

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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

We have no specific comments on the impact assessments. We strongly support any initiative which keeps costs and administrative burden to a minimum for all stakeholders.

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

Yes, we believe this to be a sensible and workable proposal

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

N/A

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?

Only that the list is short and prescriptive – we imagine that this consultation may identify a number of other activities for registration. However, from our perspective as Harbour Authority, most of our concerns are already addresses through the existing exemptions / proposed registrations.

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

Seabed sampling in connection with licence applications and a Harbour Authorities duties to monitor / maintain the good environmental status of their areas of responsibility.

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?

However, a suggested list should be included in the guidance (which would not be prescriptive – see answer above). Statutory Harbour Authorities should be included in the guidance.

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?

None – but No. 7 potentially makes this an open ended list. In some cases the applicant may see benefit in pre-consultation for projects not covered in items 1-6, and might seek voluntary pre-consultation following discussion with “The Minister” (Marine Scotland), effectively invoking No.7. Consideration could be given to formalising this, at least within the guidance.

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?

N/A