

# Have your say on the Arran MPA!

## South Arran Marine Protected Area Proposal

Please complete this 2 page form and hand it in to the Brodick Tourist Information Office (or post to Marine Scotland at the address below). The questions are based on Marine Scotland's public consultation response form ([www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/07/2072/downloads](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/07/2072/downloads)). You can also complete the response form online and find out more about the Arran MPA at [www.arrancoast.com](http://www.arrancoast.com). The public consultation ends on 13 November 2013.

Do you support the development of an MPA network in Scotland's Seas with 3 MPAs in the Clyde? Yes  No

Do you have any comments on the case for *designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment* for the *South Arran* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation:

Comments THE AREA DESIGNATED WOULD ADD TO THE SUCCESS OF THE NO TAKE ZONE & IS ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS REGENERATING THE SEAS AROUND ARRAN. I DONT UNDERSTAND WHY THE DREDGERS ARE ALLOWED TO COME SO CLOSE TO THE SHORE.

Management Options:

Comments THE MPA'S HAVE TO BE PROPERLY MANAGED OTHERWISE IT IS A WASTE OF TIME & EFFORT. THERE SHOULD BE NO DREDGING ALLOWED & THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MPA DELINEATED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE IT EASY FOR EVERYONE TO KNOW WHERE THE BOUNDARIES OF IT ARE. RESOURCES HAVE TO BE ALLOCATED TO THIS & TO ENFORCING THE LEGISLATION.

Socioeconomic Assessment:

Comments I HAVE NO DOUBT THE MPA WOULD BENEFIT THE LOCAL ECONOMY BY BOOSTING TOURISM & PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE SEA. IN ADDITION SUCH MEASURES WILL MEAN THAT WE HAVE FISHERMEN IN THE FUTURE WHO WILL HAVE FISH TO CATCH. I WANT TO BE ABLE TO BUY & EAT SUSTAINABLY CAUGHT LOCAL FISH FROM THE CLYDE AGAIN.

Any other comments I AM 88 YEARS OLD & LIKE MANY MANY OTHERS USED TO GO OUT IN A ROWING BOAT TO FISH IN WHITING BAY. I AM SADDENED THAT THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY FISH TO CATCH. MY DAUGHTERS JUST ABOUT REMEMBER CATCHING MANY DIFFERENT SPECIES OF FISH BUT MY GRANDCHILDREN HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HAVE THAT EXPERIENCE. FOR GENERATIONS THERE WAS A GOOD BUSINESS HIRING OUT ROWING BOATS FOR PEOPLE TO GO OUT & CATCH THEIR TEA IN WHITING BAY. IN PARTICULAR I REMEMBER CHARLIE & JOHN THOMSON WHO FOR DECADES MADE THEIR LIVING DOING JUST THAT, BUT NOW & FOR A LONG TIME THERE HAS

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BEEN NO SUCH BUSINESS.