

MPA CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you support the development of an MPA network in Scotland's Seas?

Yes No

I support the development of a coherent, environmentally led MPA in Scotland's seas

Individual possible Nature Conservation MPAs

2. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the possible Nature Conservation MPA(s)?

INSERT RELEVANT pMPA NAME(S) HERE

Designation:

Yes No

By inviting comment on individual proposed MPA's, the way is being opened to a partial plan, non-coherent in environmental terms, working on the divide and rule principle, ensuring that the renewables industry has a free run. I suspect the consultation and response document set-up is deliberately designed with that end in view.

Management Options:

Yes No

Having generated offshore renewable energy, just where is Scotland looking to sell the 'six times over', surplus, given the difficulties of linking infrastructure (wastage etc.)?

Socioeconomic Assessment:

Yes No

The process should be led by environmental considerations alone. Commercial and energy should 'fit in'. In this context the plan should be looking to only generate energy to meet Scotland's needs, not already subsidised energy companies.

All of the above:

Yes No

See above

Sustainability Appraisal

- 3. Do you have any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal of the MPA network as a whole?**

Yes No

'Sustainability' is a fashion word, at best attempting to combine the existing economic model with environmental considerations, more likely to provide a figleaf for commercial exploitation. The environment (for all species) is key to human survival long term. Therefore its needs must be paramount in any plan.

Final Thoughts

- 4. On the basis of your preferences on which pMPAs should be designated, do you view this to form a complete or ecologically coherent network, subject to the completion and recommendations of SNH's further work on the 4 remaining search locations?**

Yes No

If you get 60,000 responses, you will have, in theory, 60,000 plans, most of which will lack coherence in any context. The consultation is fragmented, so the ultimate response will be equally fragmented.

- 5. Do you have any other comments on the case for designation, management options, environmental or socioeconomic assessments of the pMPAs, or the network as a whole?**

Yes No

See above

Thank You.