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# Consultation Response

Proposal to designate Loch Carron as a nature conservation Marine Protected Area (MPA), with an associated Marine Conservation Order (MCO)

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## Introduction

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Our Marine Law sub-committee welcomes the opportunity to consider and respond to the Scottish Government's consultation on the proposal to designate Loch Carron as a nature conservation Marine Protected Area (MPA), with an associated Marine Conservation Order (MCO).<sup>1</sup> We do not seek to respond to the consultation questions but the sub-committee has the following general comments to put forward for consideration.

## General comments

In the interests of accessibility to the content of the legislation, it would be useful to have an indicative map of the area concerned appended to the designation order. This would allow the general area affected by the Order to be easily identified, while the more opaque but precise definition is that with full legal force.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://consult.gov.scot/marine-scotland/loch-carron-mpa/>