

Raising Awareness

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| 1 | Develop SOM interpretation on best places and times of year to see marine and coastal wildlife including sensitivities and guidance on how to behave. | Signage on pier at Craignure | SNH expertise and possible funding through grant | HIGH | Action could be funded if funds available |
| 2 | Raise awareness of appropriate access points for recreation and tourism along SOM coastline identified in SoMMSP to avoid damage and disturbance to other interests. | | SNH expertise and possible funding through grant | HIGH | Plan will encourage identified action. |
| 3 | Installation of 'Wildlife-SLOW' road sign at Sgiath Ruadh, Salen to raise awareness of wildlife on road. | ALREADY ACTIONED | | | |
| 4 | Raise awareness of importance of common skate in SOM and surrounding areas to anglers, public, competent authorities and commercial fishing. | Project Officer will hopefully start in the autumn | SNH to part fund and supervise PO | HIGH | Plan will encourage identified action. |
| 5 | Encourage inclusion and development of aquaculture in educational/visitor tours. | | SSF - difficult to allow onsite access (H&S concerns) but willing to provide information suitable for noticeboards, handouts etc | HIGH | Action identified as opportunity in plan |
| 6 | If competitive interactions with fishing develop, liaison should be undertaken with Mull and Small Isles IFG and Fishing Associations. | | | HIGH | Plan will encourage identified action. |
| 7 | Provision of information for vessel users at launch points/berthing areas on aquaculture farms with unexpected features and dangers on approaching farms. | | SSF - Because of hygiene & H&S concerns visitor are not encouraged to closely approach farms without prior arrangement. Willing to provide information on features & hazards – perhaps usefully combined with more general information on the farm | LOW | Plan will highlight dangers of recreational users approaching aquaculture sites |
| 8 | Raise awareness of the effects of recreational vessel discharge on aquaculture sites (particularly shellfish) and investigate development of best practice/code of conduct. | | | MED | Plan will highlight discharge effects. Development of code of conduct could be |

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| | | | | | encouraged but actual development should be undertaken by boating association e.g. RYA? |
| 9 | Encourage education and promotion of marine safety/navigational rules and training amongst recreational water users. Investigate information provision on training centres, suitable access points, and a summary of important safety/navigational rules at access points and through clubs. | | | MED | Plan will highlight appropriate marine safety/ navigation rules. Maybe could fund signage at access points if deemed necessary and funds available |
| 10 | Confirm list of anchorages used and update UKHO Admiralty charts to help guide development applications | | | MED | Plan will feed back any GIS data that is updated through project work |
| 11 | Raise awareness amongst users and developers of effects of light pollution of developments on navigation and safety at sea. | | | LOW | |
| 12 | Identify location of species, habitats or heritage sites vulnerable to damage through fishing, developments, moorings or anchoring and promote these through operators, regulators, associations/organisations. | | | MED | Action being performed as part of plan development |
| 13 | Investigate potential for updates to Admiralty charts: investigate mechanism to update on more regularly and method to reflect the cyclic nature of aquaculture; ensure all wreck sites are marked on charts to safeguard; add foul areas to charts where it is not possible to remove all redundant aquaculture equipment. | | SNH – Previous experience has shown this is unlikely SSF – Currently no foul areas and equipment should be removed as part of procedures | LOW | |
| 14 | Inform relevant sailing bodies of foul areas where it is not possible to remove all redundant aquaculture equipment. | | SSF – Not an issue in the SOM | LOW | |
| 15 | Make SOMAP mapping data relating to the extent and height above seabed of known wrecks in the SOM | | | MED | Plan will encourage fisherman from |

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| | widely available so that fishermen, especially those outwith the area can more accurately target their activities to avoid these sites. | | | | outwith the SOM to seek local liaison before operating |
| 16 | Encourage further research on ADD effects on cetaceans and displacement levels and disseminate information from SARF project at Fuinary site (ADD and cetacean listening PODS installed) | | | MED | Research ongoing at other sites outwith SOM |

Voluntary Management & Codes of Conduct

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| 1 | Encourage businesses supplying recreational/tour services and to adhere to and promote relevant codes of conduct for their interest. | | SNH - Copies of the SMWWC and merchandise available to promote this | MED | Plan will encourage identified action. |
| 2 | Encourage use and improve awareness amongst marine and coastal users of the Scottish Marine Wildlife Watching Code. | | SNH - Copies of the SMWWC and merchandise available to promote this | HIGH | Plan will encourage identified action. |
| 3 | Provide information on invasive non-native marine species and reporting methods. Promote cleaning of equipment to reduce transmission and the inclusion of appropriate cleaning in recreational codes of conduct. | | SNH - Has leaflets on this subject and can provide funding for further support through grant if required | HIGH | Plan will encourage identified action. |
| 4 | If natural or historic site deterioration occurs, appropriate measures should be discussed with SNH and or Historic Scotland. | | SNH - expertise available | HIGH | Plan will encourage identified action. |
| 5 | Investigate potential for improvements to preventive measures to reduce litter and pollution from marine users. | | | HIGH | Could investigate fishing for litter programs or funding for bins at harbours and moorings |
| 6 | Whilst the risk of a spill is low vessels that can avoid using the SOM should do so as increases in the number of vessels increases the risk of a spillage. | | | MED | Plan will encourage identified action. |
| 7 | Investigate and report on ways to improve current voluntary measures in order to reduce the impacts of a spill incident on the natural and historic features and the local economy. | | | MED | Plan will highlight current measures |
| 8 | Encourage and conduct surveys to identify the different waste streams of marine litter in SOM by local communities, schools and businesses with assistance from the GRAB Trust Beaches and Litter Project , targeting litter hotspots e.g. Ardmore Point. | GRAB are available to do this | SNH – Provide financial assistance to GRAB | MED | Plan will encourage proper disposal of waste by users. Action possible already covered by other organisations? |
| 9 | Promote and develop methods where required for | | SNH – expertise available | LOW | Plan has already |

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| | visiting divers to monitor the conditions of wreck and scenic sites and associated communities through SOMAP and Sea Search. | | and already provide assistance to MCS Sea Search | | provided funds for Sea Search as part of development |
| 10 | Investigate funding assistance for mink trapping to encourage continued participation (e.g. bounty) and to purchase lure and guns. | | SNH – expertise and already provide funds SSF – Funds could be provided for SOM | HIGH | Plan has already provided funding for this and could possibly do more if available |
| 11 | Investigate the need to review ASSG protocol on importing of shellfish | | SNH - expertise | MED | Plan could recommend if felt necessary |
| 12 | Investigate mechanisms for improving storage of redundant aquaculture equipment and process informing operators regarding displaced aquaculture equipment by operator and encouraging its collection. | | | LOW | Not felt to be an issue in SOM and should be required by development consents |

Statutory management

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| 1 | Development of core paths under the Scottish Outdoor Access Code should consider their impact on natural and historic features of interest. | This should be covered through consultation for and planning of the paths | SNH - expertise | LOW | Outwith plan |
| 2 | Investigate the potential to develop legal requirement for holding tanks for sewage on vessels less than 50m in length in proximity to aquaculture farms (particularly shellfish) within the UK. | | | LOW | Plan could recommend but legal development outwith plan |
| 3 | Investigate the potential to develop a national system for implementing, consenting and monitoring sewage discharges for concentrations of vessels e.g. at marinas, as this is not currently undertaken | | | LOW | Plan could recommend but legal development outwith plan |
| 4 | Investigate and discuss further the need for improved shipping route markers for east/west bound traffic and designated shipping lanes in SOM. | | | MED | Need not identified by current users |
| 5 | Investigate potential for improvements to legislative measures to reduce litter and pollution from marine users. | | | MED | MARPOL legislation covers this |
| 6 | Investigate inclusion of fin and shellfish farms in sensitivity analysis for oil spill contingency planning | | SSF – Willing to be involved | MED | Plan will present a list of existing oil spill contingency plans. If not felt to be adequate could recommend amendments |
| 7 | Investigate mechanisms to improve the coordination of shipping incidents such as oil and fuel spills in the SOM, e.g. documentation of equipment locations and routine practice drills | This should be done through existing relevant oil spill contingency plans, perhaps SSMEI could present a list of these to members and they could indicate which ones they are not satisfied with? | SNH expertise | HIGH | Plan will present a list of existing oil spill contingency plans. If not felt to be adequate could recommend amendments |

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| 8 | Investigate and report on ways to improve current statutory measures in order to reduce the impacts of a spill incident on the natural and historic features and the local economy. | | | HIGH | Plan will present a list of existing oil spill contingency plans. If not felt to be adequate could recommend amendments |
| 9 | Investigate means of integration of areas suitable/used by shellfish farming with local plans e.g. allocations for housing | | | MED | Plan will show local plan designations for SOM |

Infrastructure and facilities

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| 1 | Development of improved infrastructure (parking, toilets, interpretation, moorings, pontoons) in locations specified in Sub-areas to improve accessibility and information. | | | MED | Plan will identify areas of opportunity for improved infrastructure. Could provide funding if available for identified need |
| 2 | Investigate and encourage installation of mooring blocks on popular wreck sites to reduce shot line impact and ease access. | | | LOW | Not sure if this is an issue |
| 3 | Investigate opportunities for sharing existing and new infrastructure between sectors. | | SSF – May have H+S difficulties | LOW | Plan encourages this in policies and opportunities |
| 4 | Encourage more holistic approach to design and siting of new road in Salen to account for access needs of recreation and tourism. | | | MED | Plan could highlight |
| 5 | Encourage Road-Equivalent-Tariff to be applied to all ferries in Argyll and Bute and Highland area to support and encourage tourism and transport of goods/passengers by sea. | | | MED | Plan could highlight |
| 6 | Investigate and discuss further the need for improved shipping route markers for east/west bound traffic and designated shipping lanes in SOM to assist in protecting sensitive areas. | | | MED | Not felt to be a need by current users |
| 7 | Blind spot for AIS in SOM south of Tobermory to Salen should be addressed through VHF frequency e.g. through suitable installation on Morvern shore. | | | MED | Plan could highlight but action outwith plan |
| 8 | If the use of harbours and infrastructure increases, particularly in Tobermory, the effect on other sectors' use of the area should be adequately taken in to account through liaison between relevant parties e.g. Tobermory Harbour Association, Caledonian | | | HIGH | Plan will recommend a list of local consultees |

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| | MacBrayne, mooring associations, fishing vessels and other commercial businesses with an interest. | | | | |
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Sustainable Business Growth

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| 1 | Encourage improved coordination and marketing of recreation and tourism development in the SOM through co-operation between local groups, businesses and relevant regulators. | MICT and Holiday Mull already involved in this | | MED | Plan will recommend developments that improve co-operation |
| 2 | Improve information and access to funding sources. | | | MED | Outwith remit of plan |
| 3 | Raise awareness of potential for diversification from other sectors, e.g. fishing. | | | MED | Plan highlights development opportunities |
| 4 | Undertake a development plan for marine tourism for Mull, Ardnamurchan and Morvern. | Already done by various studies | | MED | Already covered? |
| 5 | Conduct feasibility study for fast passenger ferry services between Mull, Morvern, Ardnamurchan, Coll/Tiree and Oban. | | | MED | Plan will highlight ferry as an opportunity |
| 6 | Conduct study to investigate potential for increased transportation of goods on and off Mull, Morvern and Ardnamurchan using the SOM e.g. forestry, aggregates. | | | MED | Plan will highlight better freight handling as an opportunity |
| 7 | Conduct study to investigate potential for trading between sectors at sea e.g. supply of fish/seafood and other products to shipping in transit | | | LOW | No need? |
| 8 | Investigate potential for and funding sources for shellfish hatchery in Scotland to reduce transmission of disease, pathogens and non-natives. | | SNH - support but not funding as commercial project | MED | Plan could highlight as opportunity? Perhaps SOM not best place for such a development? |
| 9 | Investigate potential for cooperation between aquaculture and marine renewables e.g. tidal –device installed on farm. | | SSF – Willing to co-operate | MED | Plan will highlight as a potential positive interaction and will |

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