

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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

Yes No

The Northern Lighthouse Board is the General Lighthouse authority for Scotland and the Isle of Man and is responsible for the provision of marine aids to navigation as well as the superintendence of third party aids in its waters. In its work to provide aids to navigation the NLB considers Navigational risk and has a broader interest in maritime affairs. Only the aspects relating to this area of interest has been considered in relation to the proposed MPA . Specifically we have reviewed the management option papers. The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity in many proposed MPA. Where removal or moving of a chartered anchorage is proposed it is important to recognise that except in harbour areas where anchorages are designated and controlled by the harbour authority the charting of an anchorage purely indicates a suitable place to anchor. Anchoring is a common law right and vessels may anchor in any location outside harbour areas except those protected by law which are communicated to the mariner by being chartered as anchoring prohibited.

The distinction used in the management option papers of leisure and commercial anchorages is somewhat ambiguous. Where vessels anchor is purely a function of size of vessel versus depth of water and available room to manoeuvre taken along side the need/driver to be in a particular location. In any management plan or regulation It may be better to simply describe them all as anchorages and highlight those mainly frequented by leisure craft.

Individual possible Nature Conservation MPAs

2. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Clyde Sea Sill* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the

needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity

Socioeconomic Assessment:

Yes No

Comments

All of the above:

Yes No

Comments

3. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *East Caithness Cliffs* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

4. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *East of Gannet and Montrose Fields* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

Comments

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

5. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Faroe-Shetland sponge belt* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

Comments

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

6. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Fetlar to Haroldswick* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

7. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Hatton-Rockall Basin* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

Comments

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

8. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Loch Creran* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

9. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Loch Sunart* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity within areas of this planned MPA. It should be noted that removal of an anchorage from charts and sailing directions does not prohibit vessels from anchoring in Loch Teacuis however it will no doubt reduce over time the number of visitors and is a proportionate management tool. Any intention to prohibit anchoring within Loch Teacuis should be limited to the sensitive areas within the loch only but it should be noted this is an extremely difficult loch to enter and numbers of craft per annum are extremely low. Any prohibition would be disproportionate and likely affect the local community more than visitors.

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

10. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Loch Sunart to the Sound of Jura* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

11. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Loch Sween* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

Comments

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity within areas of this planned MPA. We would question the anchorage off Ashfield being described as commercial. The area is only frequented by small craft local creel boats and leisure users. It should be noted that removal of an anchorage from charts and sailing directions does not prohibit vessels from anchoring off Ashfield however it will no doubt reduce over time the number of visitors. Any prohibition of anchoring should be as limited an area as possible.

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

12. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Lochs Duich, Long and Aish* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

13. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Monach Isles* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

Comments
The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

14. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Mousa to Boddam* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

15. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *North-east Faroe Shetland Channel* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

Comments

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

16. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *North-west Orkney* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

Comments

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

17. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *North-west sea lochs and Summer Isles* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

18. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Noss Head* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above: Yes No

Comments

19. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Papa Westray* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation: Yes No

Comments

Management Options: Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity

Socioeconomic Assessment: Yes No

Comments

All of the above:

Yes No

Comments

20. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Rosemary Bank Seamount* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation:

Yes No

Comments

Management Options:

Yes No

Comments

Socioeconomic Assessment:

Yes No

Comments

All of the above:

Yes No

Comments

21. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Small Isles* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation:

Yes No

Comments

Management Options:

Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity

Socioeconomic Assessment:

Yes No

Comments

All of the above:

Yes No

Comments

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

Designation:

Yes No

Comments

Management Options:

Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity within areas of this planned MPA. The area in Lamlash and Whiting bay are inshore and frequented by small craft most of which are leisure craft. Larger vessels may anchor in deeper water west of Pladda from time to time, and historically Lamlash Bay was used and may still be used by the Royal Navy in the deeper area. There appears no intention to limit this activity. Any such intent should be further consulted on. It should be noted that removal of an anchorage from charts and sailing directions does not prohibit vessels from anchoring however it will no doubt reduce over time the number of visitors. Any prohibition of anchoring should be for as limited an area as possible.

Socioeconomic Assessment:

Yes No

Comments

All of the above:

Yes No

Comments

23. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for *The Barra Fan and Hebrides Terrace Seamount* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation:

Yes No

Comments

Management Options:

Yes No

Comments

Socioeconomic Assessment:

Yes No

Comments

All of the above:

Yes No

Comments

24. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Turbot Bank* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation:

Yes No

Comments

Management Options:

Yes No

Comments

Socioeconomic Assessment:

Yes No

Comments

All of the above:

Yes No

Comments

25. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Upper Loch Fyne and Loch Goil* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation:

Yes No

Comments

Management Options:

Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity

Socioeconomic Assessment:

Yes No

Comments

All of the above:

Yes No

Comments

26. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *West Shetland Shelf (formerly Windsock)* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation:

Yes No

Comments

Management Options:

Yes No

Comments

Socioeconomic Assessment:

Yes No

Comments

All of the above:

Yes No

Comments

27. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessment for the *Wyre and Rousay Sounds* possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation:

Yes No

Comments

Management Options:

Yes No

The NLB welcomes the pragmatic and proportionate consideration of the needs of the mariner in relation to anchoring where it has been recognised there is little or no impact from this activity within areas of this planned MPA. We would question the anchorage in Rousay Sound being described as commercial. It may be historical in nature rather than currently used to any degree. NLB would support its removal from the chart given its proximity to power cables. It should be noted that removal of an anchorage from charts and sailing directions does not prohibit vessels from anchoring. Any prohibition of anchoring should be as limited an area as possible.

Socioeconomic Assessment:

Yes No

Comments

All of the above:

Yes No

Comments

Choices to represent features in the MPA Network

28. Recognising the scientific advice from JNCC included alternatives for representing offshore subtidal sands and gravels, ocean quahog and shelf banks and mounds in the Southern North Sea, do you have a preference or comments on the following combinations to represent these features, bearing in mind Turbot Bank will need to be designated to represent sandeel in this region:

- Firth of Forth Banks Complex
- Turbot bank and Norwegian Boundary Sedimentary Plain
- Or Firth of Forth Banks Complex, Turbot bank and Norwegian Boundary Sedimentary Plain

Comments

29. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessments for the preference you have indicated in the question above, regarding alternatives for representing offshore subtidal sands and gravels, ocean quahog and shelf banks and mounds in the Southern North Sea?

Yes No

Comments

30. Recognising the scientific advice from JNCC included alternatives for representing the burrowed mud feature in the Fladens, do you have a preference or comments on the following combinations to represent these features, bearing in mind the part of Central Fladen (known as Central Fladen (Core)) containing tall seapen (*Funiculina quadrangularis*) will need to be designated to represent tall seapen in this region:

- Central Fladen pMPA only
- The tall sea-pen component of Central Fladen, plus Western Fladen
- Or the tall sea-pen component of Central Fladen, plus South-East Fladen.

Comments

31. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessments for the preference you have indicated in the question above, regarding alternatives for representing the burrowed mud feature in the Fladens?

Yes No

Comments

32. Recognising the scientific advice from JNCC included alternatives for representing offshore subtidal sands and gravels, offshore deep sea mud, and burrowed mud in OSPAR Regions III and V, do you have a preference or comments on the following combinations to represent these features:

South-West Sula Sgeir and Hebridean slope
Or Geikie slide and Hebridean slope

Comments

33. Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socioeconomic assessments for the preference you have indicated in the question above, regarding alternatives for representing offshore subtidal sands and gravels, offshore deep sea mud, and burrowed mud in OSPAR Regions III and V?

Yes No

Comments

Sustainability Appraisal

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

Yes No

Comments

Final Thoughts

35. 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

The NLB is not qualified to comment on this question

36. 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

Comments