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Response to Consultation

Draft Seaweed Policy – August 2013

From: The Glenside Group Limited

Introductory comment:

The Glenside Group is the largest purchaser of Scottish Ascophyllum nodosum and has been and continues to be the mainstay of harvesting activities in the Outer Hebrides.

We consider the use of “seaweed” in the context of much of what is said or written to be a very loose particularly in relation to the varied actual and potential uses which are often highly species specific.

Section 1

Q1 – Agreed

Q2 – Depends on how “area” is defined

Q3 – Yes – environmental safeguards are essential

Q4 – Agreed

Q5 – Agreed – However any large scale cultivation for whatever purpose should not proceed in advance of a detailed and extensive investigation of nutrient balances and the impact on the marine ecosystem of large scale nutrient absorption by large scale introduced sea plants.



Seaweed policy Statement Consultation 2013

RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form must be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

1. Name/Organisation

Organisation Name

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3. Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual

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Please tick as appropriate

- (a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

Please tick as appropriate

Yes No

- (b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

Please tick ONE of the following boxes

- (c) The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).

Are you content for your response to be made available?

Please tick as appropriate

Yes No

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

or

Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address

or

Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

- (d) We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Please tick as appropriate

Yes

No

RESPONSE FORM

DRAFT SEAWEED POLICY STATEMENT 2013

1. Do you agree with policies 1-6?

State any you agree or disagree with, and your reasons.

2. Should policy 2 require local provenance, i.e., stock must originate from the water body the seaweed is to be grown in? YES/ NO

State your reasons:

3. Do you agree with policy 7? YES/NO

State your reasons:

4. Do you agree with policies 8 and 9?

State any you agree or disagree with, and your reasons:

5. Do you think that the size scales (shellfish (small), medium, and extensive), are appropriate?

Give your reasons

6. Which consenting option would be most appropriate for seaweed cultivation?

Give your reasons

7. Should guidance be developed for the harvesting of wild seaweed? If not, what (if any) alternative arrangements would you suggest?

8. Should the 1997 Act should be amended to provide the flexibility to farm other species or specifically named species? YES/NO

State what named species should be included, and provide your reasons.

9. Do you have any comments to make on the BRIA content?