Overview of a public consultation on proposed amendments to the boundaries of two Special Areas of Conservation in the North Sea: Braemar Pockmarks & Scanner Pockmark

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Summary

Thank you for taking the time to consider this consultation paper and for sharing your views. This document summarises important information about the consultation being run by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) on behalf of Marine Scotland (Scottish Government) for:

- Proposed amendment to the boundary of Braemar Pockmarks SAC and
- Proposed amendment to the boundary of Scanner Pockmark SAC.

How long is the consultation open?
For both proposals the consultation is open for 8 weeks between 25th August 2017 and midnight on the 17th November 2017.

How do I respond and get involved in the consultation?
The easiest way to respond is to fill out the on-line SmartSurvey consultation response form provided here: [http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BraemarPockmarksSAC_ScannerPockmarkSAC_BoundaryAmendmentSurvey/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BraemarPockmarksSAC_ScannerPockmarkSAC_BoundaryAmendmentSurvey/)

We will accept electronic versions of this survey completed by taking a copy of Annex A of this document, adding your comments and sending the copy by email to OffshoreMPAs@jncc.gov.uk (with Braemar/Scanner consultation response in the subject line). We will also accept written responses to Annex A of this document if posted to:

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Marine Protected Sites Team,
JNCC,
Monkstone House,
City Road,
Peterborough,
PE1 1JY

JNCC can make copies of the consultation material to post on CD or in printed form on request (email: OffshoreMPAs@jncc.gov.uk or contact us by phone or via our postal address):

01733 562 626

If you know of any interested party who does not have access to the internet, please encourage them to contact us by phone or post and we will send out the consultation materials in an appropriate format.

What documents should I read to answer these questions?
In addition to this overview, a number of documents provide further details on the scientific case underpinning the proposed amendments to the boundary of the Braemar Pockmarks SAC and Scanner Pockmark SAC ([Braemar](#) and [Scanner](#) Selection Assessment Documents; [Braemar](#) and [Scanner](#) Boundary Justification Documents), potential economic costs ([Braemar](#) and [Scanner](#) Impact Assessment Screening Documents) and draft
conservation advice packages (for Braemar and Scanner). A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document has also been produced.

**How will my response be considered?**
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) are required to meet obligations under the EC Habitats Directive whereby decisions can only be made on the basis of the scientific evidence presented. Where socio-economic issues are highlighted this information can only be used to inform Ministers on the possible impacts of accepting the proposed boundary amendments to the sites.
Introduction

UK seas are home to some of the most biologically diverse habitats\(^1\) and species\(^2\) in Europe. Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) are one of the tools that can help us to protect the marine environment, whilst also enabling its sustainable use\(^3\), ensuring it remains healthy and contributes to our society for generations to come.

The Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) is a statutory advisor to the UK Government and the Devolved Administrations, responsible for identifying and providing conservation advice\(^4\) on MPAs in UK offshore waters (beyond 12 nautical miles from the coast). One of our roles is to advise Marine Scotland (Scottish Government) on marine Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)\(^5\) in Scottish offshore waters.

In summer 2017, JNCC submitted the scientific case for amending the site boundaries of two existing Special Areas of Conservation in Scotland’s offshore marine environment: Braemar Pockmarks SAC and Scanner Pockmark SAC (Figure 1). These amendments were proposed on the basis of an improved understanding of the distribution and extent of the protected feature of these sites (the Annex I habitat Submarine structures made by leaking gases) within and in close proximity to the existing SACs.

Marine Scotland accepted the scientific case presented by JNCC and requested that JNCC carry out a public consultation on the proposed amendments to the boundaries of these two sites. This document provides the context behind the public consultation.

Braemar Pockmarks SAC was submitted to the European Commission (EU) in 2008 seeking protection of the Annex I habitat ‘Submarine structures made by leaking gases’. JNCC previously consulted upon this site in 2007 and a full impact assessment (IA) was undertaken at that time. The EU confirmed the area as a ‘Site of Community Importance’ (SCI) in 2009 and it was designated as a SAC under UK regulations in 2015. Further information on the Braemar Pockmarks SAC is available on JNCC’s Site Information Centre.

Scanner Pockmark SAC was submitted to the European Commission (EU) in 2008 seeking protection of the Annex I habitat ‘Submarine structures made by leaking gases’. JNCC previously consulted upon this site in 2007 and a full impact assessment (IA) was undertaken at that time. The EU confirmed the area as a ‘Site of Community Importance’ (SCI) in 2009 and it was designated as a SAC under UK regulations in 2015. Further information on the Scanner Pockmark SAC is available on JNCC’s Site Information Centre.

\(^1\) http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-1529
\(^2\) http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-1592
\(^3\) http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-1528
\(^4\) http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-6849
\(^5\) http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-1445
Figure 1: Map showing UK MPAs and the areas of focus for this consultation.
How to respond to the consultation

What is the purpose of the consultation?

This public consultation is primarily seeking views on the scientific case underpinning the proposed amendments to boundaries of the Braemar Pockmarks Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and the Scanner Pockmark SAC. We are also seeking a view on the potential economic costs of the proposed boundary amendments, their accuracy and the contents and presentation of JNCC’s draft conservation advice packages.

After the end of the consultation period, JNCC will report to Marine Scotland on the responses we receive. In preparing our report to Marine Scotland, JNCC will take into consideration all responses received.

Please note that subsequent decisions by Scottish Ministers on whether to accept the proposed boundary amendments to the sites may only take into account views on the scientific evidence base underpinning the proposed site boundary amendments. Where socio-economic issues are highlighted during the consultation, this information can only be used to inform Scottish Ministers on the possible impacts of accepting the proposed boundary amendments to the sites.

How long is the consultation?

The consultation period will be open between the 25th August 2017 and 17th November 2017 (midnight).

Who can respond to this consultation?

It is a public consultation to which any individual or organisation is welcome to provide a response.

How do I respond and get involved in the consultation?

The easiest way to respond is to fill out the on-line SmartSurvey consultation response form provided here: http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BraemarPockmarksSAC_ScannerPockmarkSAC_BoundaryAmendmentSurvey/

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What documents should I read before answering these questions?

**Braemar Pockmarks SAC**

For the consultation on the Braemar Pockmarks SAC proposed boundary amendment, all information about the proposal is provided on the JNCC SAC consultation webpages.

We would like to draw your attention to these documents that are also provided on the webpage:

- the *Boundary Amendment Document¹*, which sets out the scientific case for the proposed amendment to the site boundary,
- the *Pre Impact Assessment Screening and Record Document²* which provides a brief assessment of the potential economic impacts of the proposal, and
- the *Selection Assessment Document³* and *Conservation Objective and Advice on Operations⁴* for the revised site proposal.

Further Information on Braemar Pockmarks SAC is available on JNCC’s [Site Information Centre](http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/).

¹ [http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SB3_BoundaryAmendment_Braemar_v1.0.pdf](http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SB3_BoundaryAmendment_Braemar_v1.0.pdf)
² [http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SB5_IAScreening_Braemar_v1.0.pdf](http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SB5_IAScreening_Braemar_v1.0.pdf)
³ [http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SB4_SACSAD_Braemar_v5.0.pdf](http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SB4_SACSAD_Braemar_v5.0.pdf)
⁴ [http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SB6_ConservationAdvice_Braemar_v5.0.pdf](http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SB6_ConservationAdvice_Braemar_v5.0.pdf)
**Scanner Pockmark SAC**
For the consultation on the Scanner Pockmark SAC proposed boundary amendment, all information about the proposal is provided on the [JNCC SAC consultation webpages](#).

We would like to draw your attention to the following documents that are also available via the webpage:

- the [Boundary Amendment Document](#), which sets out the scientific case for the proposed amendment to the site boundary,
- the [Pre Impact Assessment Screening and Record Document](#) which provides a brief assessment of the potential economic impacts of the proposal, and
- the [Selection Assessment Document](#) and [Conservation Objective and Advice on Operations](#) for the revised site proposal.

Further information on the Scanner Pockmark SAC is available on [JNCC’s Site Information Centre](#).

1 [http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SB3_BoundaryAmendment_Scanner_v1.0.pdf](http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SB3_BoundaryAmendment_Scanner_v1.0.pdf)
2 [http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SB5_IAScreening_Scanner_v1.0.pdf](http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SB5_IAScreening_Scanner_v1.0.pdf)
3 [http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SB4_SACSAD_Scanner_v5.0.pdf](http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SB4_SACSAD_Scanner_v5.0.pdf)

**Confidentiality**
The Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires all information contained in any consultation response be subject to publication or disclosure. At the end of the consultation period copies of the responses we receive may be made publicly available, or the information they contain may be published on our website in a summary of responses. If you wish to request that information given in response to the consultation be kept confidential, this will only be possible if it is consistent with freedom of information obligations.

A report collating all responses made during the public consultation, together with any recommendations on actions to be taken as a result of this consultation, will be provided to Marine Scotland (and subsequently Scottish Ministers) who will consider this report before considering whether it is desirable to formally accept the proposals to amend the site boundaries.

**Data Protection**
Any personal information you provide to JNCC will be used and stored in line with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998. We will use your information only for the purposes of this consultation, as described above.
**Summary of proposals**

**Braemar Pockmarks SAC**

**Designated feature:** Annex I Submarine structures made by leaking gases

**Current size of the SAC:** 5.18km²

**Size of the SAC with proposed amendment to the boundary:** 11.43km²

The Braemar pockmarks are a series of crater-like depressions on the sea floor, some of which contain verified records of the Annex I habitat Submarine structures made by leaking gases (Gafeira & Long 2015). In this location, large blocks, pavements slabs and smaller fragments of methane-derived authigenic carbonate (MDAC) have been deposited through a process of precipitation during the oxidation of methane gas (Judd 2001).

The name of the site originates from its proximity to the Braemar oil field in the northern North Sea, approximately 240 km east of the Orkney Islands. The site is situated to the north of the Witch Ground Basin at a water depth of approximately 120 m. The pockmarks within the site are shallow, ovoid, seabed depressions, several metres across, which were likely formed by the venting of biogenic/petrogenic fluids or gases into the water column (Hovland & Judd 1988). Most of the pockmarks in the Witch Ground Basin occur where the seabed is composed of very soft muds; the pockmarks in Braemar Pockmarks SAC occur where the seabed is firmer, slightly coarser sediments (Gafiera & Long 2015).

Braemar Pockmarks SAC was submitted to the European Commission (EU) in 2008 seeking protection of the Annex I habitat ‘Submarine structures made by leaking gases’. JNCC previously consulted upon this site in 2007 and a full impact assessment (IA) was undertaken at that time. The EU confirmed the proposal as a ‘Site of Community Importance’ (SCI) in 2009 and it was designated as a SAC under UK Regulations in 2015. The original boundary was drawn to include 27 pockmark depressions of various sizes. A further 21 pockmarks have since been identified in close proximity to the original site boundary, 14 of which show strong acoustic reflections indicative of Annex I habitat type ‘Submarine structures made by leaking gases’.

The proposed amendment (Figure 2) extends the existing site boundary to the North East and South East to encompass all potential and verified records of the Annex I habitat Submarine structures made by leaking gases recorded in the area, based on evidence presented within Gafeira & Long (2015). Using JNCC’s guidance (2012) on defining boundaries for marine SACs for Annex I habitat sites fully detached from the coast, the new boundary for the site is drawn a horizontal distance of 3 times the maximum water depth to create a buffer on a precautionary basis around the pockmarks. Maximum water depth in the site is 124m therefore a buffer of 372m has been applied around all potential and verified records of the feature.

**Draft Conservation Objective:**
The Conservation Objectives for the Braemar Pockmarks SAC are:
For the feature to be in favourable condition thus ensuring site integrity in the long term and contribution to Favourable Conservation Status of Annex 1 Submarine structures made by leaking gases.

This contribution would be achieved by maintaining or restoring, subject to natural change:

- The extent and distribution of the qualifying habitat in the site;
- The structure and function of the qualifying habitat in the site; and
- The supporting processes on which the qualifying habitat relies.

Further detail to aid interpretation of the site’s conservation objectives is provided in the Supplementary Advice on Conservation Objective.

In summary JNCC advises that the feature’s
- extent must be maintained
- structure and function must be maintained
- supporting processes must be maintained
Figure 2: Proposed amendment to the boundary of Braemar Pockmarks SAC, alongside the known distribution of verified and potential records of the Annex I habitat Submarine structures made by leaking gases.
Scanner Pockmark SAC

Designated feature: Annex I Submarine structures made by leaking gases

Current size of the SAC: 3.35km$^2$

Size of the SAC with proposed amendment to the boundary: 6.74km$^2$

Scanner Pockmark Special Area of Conservation (SAC) is situated approximately 185km off the north-east coast of Scotland near the centre of the Witch Ground Basin, in waters of approximately 150m deep. The site contains pockmarks of varying sizes, four of which are unusually large in size and occur in two pockmark complexes: Scanner pockmark complex in the south of the site and the Scotia pockmark complex in the north.

Scanner Pockmark SAC has 67 pockmarks identified within the boundary. The pockmarks were created by the expulsion of methane gas from beneath the seabed and are then maintained by active gas seepage. At the base of the pockmarks, blocks of ‘methane derived authigenic carbonate’ (MDAC) have been recorded. (Judd 2001). The Scanner pockmark complex in the south of the site comprises two large pockmarks with a combined area of approximately 320,000m$^2$ that are over 16m deeper than the surrounding sea floor (Gafeira & Long 2015). The Scotia pockmark complex in the north is a composite feature composed of two deeper sections with active methane seeps (Dando 2001). Analysis of survey data collected in 2012 (Rance et al 2017) suggests that small patches of harder substrate do occur within the Scotia pockmark complex, but whether these represent MDAC requires further confirmation (Gafeira & Long 2015); these patches are currently recognised as potential records of the interest feature rather than confirmed observations.

Scanner Pockmark SAC was submitted to the European Commission (EU) in 2008 seeking protection of the Annex I habitat ‘Submarine structures made by leaking gases’. JNCC previously consulted upon this site in 2007 and a full impact assessment (IA) was undertaken at that time. The EU confirmed the proposal as a ‘Site of Community Importance’ (SCI) in 2009 and it was designated as a SAC under UK Regulations in 2015. The original boundary was drawn to include 61 pockmark depressions of various sizes. A further 6 pockmarks have recently been identified on the western side of the site where Gafeira and Long (2015) noted strong acoustic reflections that are indicative of the presence of the interest feature in the majority of these pockmarks.

JNCC reviewed these new data and concluded that the pockmarks outside the site are likely to represent examples of the Annex I feature Submarine structures made by leaking gases; these pockmarks meet the criteria to be included within a SAC.

The proposed amendment (Figure 3) extends the whole site boundary (predominantly out towards the North and West of the existing site) to encompass all potential records of the Annex I habitat Submarine structures made by leaking gases recorded in the area (based on evidence presented in Gafeira and Long 2015). Using JNCC’s guidance (2012) on defining boundaries for marine SACs for Annex I habitat sites fully detached from the coast, the new boundary for the site is drawn a horizontal distance of 3 times the maximum water depth to create a buffer on a precautionary basis around the pockmarks. Maximum water depth in the...
site is 165m therefore a buffer of 495m has been applied around all potential records of the feature.

Draft Conservation Objective:
The Conservation Objectives for the Scanner Pockmark SAC are:

For the feature to be in favourable condition thus ensuring site integrity in the long term and contribution to Favourable Conservation Status of Annex 1 Submarine structures made by leaking gases.

This contribution would be achieved by maintaining or restoring, subject to natural change:

- The extent and distribution of the qualifying habitat in the site;
- The structure and function of the qualifying habitat in the site; and
- The supporting processes on which the qualifying habitat relies.

Further detail to aid interpretation of the site’s conservation objectives is provided in the Supplementary Advice on Conservation Objective.

In summary JNCC advises that the feature’s
- extent must be maintained
- structure and function must be maintained
- supporting processes must be maintained
Figure 3: Proposed amendment to the boundary of Scanner Pockmark SAC, alongside the known distribution of potential records of the Annex I habitat Submarine structures made by leaking gases.
Contact
If you have any questions about the consultation process not answered by this document or need clarification on any of the associated information, please contact JNCC by email: OffshoreMPAs@jncc.gov.uk with 'enquiry: Braemar/Scanner consultation' in the subject line.

References


Annex A: Consultation questions on the proposed amendments to the boundaries of Braemar Pockmarks Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Scanner Pockmark SAC

This survey can be completed and submitted online at: http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BraemarPockmarksSAC_ScannerPockmarkSAC_BoundaryAmendmentSurvey/

1. Introduction
Welcome to the public consultation on the proposed amendments to the boundaries of Braemar Pockmarks Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Scanner Pockmark SAC. JNCC are carrying out this consultation on behalf of Marine Scotland (Scottish Government).

The consultation is seeking views and information on the proposed amendments to the site boundary of both Braemar Pockmarks SAC and Scanner Pockmark SAC. JNCC are also seeking views on our revised approach to presenting the draft conservation advice. The previous versions of the site conservation advice packages are available on the Site Information Centres and also through the following links for Braemar Pockmarks and Scanner Pockmark.

For more information on the consultation, please have a look at the Consultation Summary document.

For more information on the proposed amendments to the site boundaries please visit the JNCC SAC consultation webpages.

How we will use your information:
• All responses to this consultation, will be considered public.
• With the exception of contact information and other personal details, consultation responses will be made publicly available if required.
• We will not share any details beyond your response.
• Please ensure you do not mention other individuals by name, or include any personal information within the body of your response.
• We may also share any responses that we receive with other statutory nature conservation bodies, UK and devolved Governments in order to help ensure a coordinated approach to this consultation.
• Any personal information you provide to JNCC will be used and stored in line with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998.

QUESTIONS MARKED WITH * REQUIRE A RESPONSE

This question requires an answer
Please indicate that you have read and understood the policy for handling information received through this consultation. *
☐ I have read and understood how any information I submit may be handled

This question requires an answer
Are you responding as an individual or an organisation? *
☐ Individual
☐ Organisation

This question requires an answer
Your name or your organisation/ group name
This question requires an answer
Email address / contact details *

This question requires an answer
Do you support the proposed boundary amendment to Braemar Pockmarks Special Area of Conservation? *
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Undecided
☐ Not relevant
Comments:

This question requires an answer
Do you support the proposed boundary amendment to Scanner Pockmark Special Area of Conservation? *
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Undecided
☐ Not relevant
Comments:

This question requires an answer
What would you like to do now? *
☐ MAKE DETAILED COMMENTS ON THE BOUNDARY AMENDMENT TO BRAEMAR POCKMARKS SAC (Respond to questions on the scientific evidence).
☐ MAKE DETAILED COMMENTS ON THE BOUNDARY AMENDMENT TO SCANNER POCKMARK SAC (Respond to questions on the scientific evidence).
☐ COMMENT ON THE DRAFT CONSERVATION ADVICE PROVIDED FOR BOTH SITES
☐ PROVIDE SUPPORTING INFORMATION (Documents or files in support of your response)
☐ GO TO LAST PAGE

2. DETAILED COMMENTS Braemar Pockmarks SAC boundary amendment
In this section we are seeking detailed comments on the scientific evidence as outlined in the 
Boundary Amendment Document for Braemar Pockmarks SAC.

Do you agree that the scientific evidence presented (Boundary Amendment Document) justifies the amendment to the boundary of Braemar Pockmarks Special Area of Conservation?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

Comments:

Do you have any information additional to that included in the consultation documentation about the extent of Annex I habitat within the amended site boundary that you would like to share with JNCC?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

Comments:

Are there any other significant activities at the site that the Impact Assessment screening or Conservation Objectives and Advice on Operations have not identified? If your comments relate to a specific activity or industry please select from the list below or refer to it in the comments box.

- ALL ACTIVITIES
- Academic & Scientific
- Commercial shipping
- Energy (non-renewables)
- Energy (renewables)
- Fishing (all forms)
- Other relevant authority
- Non-governmental organisation
- Other

Comments:
Are there any other aspects of the Impact Assessment screening on which you would like to comment or where you are able to provide further information?

Do you wish to submit any documentation to support your response?
- Yes
- No

3. DETAILED COMMENTS Scanner Pockmark SAC boundary amendment
In this section we are seeking detailed comments on the scientific evidence as outlined in the Boundary Amendment Document for Scanner Pockmark SAC.

Do you agree that the scientific evidence presented (Boundary Amendment Document) justifies the amendment to the boundary of Scanner Pockmark Special Area of Conservation?
- Yes
- No
- Undecided
Comments:

Do you have any information additional to that included in the consultation documentation about the extent of Annex I habitat within the amended site boundary that you would like to share with JNCC?
- Yes
- No
- Undecided
Comments:

Are there any other significant activities at the site that the Impact Assessment screening or Conservation Objectives and Advice on Operations have not identified? If your comments relate to a specific activity or industry please select from the list below or refer to it in the comments box.
- ALL ACTIVITIES
- Academic & Scientific
- Commercial shipping
- Energy (non-renewables)
- Energy (renewables)
4. Comments on draft Conservation Advice for Braemar Pockmarks SAC and Scanner Pockmark SAC.
In this section we are seeking comments and opinions on the draft conservation advice provided as part of the consultation documents.

Do you think the updated draft advice for Braemar Pockmarks SAC and Scanner Pockmark SAC is an improvement on the existing formal advice in the Regulation 18 package for Braemar Pockmarks SAC and Scanner Pockmark SAC?

Please indicate on the scale below, where 1 is no improvement and 5 is significant improvement

☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5

Do you find the draft conservation advice readily accessible? (Is it easy to understand and easy to find what you’re looking for?)

Please indicate on the scale below, where 1 is least accessible and 5 is most accessible

☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5
Does the draft conservation advice clearly set out what evidence has been used and how we have used it?

Please indicate on the scale below, where 1 is not clear and 5 is very clear

☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5

Do you find the draft conservation advice up to date and relevant to the site?

Please indicate on the scale below, where 1 is not relevant and 5 is very relevant

☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5

Do you have any further information about the draft conservation advice for either site which you feel we should consider in our conservation advice going forward?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Comments:

Please provide any further comments you might have on the draft Conservation Advice for Braemar Pockmarks SAC and Scanner Pockmark SAC.

5. SUBMISSION OF SUPPORTING INFORMATION
If you would like to submit supporting information with your response, please attach the documents to an email, add your name / your organisation's name to the subject line of the email along with Braemar Pockmarks SAC /Scanner Pockmark SAC consultation, and send it to OffshoreMPAs@jncc.gov.uk. Alternatively you can post supporting documents to the JNCC, Marine SAC Consultation, Monkstone House, City Road, Peterborough, PE11JY. Please include your name / your organisation's name and Braemar Pockmarks SAC /Scanner Pockmark SAC consultation to a cover page and indicate clearly to which question the additional information relates.

6. ALMOST DONE........
Do you or your group/organisation identify with any of the groups listed below?

☐ Private individual
☐ Academic & Scientific
☐ Commercial shipping
☐ Energy (non-renewables)
☐ Energy (renewables)
☐ Fishing (all forms)
☐ Local authority
☐ Other relevant authority
☐ Local community group
☐ Non-government organisation
☐ Ports, harbours & navigation
☐ Tourism, recreation & sport
☐ Other (please specify):

This question requires an answer
How do you wish your response to be treated? *
☐ Publish response with name
☐ Publish response but not my name
☐ Do not publish response or name- you MUST provide a reason below

This question requires an answer
If required, may we contact you regarding your response? *
☐ Yes
☐ No
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