

Planning Scotland's Seas Consultation 2013

Possible Nature Conservation Marine Protected Areas Consultation Overview

Consultation Questions

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

Yes✓ No

NAC Comments: no comments

22. Individual possible Nature Conservation MPAs – Do you have any comments on the case for designation, management options and socio-economic assessment for the South Arran possible Nature Conservation MPA?

Designation	Yes✓	No
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NAC comments: The Council welcome the proposed new Marine Protected Area (MPA) for the South Coast of Arran which will have a range of beneficial impacts including higher biodiversity that may add to the site as a tourist destination and impact positively upon the local economy; enhanced research and education benefits; and indirect benefits to the tourism sector may also arise from improvements in recreational water sports. These aspects will contribute towards the development of marine tourism and especially marine education, science and research which is highlighted within the Ayrshire & Arran Tourism Strategy 2012-17 prepared by the Ayrshire Economic Partnership as being an important component of particular relevance to North Ayrshire.

In addition, it is recognised that the designation, if confirmed, would help to contribute to the Council's SOA outcome: "develop new tourism products to encourage new visitors to the area".

Management Options	Yes	No✓
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NAC Comments: no comments

Socioeconomic Assessment	Yes	No✓
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NAC comments: no comments

All of the above	Yes	No✓
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