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| Question | <u>Answer</u> |
| Do you support the development of an MPA network in Scotland's Seas? | Yes |
| Designation | The position of the proposed MPA is likely to have a beneficial effect on a wide range of species and allow regeneration of a kind likely to improve catches outwith the MPA. Development of MPA's in this and other areas should be a part of future planning. |
| Management Options | As a diver, I have seen at close hand the damage done to the ecosystem by dredging. The unsustainability of this is likely to be proven, perhaps not too late, by falling catches. The success of the MPA should not be compromised by any watering down of its integrity. |
| Socioeconomic Assessment: | Having been born and brought up in Greenock, and been a keen angler in younger days, I remember the national White Horse shore fishing championships held between Gourock and Ardrossan. Big prize money. People travelled from Birmingham and beyond. Ate, drank and stayed in hotels and b and b's. Came back for holidays when they would perhaps hire one of the local boats, or make up a fishing party. No more. The fish have gone. We need them back. It's the economy. |
| Other Comments | |
| Organisation | |
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