

MARINE SCOTLAND



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INTRODUCTION

- **Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 & UK legislation**
- **First statutory basis for marine planning**
- **UK, national, regional tiers**
- **Framework to manage demand for marine resources**
- **Integrating environmental and socio-economic considerations**
- **Cummulative effects**

CONTENT OF LEGISLATION

- Policies for and in connection with sustainable development
- Out to 200 nautical miles – within framework of MPS
- Coverage of reserved issues – with agreement
- Delegation of regional planning
- Enforcement and authorisation decisions
- Coherence with adjoining plans (marine & terrestrial)
- Evidence base
- Consultation & Parliamentary scrutiny (adoption)
- Challenge

PROGRESS SO FAR

- UK Marine Policy Statement published
- Scotland's Marine Atlas published
- Scottish Marine Regions consultation & governance paper
- Sectoral marine plan for offshore wind energy
- Ongoing process of MPA development
- Pre-consultation version of national plan published
 - Socio-economic, marine ecosystem and climate change objectives
 - Approach to sustainable development
 - Interactions matrix
 - Sectoral chapters – key challenges, objectives, current situation, environmental and economic impacts, spatial constraints, future (short, medium, long)

Marine Environment

Conservation

Sustainably manage our seas using a three pillar approach

Wild salmon and freshwater fisheries

Sustainably manage and identify priority areas

Tourism and Recreation

Enhance and develop opportunities for marine recreation

Transport

Deliver lifeline services & protect the £1.5bn contribution of Scotland's ports to the its economy

Achieve Good Environmental Status by 2020

Aquaculture

Increase finfish production by 50% and shellfish production by 100% by 2020

Renewables

Provide 10 Giga Watts of capacity by 2020 in place and under construction

Ports

Ensure facilities are available to support renewables and lifeline services

Oil and Gas

Sustain approx 200,000 Scottish jobs in the industry

Fishing

Fish all stocks at Maximum Sustainable yield, sustaining stocks, the industry and coastal communities

Water and Coastal

Protect the coast against change and flooding; safeguard water resources and improve wastewater quality

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NEXT STEPS

- **National Marine planning**
 - Integration (including terrestrial planning)
 - More direction
 - Spatial expression
 - Incorporating sectoral planning & further development
 - Gaps in evidence base
 - Delivery of Good Environmental Status
 - Sustainability appraisal
 - Consultation and introduction 2012
- **Regional planning**
 - Discussions with partners
 - Setting boundaries
 - Developing and resourcing marine planning partnerships
 - Role of regional offices and central resources

Further information

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