

*These notes refer to the Marine Act (Northern Ireland) 2013  
(c.10) which received Royal Assent on 17 September 2013*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 2: Marine Planning**

##### *Section 7: Duty to keep relevant matters under review*

This section requires the Department to keep under review matters which may affect its functions of identifying marine plan areas and preparing etc. marine plans. This is to ensure that the Department stays up to date with what is happening in the Northern Ireland inshore region, in order to make effective planning decisions.

Subsection (2) sets out a non-exhaustive list of the matters which the Department must keep under review.

Subsection (3) further requires the Department to consider how the matters described in subsection (2) might be expected to change, and the effect that any such changes might have on the Northern Ireland inshore region and its sustainable development.