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Response from Kintyre Static Gear Fishermens Association

I write on behalf of my members who are mostly static gear fishermen , although I represent members who fish both static and mobile gear throughout the year.

Please find our responses listed below.

Loch Sween – we believe that the status quo should exist and there should be no removal of effort by mobile and static gear fishermen. We believe further scientific evidence is necessary before there is any changes to fishing patterns.

Upper Loch Fyne – as Loch Sween with the added information that this fishery is vital to the Kintyre fleet in winter months due to weather restrictions. It should also be noted that this fishery has been fished sustainably over many years by the local fishing communities.

Sound of Jura – as Loch Sween.

South Arran – as Loch Sween with additional comment that we believe that as this area has been fished sustainably over a number of years by local fishing vessels and communities , there appears no logic to the recommendations.

Yours faithfully

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