

Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004

PART 3

PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE

51 Scottish Marine Wildlife Watching Code

- (1) SNH must prepare and issue a code, to be known as the Scottish Marine Wildlife Watching Code, setting out recommendations, advice and information relating to commercial and leisure activities involving the watching of marine wildlife.
- (2) The Code may, in particular, contain information on—
 - (a) activities which are likely to disturb marine wildlife,
 - (b) circumstances in which marine wildlife may be approached, and
 - (c) the manner in which marine wildlife may best be viewed with minimum disturbance.
- (3) SNH must review the Code from time to time and may, following such a review, revise it.

(4) SNH must—

- (a) before preparing the Code, and
- (b) when reviewing it,

consult such persons appearing to them to have an interest in marine wildlife watching and such other persons as it thinks fit.

(5) SNH must—

- (a) publish the Code and any revisions to it in such manner (including on the internet or by other electronic means) as it thinks fit, and
- (b) promote awareness and understanding of the Code and any revisions to it.