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EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 5 – Marine Protection and Enhancement: the Scottish Marine Protection Area

Demonstration and Research MPAs

Section 71 - Demonstration and Research MPAs: additional requirements relating to designation

111. Section 71 enables Scottish Ministers to designate by order a Demonstration and Research MPA. Scottish Ministers may do this for the purpose of demonstrating sustainable methods of marine management or exploitation or carrying our research into such matters. A relevant designating order must state whether it is for the purpose of demonstration or research or both, and the method or methods of marine management or exploitation to be demonstrated or researched. Subsection (3)(a) allows the Scottish Ministers, when considering whether to designate an area, to have particular regard to any views expressed by any person to whom marine planning functions for the relevant region have been delegated.