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6 What sector of work/interest do you represent?

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Marine science

7 Which region are you from?

Which region are you from?:

South West

8 Do you consider yourself to be based in a coastal area?

Yes

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Section 1 - Setting our course

Q1 Do you agree with the proposed powers in the Fisheries Bill?

a) Strongly Agree

Please give reasons for your answer. :

I strongly feel that it is essential for the UK to gain complete control of its territorial waters in order to establish a long term plan to create a comprehensive sustainable fisheries legislation that will safeguard our fishing industry for generations to come. This will allow us to control quotas within our EEZ and to set quota allowances based on scientific research on sustainable catch limits. Being an island nation, the protection and conservation of the marine environment and its resources is paramount to our continued prosperity after we have left the EU and the greater control we have of our own resources the greater the conservation measures we can enforce increasing the security of the UK into the future.

Q2 What are your priorities for UK negotiations with the EU on fisheries?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

The issues that i feel should have priority during the negotiations with the EU are:

1. Ascertaining complete control of the EEZ surrounding the UK including all resources associated within the area.
2. To introduce tougher restrictions on mobile fishing gear and to heavily reduce/ban the use of the most destructive forms of bottom trawling eg scallop dredging.
3. To restrict the number and size of foreign vessels entering UK waters.
4. To impose restrictions on the methods of fishing based on the sustainability of the method being used (the more destructive the method is the more it is restricted and the least destructive the method the lower the restrictions)

Q3 What are your priorities for controlling our waters after exit?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

1. The allocation of truly sustainable catch quotas formulated by scientific research incorporating the ecosystem approach.
2. To impose restrictions on the methods of fishing based on the sustainability of the method being used (the more destructive the method is the more it is restricted and the least destructive the method the lower the restrictions)
3. Increased policing and tougher penalties to stop illegal and unreported fishing catches
4. for all items of fishing gear to have multiple tags attached stating the name and IMO number for the vessel so that any items lost/discarded can be tracked/returned in an attempt to reduce ghost fishing.
5. Increased habitat creation and rehabilitation by creating artificial reefs in areas that are in a less favorable condition that have been identified as areas that require action in order to turn them back into productive areas once more.

Q4 What are your priorities for the UK's international role in fisheries (beyond the EU)?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

1. To conserve, protect and rehabilitate as much of the marine environment as possible. (heavily damaged areas should not be left to recover but rehabilitated to what was there prior to the damage occurring)
2. To regulate all global fisheries and to ensure their continued functionality by incorporating effective sustainability measures.
3. To create a global network of MPA's and corridors and to protect these with adequate legislation that transcends international borders (eg migratory routes)
4. Increased policing and tougher penalties to stop illegal and unreported fishing catches

Q5 What are the fisheries policy areas where a legislative or non-legislative common approach (framework) across the UK is necessary?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

Q6 Do you have any further comments relating to the issues addressed in this section?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

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Section 2 – Pursuing sustainable management

Q7 Do you agree with the measures proposed to ensure fishing at sustainable levels?

b) Partially Agree

Please give reasons for your answer:

On the whole i do agree with the proposed measures to ensure fishing at sustainable levels, however, i do not think the fishing at the MSY is the best approach. We should be fishing below the MSY allowing a greater recovery rate to be established. Fishing at the MSY is good for fisheries that have been well managed for a substantial amount of time and the stocks are healthy. However, for a recovering fishery the MSY will increase the time taken for that fishery to grow in abundance and to properly recover to the point where having a MSY is beneficial. The MSY will keep the fishery recovery rate low where as a heavy reduction or even closure of the fishery will ensure a much faster recovery rate.

Q8 Do you agree that existing quota should continue to be allocated on an FQA basis?

b) Partially Agree

Please give reasons for your answer:

I believe fixed quota allocations should continue to be used, however, the quotas need to be set according to the sustainability of the fishery. The quotas should always be less than the MSY unless the fishery is exceptionally well managed.

Q9 How should any additional quota that we negotiate as an independent coastal state be allocated?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

Any additional quota that has been negotiated should be kept aside and not put into circulation and it should be kept as a conservation tool. Failing this i believe the quota should be distributed among the people who have a proven record of fishing within the law and using sustainable practices.

Q10 Do you agree that Defra should run a targeted scientific trial of an effort system in English inshore waters?

a) Strongly Agree

Please give reasons for your answer:

i believe all scientific methods should be trialed (as a minimum) to see if they provide a better alternative to what we have already.

Q11 Do you agree with our proposals to explore alternative management systems for certain shellfisheries in England?

b) Partially Agree

Please give reasons for your answer. Please provide examples, where relevant, of specific approaches that should be prioritised/explored. :

Need more information as to possible replacements. Any proposal to see alternatives is a good idea as long as any proposal that is adopted is beneficial to the sustainability of the fishery

Q12 Do you agree that there is a case for further integrating recreational angling into fisheries management?

a) Strongly Agree

Please give reasons for your answer. :

recreational angling is a massive industry within the UK that if it was left unregulated then as a combined sector can have a significant impact on inshore stocks

Q13 Do you agree with the proposed package of measures and initiatives to reduce wasteful discards?

b) Partially Agree

Please give reasons for your answer. :

as long as the measures do not enable the fishermen to fish and land prohibited species under a loop-hole where they are not penalized for catching the restricted species

Q14 Do you agree with the proposed approach to protecting our marine environment in relation to fisheries including the powers proposed in the Fisheries Bill?

b) Partially Agree

Please give reasons for your answer. :

I mostly agree with the proposed approaches to protecting our marine environment. The proposals provide protection and sovereignty to our marine resources whilst allowing it to be adapted later in time by scientific research that will further protect our marine resources.

Q15 What opportunities are there for the sector to become more involved in both the provision and direction of science and evidence development needed for fisheries management?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

With control of what goes on within the marine environment around the UK comes the ability to adapt and change as we see fit. it is possible to ensure that all vessels are monitored to see where they are fishing at all time whilst requiring them to provide information about the catches they have caught. Eg by allowing someone to fish in a certain area if they can provide an amount of data (catch size/weight/discards etc)

Q16 Do you have any further comments relating to the issues addressed in this section?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

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Section 3 – Resourcing the new approach

Q17 What would be your priorities for any future funding for the sector or coastal communities?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

For future funding i would concentrate on creating a sustainable fishery, where all destructive fishing methods have been heavily reduced or restricted to certain areas that have been designated as sacrificial areas. I would also concentrate on rehabilitating areas that have been heavily disturbed through the use of artificial reefs etc so that they come back into a a favorable condition where they can become productive areas once more. If the reef structures can help police the area by damaging equipment that is not meant to be there by acting as a sleeping policeman then the cost of policing that area can be significantly reduced.

Q18 Do you have any further comments relating to the issues addressed in this section?

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Section 4 – Partnership working

Q19 How far do you agree with our future vision to pursue a partnership approach with industry and others for sustainably managing fisheries?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

On the whole i mostly agree with the vision to pursue a partnership approach with industries and others to sustainably manage fisheries. This is important as it allows various views to be taken into account whilst always keeping sustainability at the forefront. Having a partnership approach allows each stakeholder to communicate and provide solutions to issues that may arise. This also allows for a broad knowledge pool covering various industries which can called upon for overcoming any problems or scenarios which may arise now and into the future.

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