

Brian McKenna submission of 22 August 2022

PE1951/G: Reinstate inshore coastal limit on the use of dredge and trawl fishing gears

I would like to include my name in support of the above petition to reinstate the banning of towed fishing gear within inshore marine environment.

I have been scuba diving in the Clyde for the last 20 years, as a member of the Scottish sub-aqua club. I and my fellow club members have witnessed the destruction of towed fishing gear on almost every dive we carry out.

In my view, the evidence is clear that this fishing method is nothing less than environmental vandalism. There appears to be absolutely no thought given to any other considerations but their catch. This must stop. The Scottish Government has the power to do this.

For everyone and everything that lives in the inshore environment, I believe the limit must be reinstated.