



## 2013 CHAPTER 10

### Part 3

#### Marine protection

##### *Designation procedure*

#### **Hearings**

**18.—(1)** This section applies where the Department has the function of deciding whether to make an order under section 13 designating an area as an MCZ.

(2) The Department may, before making that decision, give to any person the opportunity of—

- (a) appearing before and being heard by a person appointed for that purpose;
- (b) providing written representations to such a person.

(3) The Department may make regulations providing for the procedure to be followed (including decisions as to costs) at hearings held under subsection (2).

(4) A person appointed under subsection (2) must make a report to the Department of any oral or written representations made under that subsection.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Marine Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, Section 18.