

Scottish Government submission of 8 September 2023

PE2034/A: Stop the current proposals for Highly Protected Marine Areas (HPMAs) in Scotland

Thank you for the chance to comment on PE2034 titled “Stop the current proposals for Highly Protected Marine Areas (HMPAs) in Scotland”.

I note this petition was published on 20 June 2023. I would like to draw the Committee’s attention to a statement made to Parliament on 29 June 2023 by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition ([Meeting of the Parliament: recent/publication | Scottish Parliament Website](#)). In that statement the Cabinet Secretary explained that the HPMA proposals which the Scottish Government had consulted on would not be progressed.

The Cabinet Secretary also committed to ensuring the Parliament is kept fully informed and will provide an update as soon as possible.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Marine Directorate