

Proposed fisheries management measures
within Scottish inshore Marine Protected
Areas (MPAs) and proposed Priority Marine
Feature (PMF) management areas

Responding to the consultation using
Citizen Space

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Introduction

As part of the consultation on fisheries management measures within Scottish inshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and proposed Priority Marine Feature (PMF) management areas, the Citizen Space platform will be used to allow respondents to provide their input. To aid navigation of the platform, allowing respondents to choose the sites and areas that matter to them the geospatial tool will be used. This is the same tool that was used when consulting on measures within offshore MPAs.

For the purpose of this consultation MPAs are referred to as sites and the proposed PMF management areas as areas.

The geospatial tool allows respondents to see the sites and areas on an interactive map. This means the boundaries of the sites can be seen in relation to Scotland's wider seas, and users can go directly to the sites and areas they want to comment on.

The platform should look familiar to respondents who have responded to previous consultations. Respondents follow the same steps as other consultations. At all stages, a text-based navigation option is available.

If respondents do not wish to complete the consultation online, other formats are available. If you wish to respond in another format please contact marine_biodiversity@gov.scot.

Beginning the consultation

The consultation homepage is available on [Citizen Space](#)

The homepage provides an overview of the consultation. It also provides links to the assessments and documents related to the consultation. A link to a page showing the engagement activities being run to support respondents is also on this page.

You are invited to answer all the questions, however you may answer as many or as few as you wish. We recommend reading the full suite of documents. If you are unable to answer any question, or would prefer not to, then please feel free to skip and move on to the next most relevant question.

Two ways to navigate to the specific sites and areas being consulted on are offered. You can navigate to these sites and areas by geographic

marine region, or by the gear types affected. All sites and areas can be navigated to through either method. Your answers will be treated the same way no matter which option you choose.

You must choose which navigation method you would like to use before you can respond to the consultation. You cannot change the method you use once you begin responding to the consultation. If you do not want to respond to specific sites and areas it does not matter which method you choose.

You can save your progress at any time, and return to the consultation later.

Choosing how to respond

You can choose to navigate the consultation by gear type or by marine region. You can respond to any and all of the sites and areas whichever you choose. We will ask the same questions about each site and area whichever you choose. The only difference is how you will navigate to the sites or areas you want to respond to. You do not have to respond to any sites or areas if you do not want to.

Once you have started a version of the consultation you will need to finish it by completing the 'about you' section for those answers to be considered in analysis.

Your answers will be treated the same whichever option you pick.

[Respond and navigate the consultation by marine region](#)

[Respond and navigate the consultation by fishing gear type](#)

Structure

The consultation is structured to ask about your general feelings on the measures first. It then asks for your opinions on the documents and impact assessments. Finally you will be able to choose any specific sites or areas you want to see the specific measures for, and provide your thoughts on.

General high level questions

The first section of the consultation is the same regardless of which navigation option you choose.

When you begin the consultation you will be asked about your general feelings on the measures. You can provide both multiple choice and open text responses.

The second page will ask for your views on the sustainability appraisal. Again you can provide responses both through multiple choice and open text.

The third page will ask for feedback on the other evaluations and assessments conducted to explore the impacts of the proposed measures. You can provide this feedback through open text responses.

At the end of the third page you will be asked if you wish to comment on specific sites and areas. If you choose 'yes' here you will be able to navigate to any sites or areas you want to provide comments on, and to view where these sites and areas are through the geospatial tool. If you choose 'no' here you will be taken to a page checking you have told us everything you would like to.

15. Do you wish to comment on the measures proposed for any specific sites or areas?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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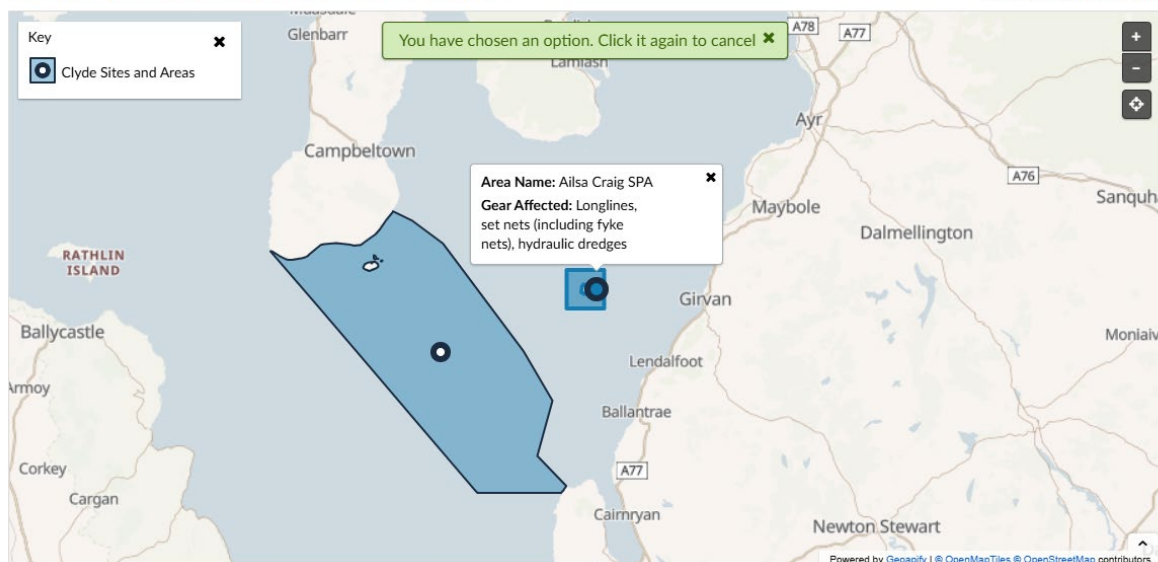
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You can zoom in and move around the map to see the approximate boundaries of each site and area. You can click a site or area to see its name, and what gear types it will affect. You can click it again to deselect it. Each site or area will have a circular 'node' indicating that it is selectable. Sites and areas with multiple parts will have one node for each part, but the entirety of it will be selected if you select any part of it.

When you select a site or area, its name and which gear types it may affect will be shown. While you have a site or area selected, you can click 'continue' to go to the site/area specific page, see more details on that site or area, and provide your input on the proposed measures.

36. Please select the site or area you wish to respond to

Go to the [Text Version](#)



If at any point you would prefer to see the sites and areas for a given marine region or gear type in a list, you can click 'continue' without having selected a site or area in the map. On the list pages when navigating by marine region, drop-down boxes will allow you to see which sites or areas will affect each gear type. When navigating by gear type, these drop-down boxes will instead show which marine region each site or area is in.



You can see which sites and areas will affect a gear type by selecting the gear type from the options below. Some sites and areas overlap with others that have their own proposed management measures. Details of these overlaps are provided on the individual site or area pages.

► [Demersal Trawls and Seines](#)

► [Fyke Nets](#)

► [Hydraulic Dredges](#)

► [Longlines](#)

► [Mechanical Dredges](#)

► [Set Nets](#)

37. Which site or area would you like to respond to?

- ☐ Ailsa Craig SPA
- ☐ Ardlamont Point (Cowal) proposed PMF management area
- ☐ Clyde Sea Sill MPA
- ☐ Gourock (Inverclyde) proposed PMF management area
- ☐ Inchmarnock (Bute) proposed PMF management area
- ☐ Kyles of Bute proposed PMF management area
- ☐ Loch Long, Upper (Argyll) proposed PMF management area
- ☐ Merkland (Arran) proposed PMF management area
- ☐ Sannox (Arran) proposed PMF management area
- ☐ Scalpsay Bay, Gallachan Bay, and Stravannan Bay (Bute) proposed PMF management area
- ☐ Skipness Point (Kintyre) proposed PMF management area

Responding to specific sites and areas

On the site and area specific pages you will see a description of the site or area. This will include where it is, what features it exists to protect, and what measures are proposed. Maps showing the boundaries of the site or area, the measures proposed, and the location of the features are also provided. For Nature Conservation Marine Protected Areas (NCMPAs), Special protection Areas (SPAs), and Special Conservation Areas (SACs) the condition of the features will be provided.

Below the information on the site or area, there will be questions on the proposed fisheries management options under consideration. For sites and areas with two options proposed you can choose which option you prefer, or to indicate you do not support either option. For sites and areas with one option proposed you can choose whether you support, oppose, or are neutral to the proposed option. In all cases you can then provide written feedback on the options proposed.

At the end of each site and area specific page you can choose to either respond to another site or area, or finish the consultation.

114. Would you like to respond to another site or area?

- ☐ Yes, I want to choose another site or area in the Clyde region
- ☐ Yes, I want to choose a site or area in another marine region
- ☐ No, take me to the end of the consultation

If you choose to respond to another site or area you will be taken back to the gear type or marine region selection page. If you choose to finish the consultation you will be taken to a page confirming you have told us everything you want to.

You can respond to as many or as few sites and areas as you want. You can choose to save your responses and continue later at any time. If you choose to do this you will be sent an email with a link to continue your response at a time that best suits you.

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Confirming you have told us everything you want to

When you have told us you do not want to respond to any more questions you will be taken to a page to confirm that this is the case. If you confirm that you have told us everything you want to then you will be taken to the 'about you' section. If you would like to tell us more, then you can select either of the 'no' options. You can also provide us with any other information you have not yet told us on this page.

619. Have you responded to everything you want to?

- ☐ Yes, I have
- ☐ No, take me back to the 'select a gear type' page
- ☐ No, take me back to the questions on measures in general

620. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Please tell us here

If you have any data, images, or other documents you want to share as part of your response please send them to marine_biodiversity@gov.scot

If you want to provide additional data, images, or other information to add to your response you can email it to us at marine_biodiversity@gov.scot. If you choose to do this please include your unique response ID in the email.

About you

Once you have told us everything you would like to about the proposed measures, we need to ask for some information to ensure we handle your response in the way you would like us to. To find out how we handle your personal data, please see our [privacy policy](#).

Evaluation

We also ask for your thoughts on the consultation itself. This is an opportunity to provide feedback on the consultation process and platform. This information helps us improve our consultations.

Almost done

This page confirms you are about to submit your response. Once you click 'submit' you will not be able to go back into the consultation and change your responses.

After submitting

You will receive an email with an individual response reference number. If you want to contact us about your response, you will need to quote this number so that we can locate your response.

We look forward to hearing your input on the proposed fisheries management measures.