

*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

Part 2 – General Duties

Section 3 – Sustainable development and protection and enhancement of the health of the Scottish marine area

7. [Section 3](#) requires the Scottish Ministers and public authorities to take the best course of action in order to further the sustainable development, including the protection and where appropriate the enhancement of the health of the Scottish marine area, when undertaking any function that affects the Scottish marine area under this Act (so far as is consistent with the purpose of the function concerned).

Section 4 – Mitigation of and adaptation to climate change

8. Scottish Ministers and public authorities are required to take the best course of action to mitigate, and adapt to, climate change when exercising any function under this Act, the [Climate Change \(Scotland\) Act 2009 \(asp 12\)](#), or any other enactment (so far as it is consistent with the purpose of the function concerned).