

**SR/SOWEC Barriers to Deployment Risk 6:
Interactions with Fishing Industry**



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Dear Bruce,

**Response to: Fisheries Management Measures within Scottish Offshore Marine
Protected Areas (MPAs) (August 19, 2024)**

Scottish Renewables (SR) welcomes the opportunity to provide the views of our members to the Scottish Government's consultation on Fisheries Management Measures within Scottish Offshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). We have opted to provide our high-level response within this letter.

In considering fisheries management measures for existing Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), SR members agree that the Scottish Government should consider the implications for all marine users, nature, and communities. The balance between multiple interests must be carefully considered at an early stage during the spatial planning process.

There is a dual crisis facing the marine environment, of biodiversity loss and climate change. Our members can both help protect the marine environment, support local economies, and accelerate the build-out of offshore wind that is essential to both the UK's energy security and decarbonising the economy. However, it is essential this is managed in a long-term, sustainable way.

SR and our members would welcome the opportunity to discuss the issues raised in this letter, fisheries management measures within Scottish Offshore MPAs, as well as the Offshore Renewable Energy Installations (OREI) / fisheries static disruption agreements the SR/SOWEC Barriers to Deployment - Co-existence subgroup has been proactively working on.

Scottish Renewables is the voice of Scotland's renewable energy industry. Our vision is for Scotland to lead the world in renewable energy. We work to grow Scotland's renewable energy sector and sustain its position at the forefront of the global clean energy industry. We represent over 350 organisations that deliver investment, jobs, social benefit and reduce the carbon emissions which cause climate change.

Our members work across all renewable technologies, in Scotland, the UK, Europe and worldwide, ranging from energy suppliers, operators and manufacturers to small developers, installers, and community groups, as well as companies throughout the supply chain. In representing them, we aim to lead and inform the debate on how the growth of renewable energy can provide solutions to help sustainability heat and power Scotland's homes and businesses.

Yours sincerely,



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