

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you agree with the proposals set out in the draft Scottish Marine Regions Order 2013?

Yes No

If no, please explain why not and your suggested alternative(s).

Comments

- Previous consultations showed strong support for boundary alignment based on physical characteristics with an appreciation that modifications would be made to ensure each region was not cumbersome. The proposed Clyde region, whilst reasonable in geographical extent, exhibits a 'kink' at the southern end at the boundary with South West region. SIFT considers this to be unjustified on the grounds of physical characteristics or indeed geographical extent.
- SIFT recommends that the boundary between Clyde and South West be aligned to coincide with historical boundaries operating in the area- for example- the Scottish Government's own definition of the Clyde Sea Area would be more suitable.
- SIFT intend to submit an application for a Regulating Order which follows this Scottish Government definition. If granted, this Regulating Order would operate in 2 separate Marine Regions which SIFT consider unnecessarily cumbersome.
- The boundary between Argyll and West Highlands should be changed to allow Mull to operate within one Marine Region only.
- SIFT believe it should remain the intention of Scottish Government to align Marine Regions with IFG boundaries. Clarity on any new proposals for IFG boundaries should be provided before substantive views on any issues of alignment can be provided.
- A considered analysis of Marine Region boundaries cannot be undertaken until the composition the Marine Regional Authorities has been agreed.

2. Do you have any further comments? In particular we are seeking views on

- the drafting of the Order;
- the co-ordinates establishing the marine region boundaries;
- the boundaries outlined at paragraph 8 above;
- the names of the regions suggested; and
- the illustrative map.

Comments

3. Do you believe that the creation of Scottish Marine Regions discriminates disproportionately between persons defined by age, disability, sexual orientation, gender, race and religion and belief?

Yes No

4. If you answered yes to question 3 in what way do you believe that the creation of Scottish Marine Regions is discriminatory?

N/A