



Dublin, 20 April 2017

Subject: Progress on 8 MPAs in UK North Western Waters

Dear Mr McLeod,

Thank you for your letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2017, concerning 8 MPAs in UK North Western Waters.

The NWWAC has facilitated the presentation of regular updates from the initiating Member State regarding these proposals and is aware that individual member organisations of the NWWAC have provided independent input at workshops and responses to consultation from the Scottish Government.

The NWWAC looks forward to receiving a formal consultation request (as per the CFP Art 11.2 / Art 18.2 procedure) and would be grateful to be informed when such a consultation of the NWWAC can be expected and where it occurs in the process you propose in your letter.

In general, the NWWAC aims to provide a response approximately 8 weeks after receiving formal consultation documents (in English, French and Spanish). It has just completed an informal consultation response for 12 UK MPAs in the Irish Sea, the Channel and the Western Approaches.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman of the Executive Committee of the North Western Waters Advisory Council

Cc: North Western Waters Member States representatives

