

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Please identify the main area of interest you identify with :

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| Nature Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fisheries | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Industry/Transport | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Aquaculture | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recreation/tourism | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Academic/scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Local authority | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Community group | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public sector/Regulatory body | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Local Coastal Partnership | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Other (Please state)

Comments

Q1. Does the NMP appropriately guide management of Scotland's marine resources?

The reference to the plan's objectives is consistent and similar to other national plans in supporting the marine economy, a strong, healthy, and just society, promoting good governance, basing decisions on sound scientific evidence. An assessment process has been used which draws on the condition of Scotland's seas provided by Scotland's Marine Atlas and allows for an 'adaptive management approach' responsive to new survey information

Q2. Does the NMP appropriately set out the requirement for integration between marine planning and land use planning systems?

Comments

Q3. Does the NMP appropriately guide development of regional marine planning? What, if any, further guidance is required for regional marine planners in terms of implementation and how to interpret the NMP?

A description of general policies to apply to development offshore is set out in Chapter 3. Some 18 Policy Areas where the script emphasises the need to take account of related interests forms the introduction to specific sectors requiring special policy measures. While all the sectors are present in the North East, the following sectors will be of key concern to express in a future North East Regional Marine Plan: Fisheries, Oil and Gas, Carbon Capture & Storage, Renewables, Recreation and Tourism, Transport, and Telecommunication

Q4. The Marine Regional Boundaries Consultation proposed that in addition to regional marine planning, further integrated management of key marine areas would be achieved by designating the Pentland Firth; the Minches and the mouth of the Clyde as Strategic Sea Areas.

Should the NMP set out specific marine planning policies for Strategic Sea Areas?

Comments

Q5. Are the objectives and policies in the NMP appropriate to ensure they further the achievement of sustainable development, including protection and, where appropriate, enhancement of the health of the sea?

Comments

Q6. Chapter 3 sets out strategic objectives for the National Marine Plan and Chapters 6 – 16 sets out sector specific marine objectives.

Is this the best approach to setting economic, social and marine ecosystem objectives and objectives relating to the mitigation of and, adaptation to climate change?

Comments

Q7. Do you have any other comments on Chapters 1 – 3?

Comments

General Planning Policies

Q8. Are the general policies in Chapter 4 appropriate to ensure an approach of sustainable development and use of the marine area? Are there alternative policies that you think should be included? Are the policies on integration with other planning systems appropriate? A draft circular on the integration with terrestrial planning has also been published - would further guidance be useful?

Comments

Q9. Is the marine planning policy for landscape and seascape an appropriate approach?

Comments

Q10. Are there alternative general policies that you think should be included in Chapter 4?

Comments

Guide to Sector Chapters

Q11. Do you have any comments on Chapter 5?

Are there other sectors which you think should be covered by the National Marine Plan?

Comments

Sea Fisheries

Q12. Do you have any comments on Sea Fisheries, Chapter 6?

Comments

Q13. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Comments

Aquaculture

Q14. Does Chapter 7 appropriately set out the relationship between terrestrial and marine planning for Aquaculture? Are there any planning changes which might be included to optimise the future sustainable development of aquaculture?

Comments

Q15. Do you have any comments on Aquaculture, Chapter 7?

Comments

Q16. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Comments

Wild Salmon and Migratory Fish

Q17. Do you have any comments on Wild Salmon and Migratory Fish, Chapter 8?

Comments

Q18. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Comments

Oil & Gas

Q19. Do you have any comments on Oil and Gas, Chapter 9?

The Chapters promoting development offshore (oil and gas, CCS, Renewables & telecom cables) appear to not consider enough the consequences of their impact when seeking to identify their landing point(s) on shore. There should be more specific guidance for policy makers and developers to be actively engaged in the territorial Development Planning processes thereby reducing uncertainty on all sides.

\\The above comments should be viewed in context, namely that the complexities often exhibited by the territorial planning process have grown up over 70years since the start of the town and country planning legislation in the U.K. By contrast, the processes for marine spatial planning are only starting to be rolled out. The NMP acts as a most useful and balanced starting point. It will be vital to learn from the experience of preparing the first round of plans what should be amended as part of a Review of the NMP. The current version with a few minor changes recognising the links to other planning frameworks provides a sound basis for marine plan-making.

Q20. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Comments

Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS)

Q21. Do you have any comments on Carbon Capture and Storage, Chapter 10?

Comments

Q22. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Comments

Offshore Renewable Energy

Q23. Should the NMP incorporate spatial information for Sectoral Marine Plans?

Comments

Q24. Do you have any comments on Offshore Renewable Energy, Chapter 11?

Comments

Q25. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Comments

Recreation and Tourism

Q26. Do you have any comments on Recreation and Tourism, Chapter 12?

Chapter 12 on Recreation and Tourism does not make the connection with one of the potential new national projects set out in the draft National Planning Framework (NPF) 3 which calls for a new national network of Long Distance Walking and Cycling Routes, part of which will hug the coastline of Eastern Scotland . While the NMP on Page 100 makes reference to “coastal walking” it does so in a way which does not recognise the potential social and economic benefits of a continuous coastal path along the East coast of Scotland. A comparison with the increase in use of the 850mile Welsh Coastal Path which opened this year would suggest that coastal

walking is not only a local activity but a new major tourist opportunity for small and large coastal communities and if accepted into the National Planning Framework 3 as a National Project should be more fully supported in the NMP.

Q27. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Comments

Transport (Shipping, Ports, Harbours & Ferries)

Q28. Should the NMP specifically designate national significant ports/harbours as described in Chapter 13: Marine Planning Policy Transport 2?

Comments

Q29. Do you have any comments on Transport, Chapter 13?

Chapter 13 on Transport describes the importance of harbours as the base for a range of special services. It would benefit if there was some mention of proposals to adapt or grow harbour business drawing on several sectors highlighted in the NMP. For example, the recognition of the proposals to establish a new harbour at Nigg Bay by Aberdeen Harbour as highlighted in NPF3 as a potential National Project should find expression in the NMP. Similarly, proposals from other harbour boards should be mentioned.

Q30. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Comments

Telecommunication Cables

Q31. Do you have any comments on telecommunications, Chapter 14?

Comments

Q32. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Comments

Defence

Q33. Do you have any comments on Defence, Chapter 15?

Comments

Q34. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be include in this Chapter?

Comments

Aggregates

Q35. Do you have any comments on Aggregates, Chapter 16?

Comments

Q36. Are there alternative planning policies that you think should be included in this Chapter?

Comments

Business and Regulatory

Q37. Please tell us about any potential economic or regulatory impacts, either positive or negative, that you think any or all of the proposals in this consultation may have.

Comments

Equality

Q38. Do you believe that the creation of a Scottish National Marine Plan discriminates disproportionately between persons defined by age, disability, sexual orientation, gender, race and religion and belief?

Yes No

Q39. If you answered yes to question 23 in what way do you believe that the creation of a Scottish National Marine Plan is discriminatory?

Comments

Sustainability Appraisal

Q40. Do have any views/comments on the Sustainability Appraisal carried out for the NMP?

Comments