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Dear Susan,

Consultation – Marine Strategy Framework Directive

CNCC welcome the opportunity to comment on this consultation.

The principals and processes set out in the proposals are warmly welcomed as a practical application of the ecosystem approach. However, to be successful, it must be demonstrated that adequate resources will be made available to allow the determination of the condition of NI waters. It is recommended that milestones towards achievement of the MSFD requirements be set in the PfG.

Yours sincerely



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