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MARINE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT: THE SCOTTISH MARINE PROTECTION AREA

Demonstration and Research MPAs

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- (1) An area may be designated by a designation order as a Demonstration and Research MPA if the Scottish Ministers consider it desirable to do so for any of the following purposes—
 - (a) demonstration of sustainable methods of marine management or exploitation,
 - (b) research into such matters.
- (2) The order must state—
 - (a) whether it is for the purpose of demonstration or research, or both,
 - (b) the method or methods of marine management or exploitation to be demonstrated or researched.
- (3) In considering whether to designate an area, the Scottish Ministers may—
 - (a) have regard in particular to the views of any relevant delegate as to the desirability of demonstrating or researching sustainable methods of marine management or exploitation in the area,
 - (b) have regard to any social or economic consequences of designation.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3)(a), a “relevant delegate” means any delegate designated in a direction under section 12(1)(b) to exercise functions in relation to a regional marine plan for the Scottish marine region in which any part of the proposed Demonstration and Research MPA lies.