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Dear Jen,

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Inquiry into the Marine Environment – National Marine Plan

The ECCLR Committee agreed to take a strategic approach to its work on the marine environment and to conduct an inquiry into the marine environment over the remainder of the session, focusing on implementation of the <u>Marine</u> (Scotland) Act 2010. The Committee anticipates issuing calls for evidence from September onwards and the work on the inquiry will take place over the remainder of this parliamentary session.

There are a number of elements to the Committee's work on the marine environment and as many of the work areas are the subject of review and consultation, in the first instance, the Committee is seeking further information from the Scottish Government.

In the meantime, the Committee would welcome your view on the effectiveness of the National Marine Plan in ecosystem based implementation.

We would welcome a response by 25 July.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Dey MSP Convener Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee