

FIRTH OF CLYDE MARINE SPATIAL PLAN.

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report summarises Members observations regarding the Draft Firth of Clyde Marine Spatial Plan for consideration.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the observations made and to agree that these be forwarded for incorporation into the Council's final response on the Plan.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 At the recent Area Committee Business Day Members received information from the Marine and Coastal Development Officer on the draft Firth of Clyde Marine Spatial Plan. It was agreed that Members would consider this information in detail and submit their observations for inclusion in this Area Committee report.
- 3.2 The observations which have been submitted can be summarised as follows:
- Recommendation REC CP 2 (Sea Fishing Interests) of the approved Argyll & Bute Structure Plan 2002 was made in order to address land use and ecological concerns relating to depleted fish stock and sustainable sea-fishing, including
- “B) Local Commercial fishing interests be given appropriate support to achieve a local fishing – and local community based approach to sustainable sea-fishing having regard to
1. International and national competition for depleted fish stocks
 2. Consequential adversities in the communities and settlements which support and depend on local commercial fishing fleets

3. Pursuance of more control of in-shore waters by local communities and the pursuance of 'conservation order' approaches
4. Establishing recovery regimes and management of over-fished sea lochs"

It is the opinion of this Area Committee that this draft plan does not support this policy position of Argyll and Bute Council.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

Members have submitted the above comment in regard to the Draft Firth of Clyde Marine Spatial Plan following consideration of the information supplied by the Marine and Coastal Development Officer.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	Consistent with Council Policy.
Financial:	None
Personnel:	None
Equal Opportunities:	None

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