroldswick, Monach Isles, Papa Westray and Small Isles.

I urge the Scottish Government to designate all the above sites to ensure protection of the black guillemot and other seabird species.

Q 28 and Q 29 Firth of Forth proposed MPA

It is vital to designate the proposed Firth of Forth Banks Complex MPA in line with the recommendations of the Joint Nature Conservancy Council and Scottish Natural Heritage. Such protection must include sandeels, a vital source of food for seabirds and ecologically critical for many marine animals.

In Scotland we are blessed with a unique and richly diverse marine nature and wildlife. My family enjoys and benefits hugely from frequent excursions to the very special birding areas around the Aberdeenshire coast, notably Stonehaven and Forvie. We also regularly visit Firthorn in Moray. This year we managed to visit the inspiring and unforgettable islands, beaches and coasts of Lewis and North Harris.

I trust and hope that the Scottish Government will take full advantage of the opportunities of MPAs to protect and promote the welfare of our wonderful seabirds and all other marine wildlife and species, so that my pre-school grandsons may enjoy the privilege that we as grandparents have and do.

Yours sincerely,

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Please note that this is an individual response to the Planning Scotland's Seas MPA Consultation.

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