

# Planning Scotland's Seas Consultation 25 July to 14 November 2013



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- National Marine Plan
- Offshore Renewable Energy Plan
- Marine Protected Areas Network
- Priority Marine Features
- Integration with Terrestrial Planning



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## Engagement

- Web publications
- Public events in cities / towns
- Sectoral Meetings
- Drop-in sessions for each inshore MPA proposal

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# **Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 & Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009**



- **Duty to have a MPA network**
- **Power to designate MPAs**
- **Duties and powers to protect any MPAs**
- **Power to take account of socio-economics**

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# Marine Protected Areas

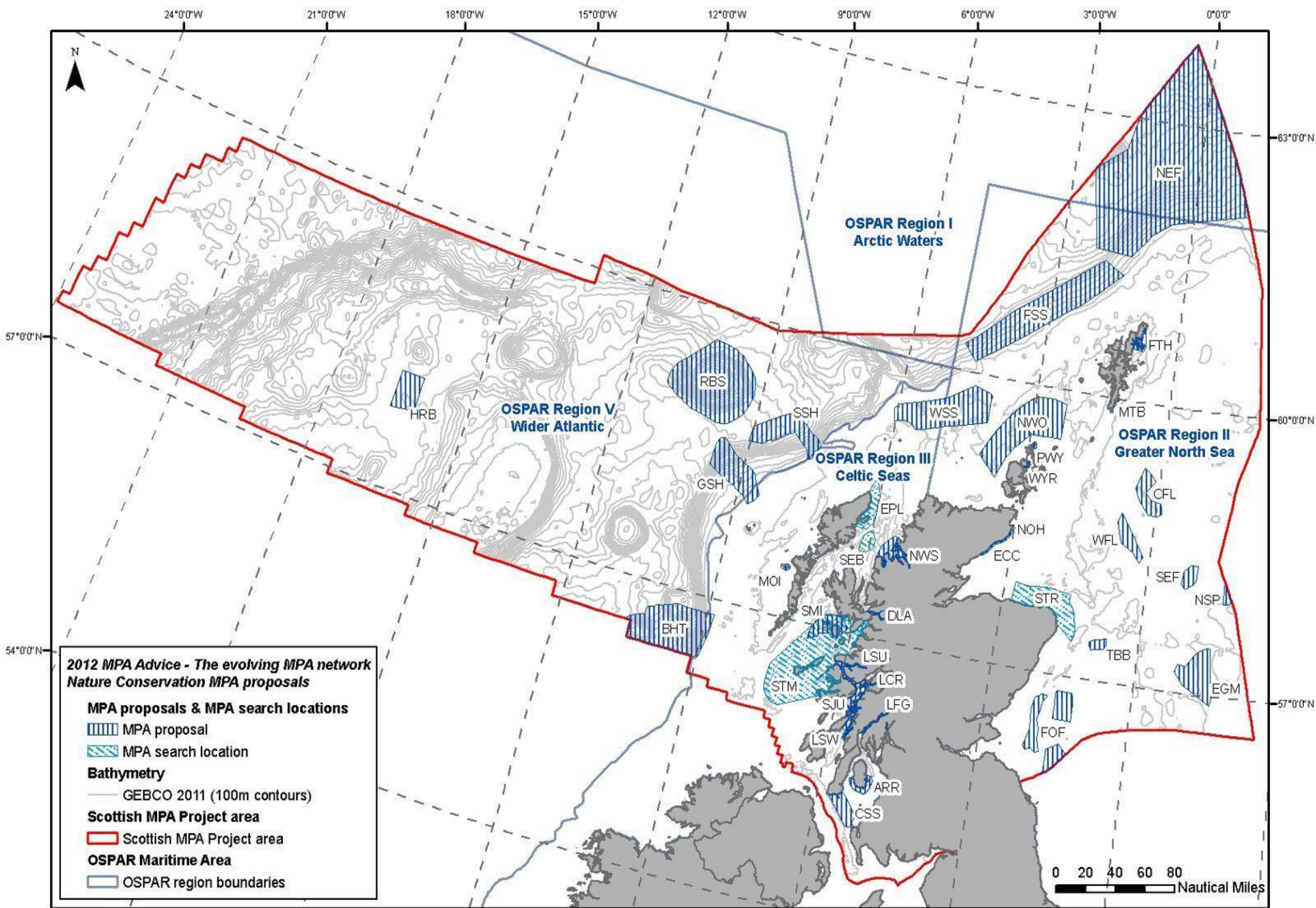
## Report to Parliament December 2012



- 33 Nature Conservation MPA proposals
- 16 (+ 2 partials) in NWWRAC area
- 10 are in waters of UK exclusive access
- 6 are offshore
- 4 MPA search locations under consideration
- Acknowledged work still to do (SACs + SPAs)

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Map projected in Europe Albers Equal Area Conic (Modified Standard Parallels - Standard Parallel 1 = 50.2; Standard Parallel 2 = 56.5). The exact limits of the UK Continental Shelf are set out in orders made under section 1(7) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964 (©Crown Copyright). Coastline ©Crown copyright and database right [2012]. All rights reserved. Ordnance Survey Licence number 100017908. Bathymetry ©GEBCO. NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION. MPA network ©SNH, JNCC and Marine Scotland. 07.12.12. All rights reserved.

# Pre consultation



- **Began in Bilbao in April**
- **Awareness raising**
- **Initial management discussions**
- **Consideration of the option sites**
- **Ending here in Dublin!**

# The consultation



Suite of papers for each MPA proposal;

- Site summary
- Detailed assessment
- Data confidence
- Impact assessment
- Management options

Continue management discussions

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# Post consultation



- Analysis of responses
- Issue resolution
- Advice to Ministers
- Designation decisions
  - Ministers can take account of socio-economics

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# Longer term aims



## Complete the MPA network –

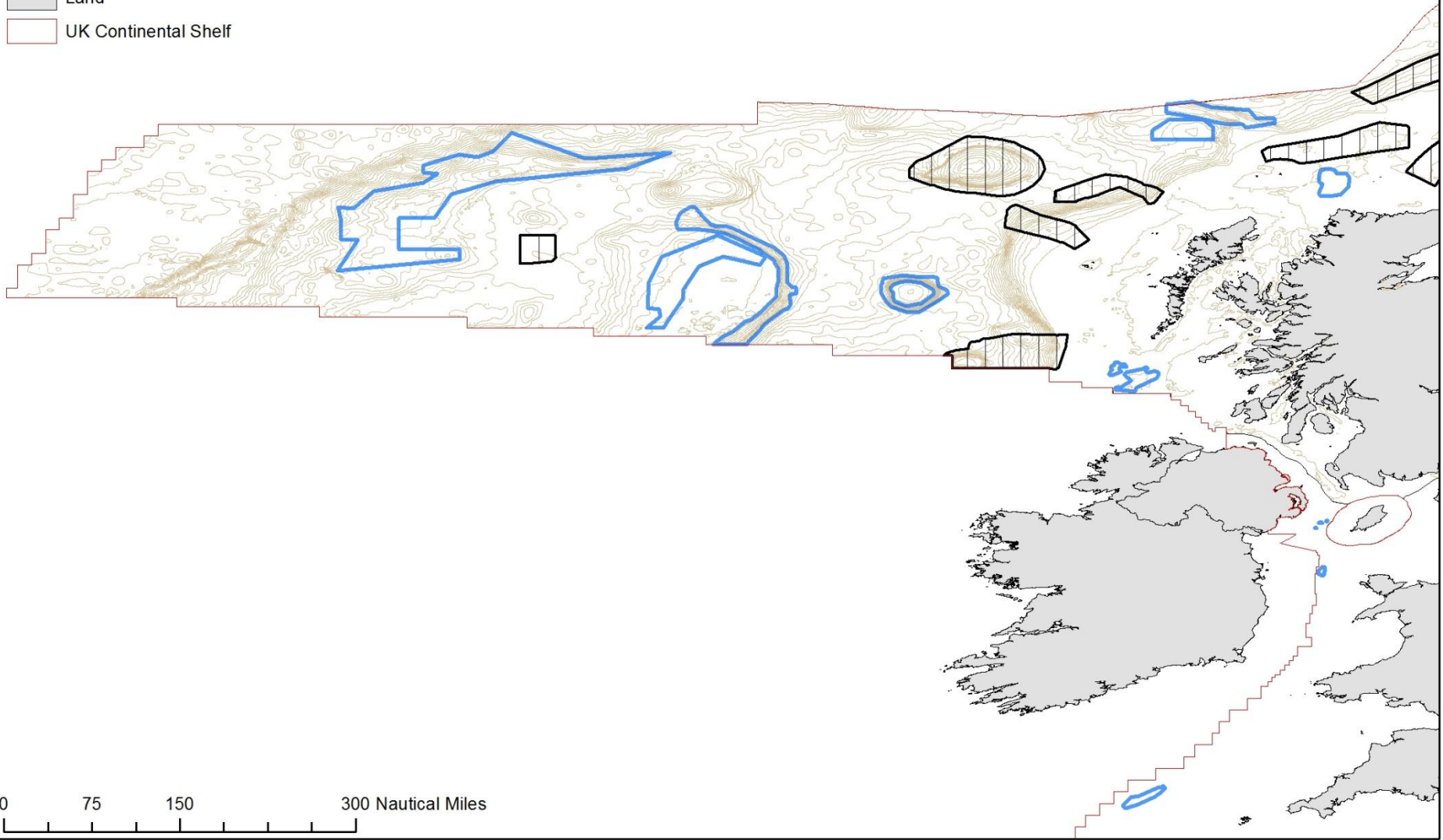
- 1<sup>st</sup> designations (early 2014?)
- Progress the remaining search locations ( by 2014)
- Complete SAC and SPA actions (by 2015)

## Manage the network (by 2016) -

- Develop management plans (MPAs, SACs, SPAs)
- Implement any statutory measures – CFP offshore

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-  Possible Scottish MPAs
-  Offshore SACs
-  Gebco Bathymetry - 100m contour line
-  Land
-  UK Continental Shelf



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