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Parliamentary Briefing

Marine and Coastal Access Bill Amendment

Amendment to IFCA duty to gather information (Clause 166)

The organisations listed above are all members of Wildlife and Countryside Link's Marine Task Force¹, which has been campaigning for several years for improvements in marine conservation and better management of the marine area. We have been closely engaged in the Marine & Coastal Access Bill process from the outset.

Background

Link welcomes the duty in clause 166 on each IFCA to collect statistics relating to the exploitation of sea fisheries resources within its district, but questions why this duty is limited to the IFCA's duty under clause 149 (Management of inshore fisheries) and excludes their duty under clause 150 (Protection of marine conservation zones)? It would also be very useful to collect this information to inform the duty towards furthering the conservation objectives of MCZs.

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¹ Wildlife and Countryside Link is a coalition of the UK's major environmental organisations working together for the conservation and protection of wildlife, the countryside and the marine environment.

Annex – Amendments

Marine & Coastal Access Bill

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Clause	Clause 166 Information
Amendment	Page 100, line 8: At the end of the line, insert 'and 150'