

Given the potential for economic impacts on established marine activities and coastal communities reliant on these activities, the Council requests that Scottish Government give full consideration to the potential for some form of marine 'compensation management scheme', akin to land based schemes which provide payment for agricultural practices benefitting biodiversity. While it is considered that this type of approach has added complications at sea as a largely shared resource, the potential for rewarding good stewardship with financial incentives is worth exploring as an option to help mitigate economic impacts on activities affected by MPA designation.

Please also see comments in response to question 1 above.