

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

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 3 – Marine Planning

Monitoring and reporting

Section 16 - Monitoring of and periodical reporting on implementation of marine plans

26. [Section 16](#) requires the Scottish Ministers to monitor and report on the effects of the national marine plan and the progress it has made towards sustainable economic development. Similarly public authorities or unincorporated groups will be required to monitor and report on regional marine plans and the progress they have made towards the objectives within the national marine plan. The reports should be published every 5 years and the Scottish Ministers must decide whether or not to amend or replace the national marine plan or a regional marine plan. Replacing a marine plan means preparing and adopting a new plan and withdrawing the existing one.