These notes refer to the Marine Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 (*c.10) which received Royal Assent on 17 September 2013*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 3: Marine Protection

Section 18: Hearings

This section allows the Department to hold hearings before deciding whether to make an order under section 13 to designate an MCZ.

Subsection (2) gives the Department discretion to give anyone the opportunity of being heard by an appointed person, either orally or in writing.

Subsection (4) requires these representations to be reported back to the Department.