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Your ref 514/14(5)

Please find enclosed our reply to your request for submissions to the Scrutiny panel on the Marine Environment.

Should you wish to examine our views further, then we would be pleased to attend a hearing.

Yours Sincerely P.J.Gosselin.

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- at the moment we are not able to propose or comment on anticipated changes
- the remit of a department should be set by the political process without input from the service providers
- provisions exist to deal with pollution, potential sources should be dealt with in the early planning stages, before they come to public notice.
- It can be very difficult to prove a case after the event, and a pollutant has dispersed. The timescale may be less than an hour. We appear to have the recourses available to identify and assess a problem but it is questionable as to their use. Resourses should be managed to enable immediate responses. The public should be enabled, to allow them, the best resource we have, to participate in the policing of these problems.
- any law, should at the drafting stage, be subject to procedures that ensure that it is fit for purpose, has the resources available for both policing and prosecution, and should allow for sufficient sanctions to be a deterrent.
- 6 See 5 there is little point in having a resource available without the means in place to render it effective.
- 7 see 5 and 6

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- any civilized society will put in place all the resources needed to ensure that the detection and interpretation of data for all forms of policing is current to international standards, or make sure these services are rapidly and freely available.
- 9 See 5, 6, and 8

The resource itself, be it land or sea, should be treated as the prime stakeholder, and its needs be considered, not just those who extract the most tax money or make the most noise. Politicians should not be allowed to take ownership of issues to further their own interests.