

Plockton and District Community Council

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Marine Scotland
The Scottish Government
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Attention: Annabel Turpie - Director Marine Scotland

Marine Scotland license 07111 referring to Crown Estate lease 73-74-RC2

Related Documents:

Scotland's National Marine Plan 2015 - Section 6 - Part 3

App No: 20/03541/FUL - Extension to dry dock and change of use land to allow decommissioning of marine structures. Construction of access road on Land At Kishorn Base Kishorn

App No: 20/03543/S42 - Vary Condition 1 of consent 18/05057/S42 to permit the decommissioning of shipping vessel on Land to South West of Dry Dock Kishorn.

Dear Director,

I am writing on behalf of the Plockton & District Community Council. The Council represent the coastal communities of Plockton, Duirinish and Drumbuie which lie on the southern shore of Outer Loch Carron due south of the mooring areas covered by licence MS 07111.

We have recently reviewed and raised objections to two planning applications related to Kishorn Ports Ltd referred to above.

I have attached a copy of our objections which I believe are self-explanatory.

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In considering the planning applications we reviewed the recently issued MS licence 07111. We note that the licence was issued without any consultation with local fishermen or the coastal communities surrounding Outer Loch Carron and Loch Kishorn. We also note that this is a new licence, not an extension to an existing licence and that an environmental impact statement from an earlier licence application dated 2013 was referenced in support of the application.

It is clear that the areas covered by the licence restrict access to traditional fishing grounds and to the amenity of the area used by our communities.

The proposed changes to the activities at KPL mean that the size and type of vessels which may be moored in the licence area will change. The size and type of vessels transiting the Inner Sound and Outer Loch Carron will inevitably cause damage to the static fishing gear deployed on traditional fishing grounds.

We note that Marine Scotland did not comment on the planning applications although it was evident that the changes would have an impact on the use of the licence area and surrounding sea area.

We are a fishing community; we represent the interests of eight registered prawn fishing boats which support the livelihood of thirteen fishermen and their families. Outer Loch Carron surrounds our villages and yet we were not consulted.

We feel strongly the licence should not have been granted without proper consultation. Prior to considering this licence an up to date socio economic and environmental study should have been conducted in support of the application and subsequent consultation.

We would seek your comments on how this can be rectified.

David McGhie

Chairman P&DCC