

SCHEDULE 1
PREPARATION, ADOPTION ETC. OF MARINE PLANS OR ANY AMENDMENT

Advice and assistance

- 7 (1) In connection with the preparation of a national marine plan or (as the case may be) a regional marine plan, or of any proposals for any such plan, the Scottish Ministers may seek advice or assistance from any body or person in relation to any matter in which the body or person has particular expertise.
- (2) The steps that the Scottish Ministers may take for the purposes of facilitating the involvement of interested persons in—
- (a) the development of proposals for inclusion in a proposed national marine plan or regional marine plan,
 - (b) consultation in connection with such proposals,
- include the convening of groups of persons for such purposes and in such manner as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.