

Have your say on the Arran MPA!

Public Consultation: South Arran Marine Protected Area Proposal

Please complete this 2 page form and hand it in to the Brodick Tourist Information Office (or post to Marine Scotland at the address below). The questions are based on Marine Scotland's public MPA network consultation response form. You can also complete the response form online and find out more about the Arran MPA at www.arrancoast.com. The public consultation ends on 13 November 2013.

Do you support the development of an MPA network in Scotland's Seas with 3 MPAs in the Clyde? Yes No

The following questions are for the *South Arran* possible Nature Conservation MPA

What do you think about the location and size of the proposed South Arran MPA?

Comments

I think it is possibly larger than is necessary at this stage. There is little need for it around the reefs of Kildonan & the South end. Dredging is a real problem of Brodick, Corrie & Saunax.

What should the management measures be for the proposed South Arran MPA?

Comments

Strict limits on any catch. Regard to breeding seasons, adult fish to be taken only & no lobsters to be taken that are carrying eggs. All subject to substantial fines if caught. No commercial fishing boats allowed. Some sort of fisheries protection monitoring is essential.

What social and economic effects do you think the South Arran MPA will have?

Comments

Eventually the fishing should improve and catching by rod and line will become re-established, with a boost to tourism. eg Brodick therefore Brodick Bay needs protection.

Any other comments

Some "no-catch zones" should be established within the MPA.