



# Deep Sea Mining Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 53

### 5 Protection of the marine environment.

- (1) In determining whether to grant an exploration or exploitation licence the Secretary of State [<sup>F1</sup> or, as the case may be, the Scottish Ministers] shall have regard to the need to protect (so far as reasonably practicable) marine creatures, plants and other organisms and their habitat from any harmful effects which might result from any activities to be authorised by the licence; and the Secretary of State [<sup>F2</sup> or the Scottish Ministers] shall consider any representations made to him [<sup>F3</sup> (or them)] concerning such effects.
- (2) Without prejudice to [<sup>F4</sup> section 2(3A)] above, any exploration or exploitation licence granted by the Secretary of State [<sup>F5</sup> or the Scottish Ministers] shall contain such terms and conditions as he considers [<sup>F6</sup> (or they consider)] necessary or expedient to avoid or minimise any such harmful effects.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 5(1) inserted (14.7.2014) by [Deep Sea Mining Act 2014 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 2(3), [Sch. para. 6\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 5(1) inserted (14.7.2014) by [Deep Sea Mining Act 2014 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 2(3), [Sch. para. 6\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 5(1) inserted (14.7.2014) by [Deep Sea Mining Act 2014 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 2(3), [Sch. para. 6\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 5(2) substituted (14.7.2014) by [Deep Sea Mining Act 2014 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 2(3), [Sch. para. 6\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- F5** Words in s. 5(2) inserted (14.7.2014) by [Deep Sea Mining Act 2014 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 2(3), [Sch. para. 6\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- F6** Words in s. 5(2) inserted (14.7.2014) by [Deep Sea Mining Act 2014 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 2(3), [Sch. para. 6\(b\)\(iii\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Deep Sea Mining Act 1981, Section 5.