



2013 CHAPTER 10

Part 2

Marine Planning

Marine plans

Withdrawal of marine plan

6.—(1) A marine plan may be withdrawn at any time, but only in accordance with the following provisions of this section.

(2) If, after consultation with the other relevant Northern Ireland departments, the Department decides to withdraw a marine plan—

- (a) it is to publish notice of the withdrawal of the plan in the Belfast Gazette, and
- (b) the marine plan is withdrawn as from the date on which the notice is so published.

(3) If at any time the Secretary of State decides to withdraw agreement previously given under paragraph 15(2) of Schedule 1 to a marine plan—

- (a) the Secretary of State is to give notice of that decision to the Department,
- (b) within 7 days of receiving that notice, the Department must publish notice of the withdrawal of the marine plan in the Belfast Gazette, and
- (c) the marine plan is withdrawn as from the date on which the notice is so published.

(4) Where a marine plan is withdrawn under this section, the Department must—

- (a) publish notice of the withdrawal of the marine plan on the Department's website; and
 - (b) take such further steps as it considers appropriate to secure that the withdrawal of the marine plan is brought to the attention of interested persons.
- (5) In this section "interested persons" means—
- (a) any persons appearing to the Department to be likely to be interested in, or affected by, the withdrawal of the marine plan, and
 - (b) members of the general public.