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Deputy Steve Luce
Minister for Environment

BY EMAIL

6th September 2024

Dear Minister,

Environment, Housing, and Infrastructure Panel
Marine Spatial Plan Review

Firstly, thank you for your and your officers' attendance at the Panel's Public Hearing about the Review of the Marine Spatial Plan on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

As a result of the hearing, the Panel would be grateful if you could provide further information as requested below.

1. Please can you confirm that research will start next summer in relation to the areas which have been excluded from the currently drawn Marine Protected Areas but marked for further research?

Please could you also confirm the timeline for this research and the presentation of findings to you?

What tool or analysis will you then use to determine the importance or otherwise of the habitats in the areas in question, how this will be weighed against other factors and whether you expect to announce your decision on inclusion or otherwise before the end of this term of office?

What evidence was used to include large areas to the MPAs to the South-West and North-West of the Island?

What consideration was given to using straight lines closer to the original proposed MPA such as the revised MPA boundary to the east of the Anquettes?

What ecological and associated evidence such as carbon potential has been identified within these areas?

2. Please could you inform the Panel whether there was a stakeholder engagement plan, and how and where the process and points of contact for participation in the development of the plan were set out for stakeholders?
3. Please could you describe describe how inter-sectoral spatial analysis was conducted for sectors other than fisheries, and how the stakeholder-derived spatial data was used to inform the Marine Spatial Plan?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Jeune', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Deputy Hilary Jeune
Chair, Environment, Housing, and Infrastructure Panel