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Scottish Marine Litter Strategy Consultation
Scottish Government
Marine Planning and Policy Division
Area 1-A South
Victoria Quay
Edinburgh
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Dear Sirs,

Consultation on the Draft Scottish Marine Litter Strategy

The members of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, consist of the Anglo-Scottish Fishermen's Association, the Clyde Fishermen's Association, the Fish-Salesmen's Association (Scotland) Ltd, the Mallaig and North-West Fishermen's Association, the Orkney Fishermen's Association, Scallop Association, the Scottish Whitefish Producers' Association Ltd and the Shetland Fishermen's Association, and we are pleased to respond to the consultation on behalf of them.

Given the SFF commitment to sustainable use of the environment that we work in, we are content with the direction proposed in this consultation paper. Our members are fully engaged with the existing best practices and look forward to future engagement and consultation on any new measures which may be developed.

As regards delivery options, the SFF would see Option 4 (medium cost, networked approach) as the most feasible, proportionate approach to delivering the new strategy. This would appear to be the most effective way to use the knowledge and experience of stakeholders, which would seem to be an essential part of bringing these measures to life. The SFF would suggest that a sensible pragmatic approach to the strategy would be to aim to meet the national obligations to GES and the MSFD rather than any unrealistic goal setting of aiming beyond these targets.

Yours faithfully,

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Scottish Fishermen's Federation

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Anglo Scottish Fishermen's Association
Clyde Fishermen's Association
Fishsalesmen's Association (Scotland) Ltd

Mallaig & North-West Fishermen's Association
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