

## Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

## PART 6

CONSERVATION OF SEALS

Seal conservation areas

## 119 Effect of seal conservation area status: licensing decisions

The Scottish Ministers must not grant a seal licence authorising the killing or taking of seals in a seal conservation area unless they are satisfied—

- (a) that there is no satisfactory alternative way of achieving the purpose for which the licence is granted, and
- (b) that the killing or taking authorised by the licence will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of any species of seal at a favourable conservation status in their natural range (within the meaning of Article 1(e) of the Habitats Directive).