

550/14 DEFRA: Are decisions being made with accordance to the Marine Policy Statement 2011?

(3) Any records that show the decision to create 27 new Marine Conservation Zones and the Marine Conservation Zones: Update of February 2014 (being assessed or considered in relation to the requirements of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and the Marine Policy Statement

- Steps for assessing MCZ proposals - Technical description of the steps undertaken in the assessment process for selecting sites for Marine Conservation Zones:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/steps-for-assessing-marine-conservation-zone-proposals>
- Impact assessment opinion: designation of MCZ – Evaluation of the Defra impact assessment for the designation of MCZs:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/impact-assessment-opinion-designation-of-marine-conservation-zones>
- Marine Conservation Zones: Consultation on proposals for designation in 2013:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/marine-conservation-zones-consultation-on-proposals-for-designation-in-2013>
- An update on MCZs, covering the designated MCZs and plans for the second tranche of MCZs: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/marine-conservation-zones-february-2014-update>
- Designation orders explanatory note:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/259972/pb14078-mcz-explanatory-note.pdf