

*These notes relate to the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010
(asp 5) which received Royal Assent on 10 March 2010*

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Schedule 1 – Preparation, Adoption Etc. of Marine Plans Or Any Amendment

Adoption and publication of marine plan

277. [Paragraph 14](#) sets out the process for the adoption and publication of a marine plan in its final form. The Scottish Ministers adopt a marine plan by making the decision to publish it. Paragraph 14(2) and (3) allows the Scottish Ministers to make changes to a draft marine plan prior to adoption. However, the Scottish Ministers must detail any changes made and the reasons for them. If any recommendations by an independent investigator have not been implemented, Ministers must state the reasons for this. The Scottish Ministers must lay a copy of the adopted national marine plan before the Parliament as soon as possible.