

# Scottish Marine Regions



## RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

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## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

**Q1. Do you believe that Scottish Marine Regions should be created for the purposes of regional marine planning?**

Yes  No

**Q2. Do you agree that for the first regional plans for those regions with large amounts of internal seas, the seaward boundary should be measured from MHWS? For subsequent plans a baseline boundary should be used.**

Yes  No

**Q3. The seaward limit of the Scottish Marine Regions boundaries within the west coast internal waters should be from MHWS to - (tick your preferred choice).**

3nm  6nm

**Q4. At least initially, planning for Strategic Sea Areas are not included within a Scottish Marine Region should be undertaken within the National Marine Plan.**

Yes  No

Roles and responsibilities are too ill defined to comment meaningfully

**Q5. What are the practical implications of any of the marine boundaries not being aligned?**

As above

**Q6. Should we align all marine boundaries?**

Yes  No

As above

**Q7 Do you support option 1?**

Yes  No

As above

**Q8. Do you support option 2?**

If you support option 2 do you wish SMR boundaries to be aligned with the boundaries established for:

IFG  or AAG

What do you believe are the benefits of option 2 over 1 and 3?

DO NOT SUPPORT

**Q9. Do you support option 3?**

Yes  No

Do you have any views on how the west coast should be split?(tick your preferred choice)

X should align with IFG   
X should align with AAG   
X should align with LA

Do you have any views on how the east coast should be split? (tick your preferred choice)

Y should align with AAG   
Y should align with IFG/LA

See additional input

**Q10. 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

**Q11. If you answered yes to Question 8 in what way do you believe that the creation of Scottish Marine Regions is discriminatory?**

Comments

**Additional Notes :**

As we noted in the 'Sustainable Seas For All' consultation, a major concern for us is that the current proposals are really too vague regarding the makeup, membership and powers

of SMRs – this makes it very difficult to decide on the basis by which they should be formed.

However, we do believe they should take into account and be representative of ALL local socio-economic activity and not just reflect the interests of the dominant commercial activities.

The participation process is meant to involve a wide range of stakeholders including key agencies – however, that once again highlights another major issue - who are the 'stakeholders', who will be represented, will all be treated equally ?

This is not our experience in the current management of the first 3 or 6 miles even though sea angling contributes the greatest contribution to Scottish household income of all users of that section of the marine region.

Consequently we could not support any form of alignment with IFGs or any other body in which the commercial fishing sector has excessive influence.

We are also somewhat concerned as to how effective the SMRs will be given that there will be two sets of legislation and statutory provisions as well as other major influences operating outside the region eg The Crown Estate, EU – CFP and other pan UK and EU marine protocols and initiatives.

The choice of 3 or 6 miles or 12 miles or whatever cannot really be made; there is insufficient detail regarding the relationships, roles and responsibilities that would then exist between the SMRs and the other external influences.

We are also concerned that the implementation of SMRs is following a similar pattern to that of the ill fated Marine Parks – it appears that once again there is no real vision and plan for the basis of their selection, their role, constitution, powers or accountability.

Indeed it is difficult to comprehend how all the necessary specialist research / advice / knowledge will be accrued in an SMR in order to ensure any decisions are based on fact rather than lobbying – failure in this area could lead to Scotland's marine environment being compromised for many decades more.

Given the current economic situation, lack of funding in Local Authorities, lack of marine planners and natural parochialism of vested interests etc, it is difficult to see how SMRs can viably operate in anything like a consistent manner - a marine 'post code' lottery appears to be the obvious outcome.