

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Q1. What are your views on the overall costs and savings identified in the Business and Regulatory Impact Assessments?

The impact assessment identifies very modest costs which we do not dispute, although we will keep these under review once the changes are enacted.

Q2. Do you agree with the registration process as described?

We very much support the principle of registration and the introduction of a more flexible approach to licensing; there is also a potential gain in that there will be less pressure on Marine Scotland and we assume that resources can be switched to other priorities.

Q3. If not, what changes would you propose to the process?

No changes to the process.

Q4. Do you agree that the listed activities should be registerable, rather than licensable?

Yes No

Q5. Do you have further comments regarding the activities listed above?

The five cases of activity considered for registration are fine as far as they go, but will probably only have a modest impact. If further activities are identified for registration, it would be helpful if the legislation was sufficiently flexible to cover these as well as at some point in the future. We would appreciate your comments on the feasibility of this.

Q6. Are there any other classes of activity that should be registerable?

Not at the moment, but please see answer to Q5 above.

Q7. Do agree that statutory consultees should not be specified in legislation for the pre-application consultation process?

Yes No

Q8. If not, which persons or bodies do you believe should be specified as statutory consultees for the pre-application consultation process?

Not applicable

Q9. Do you agree with the classes of activity that will be subject to pre-application consultation?

Yes No

Q10. If not, what activities would you add or remove from the list?

Not applicable.

Q11. Do you believe that the above proposals discriminate disproportionately between persons defined by age, disability, sexual orientation, gender, race and religion and belief?

Yes No

Q12. If you answered yes to Question 11, in what way do you believe the proposals to be discriminatory?

Not applicable