

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1431  
QUESTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2015**

**Marine Scotland –**

- Please provide a written update on the work currently being undertaken on the issues raised by the petition since the Committee's last update was received.

**FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2013**

**Marine Scotland—**

- When will the outcome of the final assessment of the Demonstration and Research proposals be published, and what is the reason for the delay to the original completion date which was expected to be by December 2012?

**TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2012**

**Scottish Government / Marine Scotland—**

- What is your response to what the petition seeks?
- The Committee draws the Scottish Government's attention to the evidence given by the petitioners regarding the "narrow" criteria applied for MPAs (*Official Report*, c. 647). To what extent has there been any evaluation of the criteria used to assess eligibility for MPA status?
- To what extent have the concerns raised by the petitioner regarding the criteria for proposed MPA status been taken account of to date?
- When will the final assessment of MPA designation for Fair Isle be made?

**University of the Highlands and Islands—**

- What are your views on what the petition seeks?
- The Committee draws your attention to the evidence given by the petitioner, Mr Riddiford regarding a "demonstration and research area" (*Official Report*, c. 652). What is UHI's view on this suggestion?

**Royal Society for the Protection of Birds—**

- What are your views on what the petition seeks?
- The Committee is interested to hear what your assessment is of the impact and benefits of a proposed MPA designation for Fair Isle, in terms of protecting birds and the environment?

**Scottish Natural Heritage—**

**Shetland Fishermen's Association—  
Highlands and Islands Enterprise—  
VisitScotland—  
Shetland Islands Council—**

- What are your views on what the petition seeks?