

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 It is imperative to make every effort to repair the damage done by man to his environment. If expert opinion suggests that effort and money spent on this area will be effective then we should try.

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

Comments Perhaps the Coastguard should be responsible for enforcing whatever rules are adopted but these rules should not be 'guidance'. Conduct should have the backing of law with sizable and enforceable fines for convicted offenders; perhaps even the confiscation of equipment including boats.

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

Comments Perhaps very few in the short term; an increase in angling may be. In the long term an increase in fish stock leading to a sustainable annual 'take'.

Any other comments Should efforts to successful legal protection from predation from foreign 'pirates' must be prevented. British courts must be empowered to try accused of whatever nationality with confiscation of equipment being the standard penalty.