

Extending marine planning zones: consultation

Proposals to extend marine planning zones out to 12 nautical miles

Introduction

Marine planning zones set out the spatial limits for particular local authorities responsibilities for planning controls of marine fish and shellfish farms in Scottish waters. The current marine planning zones extend out to 3 nautical miles.

This consultation paper seeks views on Scottish Ministers proposals to extend existing marine planning zones out to 12 nautical miles, via a Scottish Statutory Instrument (SSI).

The paper contains illustrative and interactive maps displaying the proposed marine planning zones, and an overview of the methodology used to extend the current marine planning zones.

This paper seeks views on the proposal to extend marine planning zones and on the maps which define the proposed zones.

Background

In 2007 the definition of “development” in the [Town and Country Planning \(Scotland\) Act 1997](#) (“the 1997 Act”) was amended to include fish and shellfish farming out to 12 nautical miles. This means that any proposed marine fish or shellfish farm located between 0-12 nautical miles requires planning permission from the relevant planning authority.

However, the [Town and Country Planning \(Marine Fish Farming\) \(Scotland\) Order 2007](#) (“the 2007 Order”) only designated Scotland’s marine planning zones out to 3 nautical miles. Full details on the policy intention and approach to designating the marine planning zones can be viewed in the [Consultation Paper on Defining Marine Boundaries for Fish Farming](#), published on 31 October 2005.

In practice, this means that there is no designated planning authority to which a developer may submit an application for a farm located between 3-12 nautical miles.

When the marine planning zones were first designated in 2007, it was considered highly unlikely that applications for planning permissions between 3-12 nautical miles would be lodged in the near future. It was therefore noted in [Planning Circular 1/2007: Planning Controls for Marine Fish Farming](#) that the Scottish Executive would monitor the situation, with further work envisaged during subsequent years to extend the marine planning zones out to 12 nautical miles. This work was not undertaken and as such there remains a legislative gap.

An illustrative map of the current marine planning zones is provided below:

Marine Planning Zones

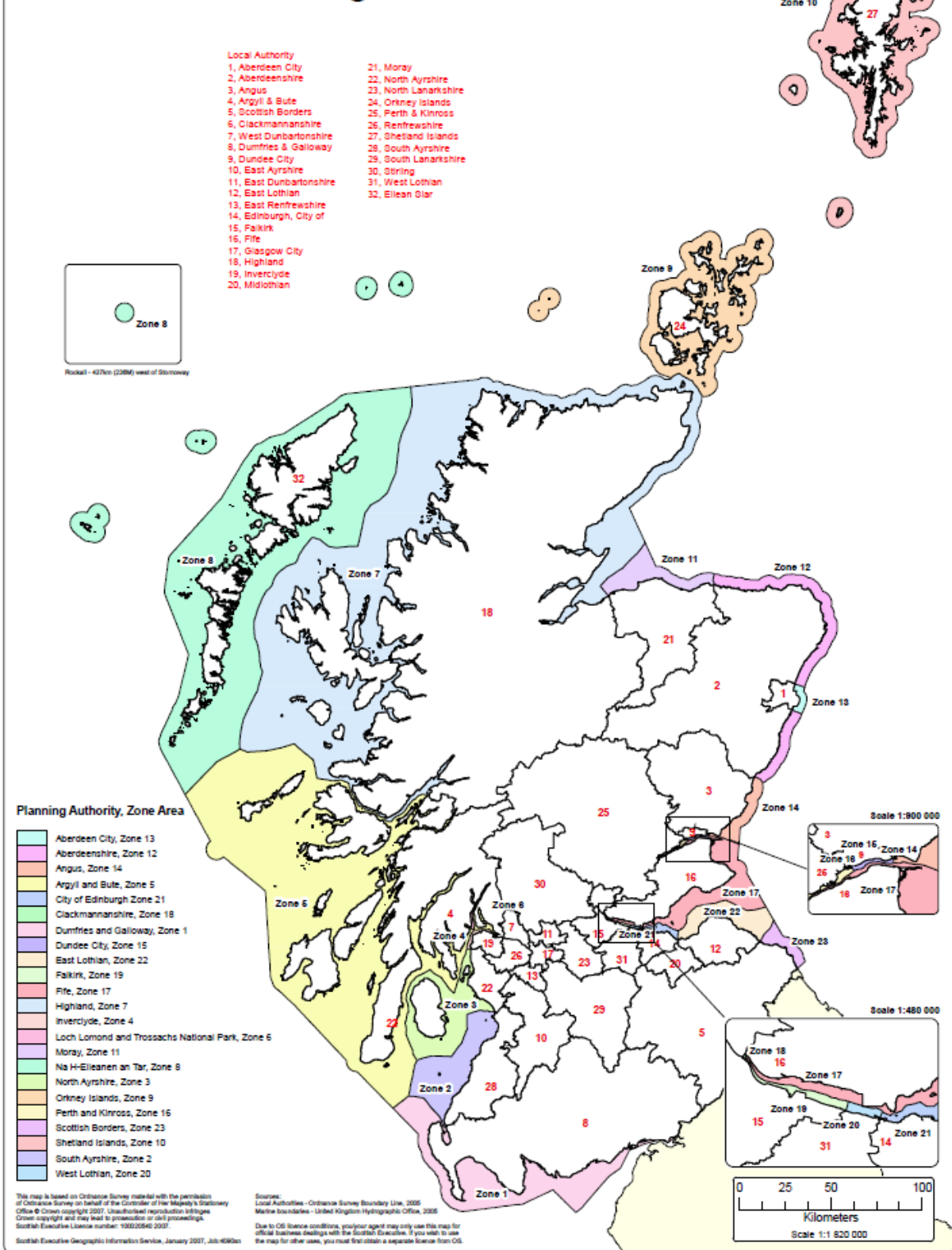


Figure 1: Illustrative map of the boundaries of the current marine planning zones (0-3 nautical miles)

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An interactive map of the current marine planning zones can also be viewed on the marine.gov.scot NMPi. [Additional information about the map layer can be viewed at Aquaculture - Planning Zones for Marine Fish Farming | marine.gov.scot](http://marine.gov.scot)

Proposal to extend marine planning zones

There is now growing interest within the fish and shellfish farming sector to develop farms beyond 3 nautical miles from the coast, with developments in technology making farms in this region feasible. This type of innovative development has the potential to reduce environmental interactions and to support fish health and welfare in line with the aims of our [Vision for Sustainable Aquaculture](#). There is also increasing interest in the potential for shellfish farms located beyond 3 nautical miles, including through co-location opportunities with other structures.

It is therefore proposed that the marine planning zones should be extended to 12 nautical miles as originally intended (excluding those marine planning zones that are enclosed by other marine planning zones), to enable businesses to explore opportunities to develop fish and shellfish farms in this zone.

It is considered that the proposed approach to extend all zones out to 12 nautical miles will mean there would be consistency in planning requirements for fish farm developments within the 0-12 nautical mile zone across Scotland. The existing planning process is already well understood by businesses, regulators and other stakeholders.

Extension of the marine planning zones would be carried out by the means of an affirmative Scottish Statutory Instrument (SSI) to amend [The Town and Country Planning \(Marine Fish Farming\) \(Scotland\) Order 2007](#)

Question 1(a):

Do you agree with the proposal to extend marine planning zones out to 12 nautical miles?

Agree Disagree

Question 1(b)

Where applicable, please give reasons for your answer.

Mapping work has been undertaken to extend the existing marine planning zones out to 12 nautical miles. The methodology used to define the boundaries of the current marine planning zones can be viewed in the [Consultation Paper on Defining Marine Boundaries for Fish Farming](#), published on 31 October 2005.

In respect of the proposed extensions to the marine planning zones, the original delineations between each coastal local authority remain the same, with those lines extended out to 12 nautical miles by aligning with [Scottish Marine Region boundaries](#) where adjacent, and by using a method involving Thiessen polygons elsewhere.

The Thiessen polygon method involves using a computer program that converts the existing polygon boundaries into points, then partitions the 12 nautical mile area into regions closest to those points. Thiessen polygons are also known as [Voronoi cells](#).

The coordinates of these maps will be used to define each marine planning zone in the SSI.

An illustrative map of the proposed marine planning zones, extended out to 12 nautical miles, is provided below

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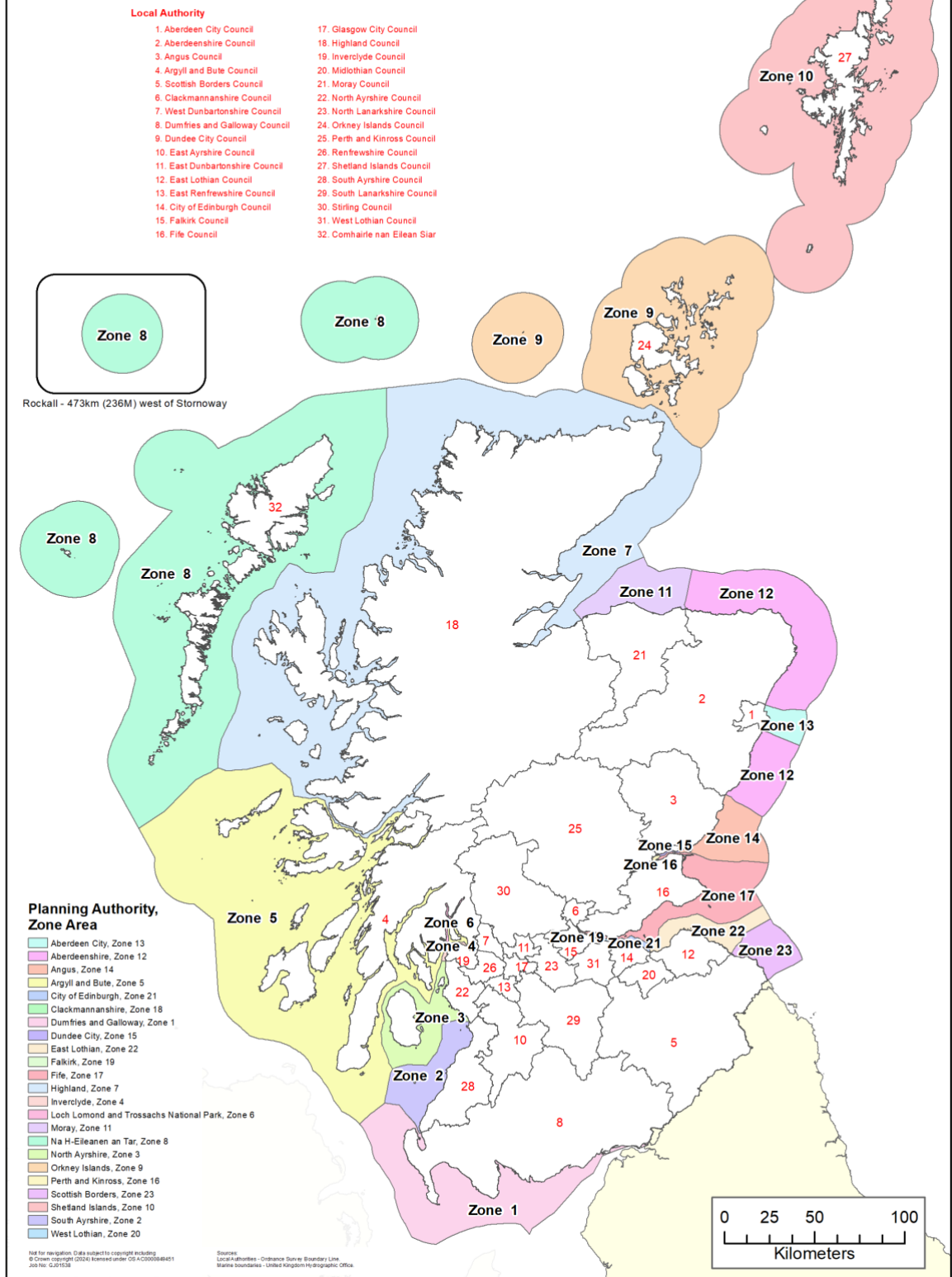


Figure 2: Illustrative map of the boundaries of the proposed marine planning zones

(0-12 nautical miles)

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The finalised interactive map will be available to access on NMPi once the SSI is in force.

Question 2(a):

Do you agree with the proposed marine planning zones, extended out to 12 nautical miles, as presented in the illustrative and interactive maps?

Agree Disagree

Question 2(b)

Where applicable, please give reasons for your answer.

Summary

The current designation of planning authorities to consider applications for planning permission for fish and shellfish farm developments do not align with the requirements of the planning system in respect of fish farm development between 3-12 nautical miles from the Scottish coast, and this legislative gap should now be removed.

Resolving this issue will enable businesses to explore opportunities to site farms in these regions which have the potential to support increased production, reduce environmental interactions and to support fish health and welfare. Development beyond 3 nautical miles has the potential to see innovation delivered in Scotland, alongside realisation of the wider employment and supply chain benefits which will come as a result.

The proposal to extend marine planning zones out to 12 nautical miles will close the existing legislative gap and ensure consistency in planning requirements for fish farm developments within the 0-12 nautical mile zone across Scotland.

In the short to medium term it is anticipated that a small number of proposals are likely to come forward, with those developments being located within local authority areas in which aquaculture farms already operate. As such it is not anticipated that there would be a significant increased burden on aquaculture regulators.

In the longer term, and as 'offshore' aquaculture develops in Scotland, there may be opportunities for further development across Scotland, including innovative developments such as co-location of farms with other marine infrastructure.

Question 3:

Do you have any other points you wish to raise regarding the proposal to extend marine planning zones out to 12 nautical miles? If so please provide details below.

Impact Assessments

The Scottish Government is required to consider the impacts of proposed policies, plans or strategic decisions in relation to equalities, various societal groups and sectors, data protection and the environment, under a range of legislation and commitments.

The following impact assessments or relevant screening for them have been completed in relation to proposals for regulations on the procedures to extend marine planning zones out to 12 nautical miles:

- Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA)
- Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA)
- Fairer Scotland Duty (FSD)
- Islands Communities Impact Assessment (ICIA) – Partial
- Business Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) – Partial
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
- Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)

The partial impact assessments will be completed following analysis of the responses to this consultation.

Further details of this and the assessments themselves is set out in the [paper published alongside this consultation paper](#).

Question 4(a):

Do you agree with our approach to the impact assessments for the proposed extension to marine planning zones?

Agree Disagree

Question 4(b)

Where applicable, please give reasons for your answer.

Responding to this Consultation

We are inviting responses to this consultation by 11 December 2024.

Please respond to this consultation using the Scottish Government's consultation hub, [Citizen Space](#). Access and [respond to this consultation online](#). You can save and return to your responses while the consultation is still open. Please ensure that consultation responses are submitted before the closing date of 11 December 2024.

If you are unable to respond using our consultation hub, please complete the Respondent Information Form and send to:

AquacultureReview@gov.scot

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Handling your response

If you respond using the consultation hub, you will be directed to the About You page before submitting your response. Please indicate how you wish your response to be handled and, in particular, whether you are content for your response to be published. If you ask for your response not to be published, we will regard it as confidential, and we will treat it accordingly.

All respondents should be aware that the Scottish Government is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and would therefore have to consider any request made to it under the Act for information relating to responses made to this consultation exercise.

If you are unable to respond via Citizen Space, please complete and return the Respondent Information Form included in this document.

To find out how we handle your personal data, please see our [privacy policy](#).

Next steps in the process

Where respondents have given permission for their response to be made public, and after we have checked that they contain no potentially defamatory material, [responses will be made available to the public](#). If you use the consultation hub to respond, you will receive a copy of your response via email.

Following the closing date, all responses will be analysed and considered along with any other available evidence to help us. Responses will be published where we have been given permission to do so. An analysis report will also be made available.

Comments and complaints

If you have any comments about how this consultation exercise has been conducted, please send them to the contact address above or at AquacultureReview@gov.scot

Scottish Government consultation process

Consultation is an essential part of the policymaking process. It gives us the opportunity to consider your opinion and expertise on a proposed area of work.

You can find all our [consultations](#) online. Each consultation details the issues under consideration, as well as a way for you to give us your views, either online, by email or by post.

Responses will be analysed and used as part of the decision making process, along with a range of other available information and evidence. We will publish a report of this analysis for every consultation. Depending on the nature of the consultation exercise the responses received may:

- indicate the need for policy development or review
- inform the development of a particular policy
- help decisions to be made between alternative policy proposals
- be used to finalise legislation before it is implemented.

While details of particular circumstances described in a response to a consultation exercise may usefully inform the policy process, consultation exercises cannot address individual concerns and comments, which should be directed to the relevant public body.

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Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

- Individual
- Organisation

Full name or organisation's name:

Phone number:

Address:

Postcode:

Email Address:

The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

- Publish response with name
- Publish response only (without name)
- Do not publish response

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?

- Yes
- No

Information for organisations

The option 'Publish response only (without name)' is available for individual respondents only. If this option is selected, the organisation name will still be published.

If you choose the option 'Do not publish response', your organisation name may still be listed as having responded to the consultation in, for example, the analysis report.

Annex A - Image descriptions for figures 1 and 2

Figure 1

Figure 1 is named 'Illustrative map of the boundaries of the current marine planning zones (0-3 nautical miles)' and shows a map of Scotland and its surrounding seas. The map shows the boundary lines between each of Scotland's local authority areas and the boundary lines for the marine planning zones of each coastal local authority

The figure includes a scale ruler image at the bottom right, a key at the top of the figure listing the 32 local authorities which the map identifies, a key at the right of the figure listing the 23 marine planning zones which the map identifies.

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Local authority

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2. Aberdeenshire
3. Angus
4. Argyll and Bute
5. City of Edinburgh
6. Clackmannanshire
7. Dumfries and Galloway
8. Dundee City

9. East Ayrshire
10. East Dunbartonshire
11. East Lothian
12. East Renfrewshire
13. Falkirk
14. Fife
15. Glasgow City
16. Inverclyde
17. Midlothian
18. North Ayrshire
19. North Lanarkshire
20. Orkney Islands
21. Perth and Kinross
22. Renfrewshire
23. Scottish Borders
24. Shetland Islands
25. South Ayrshire
26. South Lanarkshire
27. Stirling
28. The Highland
29. The Moray
30. West Dunbartonshire
31. West Lothian
32. Eilean Siar

The map also shows the boundaries for each of Scotland's 23 Marine Planning Zones by means of coloured areas outlined in black. Each Marine Planning Zone is identified by a number within each zone on the map, with these numbers referring to the following key:

Planning Authority, Zone Area

- Aberdeen City, Zone 13
- Aberdeenshire, Zone 12
- Angus, Zone 14
- Argyll and Bute, Zone 5
- City of Edinburgh, Zone 21
- Clackmannanshire, Zone 18
- Dumfries and Galloway, Zone 1
- Dundee City, Zone 2
- East Lothian, Zone 22
- Falkirk, Zone 19
- Fife, Zone 17
- Highland, Zone 7
- Inverclyde, Zone 4

Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, Zone 6
Moray, Zone 11
Na H-Eileanan an Tar, Zone 8
North Ayrshire, Zone 3
Orkney Islands, Zone 9
Perth and Kinross, Zone 16
Scottish Borders, Zone 23
Shetland Islands, Zone 10
South Ayrshire, Zone 2
West Lothian, Zone 20

The figure has two rectangle outlines superimposed over areas of the Firth of Forth and the River Tay on the map. Lines from both rectangles direct out to the right onto larger rectangles which show zoomed in areas from the corresponding rectangles superimposed over the map.

The zoomed in section of the River Tay (at a scale of 1: 900 000), includes local authority boundary lines with the identifying numbers 3, 9, 16 and 25. It also includes marine planning zone boundary lines with the identifying numbers 14, 15, 16 and 17.

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Each identified marine planning zone extends out from the coastline of each local authority's terrestrial boundary limits to a distance of 3 nautical miles, except in instances where a section of a marine planning zone meets the boundary of another marine planning zone as detailed below:

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Marine Planning Zone for Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park is entirely enclosed by Marine Planning Zone boundaries for Argyll and Bute and Inverclyde.

Marine Planning Zone for Inverclyde is entirely enclosed by Marine Planning Zone boundaries for Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park and Argyll and Bute.

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Marine Planning Zone for Highland, sections of which extend out to the Marine Planning Zone boundaries for Na H-Eileanan an Tar, Orkney Islands and Moray

Marine Planning Zone for Na H-Eileanan an Tar, sections of which extend out to the Marine Planning Zone boundaries for, Argyll and Bute and Highland

Marine Planning Zone for Orkney Islands, sections of which extend out to the Marine Planning Zone boundary for Highlands

Marine Planning Zone for Moray, sections of which extend out to the Marine Planning Zone boundaries for Highland

Marine Planning Zone for Angus, sections of which extend out to the Marine Planning Zone boundaries for Fife

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Marine Planning Zone for Fife, sections of which extend out to the Marine Planning Zone boundaries for Perth and Kinross, Dundee City, Angus, Clackmannanshire, Falkirk, West Lothian, City of Edinburgh and East Lothian.

Marine Planning Zone for Clackmannanshire is entirely enclosed by the Marine Planning Zone boundaries for Fife and Falkirk.

Marine Planning Zone for Falkirk is entirely enclosed by the Marine Planning Zone boundaries for Clackmannanshire, Fife and West Lothian.

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Marine Planning Zone for East Lothian, sections of which extend out to the Marine Planning Zone boundary for Fife.

There are a number of local authorities which contain islands located beyond 3 nautical miles of the main coastline of the local authority. In these instances islands have areas of the relevant marine planning zone which extend out to 3 nautical miles from the island's coastline, but are not directly connected the main area of the relevant marine planning zone. These islands are as follows:

St Kilda Islands, Flannan Isles, Rockall, Sula Sgier and North Rona - Marine Planning Zone for Na H-Eileanan an Tar

Sule Islands - Marine Planning Zone for Orkney Islands

Ham and Fair Isle - Marine Planning Zone for Shetland Islands

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Marine Planning Zone for Orkney Islands, sections of which extend out to the Marine Planning Zone boundary for Highlands and Shetland Islands

Marine Planning Zone for Shetland Islands, sections of which extend out to the Marine Planning Zone boundary for Orkney Islands

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