

**PE1386/A**

Public Petition – PE 1386 **“Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to review and pilot the establishment of further spatially separated static gear only inshore fisheries to improve fisheries management.”**

Supplementary information 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011:

On 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011, the Marine Stewardship Council sustainable fishing certificate for the Loch Torridon Nephrops Creel Fishery was suspended pending:

1. the presentation of “a clear plan to fulfill [the] condition [that the] TNMG develop, with relevant management bodies means of achieving appropriate limits on fishing mortality either through effort (input) and/or landings (outputs) within the closed area.”

And/or

2. demonstration “that the stock within the creel only area is sustainable.”

Satisfying both of the above conditions placed on the fishery will require direct national government action, cannot be achieved by the TNMG alone, and will have national benefits for the reasons explained in the text of the petition.