

*These notes relate to the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010
(asp 5) which received Royal Assent on 10 March 2010*

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

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

Advice etc. as regards protection of certain marine areas

Section 80 - Advice etc. by Scottish Natural Heritage as regards Nature Conservation MPAs and Demonstration and Research MPAs

127. **Section 80** provides that Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) may issue advice and guidance to public authorities on certain matters relating to MPAs. For example, advice may be provided on matters which are capable of damaging protected features. Such guidance may relate to a single MPA, categories of MPAs or all MPAs, and may be given to a particular authority or authorities in general. This section also requires that SNH must give advice to a public authority if the authority requests it.