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Parliamentary Briefing

Marine and Coastal Access Bill Amendment

Advice and guidance by conservation bodies: MPA network objective (Clause 123)

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

We have included a minor amendment to this clause adding in a new subclause (f) specifying that the statutory conservation body could also provide advice and guidance on how objectives for the MPA network as a whole (as defined in clause 119) might be affected under any circumstances.

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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

House of Lords Committee Stage, February 2009

Clause	Clause 123 Advice and guidance by conservation bodies
Amendment	Page 75, line 23: At end insert new sub subclause '(f) the matters which are capable of hindering or otherwise affecting the achievement of the objective for the network in 119(2)'