POLICY NOTE

THE LITTLE LOCH BROOM SCALLOPS SEVERAL FISHERY ORDER 2015

SSI 2015/28

The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers in sections 1 and 7(4)(a)(iii) of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967. The instrument is subject to negative Parliamentary procedure.

Policy Objectives

Several Orders allow persons to apply for the right to fish exclusively for specified types of shellfish, including scallops, in a designated area. The Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery Order 2015 confers on Scot-Hatch Limited, for a period of 10 years, the right of several fishery for scallops in part of Little Loch Broom covering an area of 75 hectares within specified co-ordinates. The Managing Director of Scot-Hatch Limited, Grant Campbell, has fished exclusively in a separate designated area within Little Loch Broom for the past 13 years under The Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery Order 2002 ("the 2002 Order"). The 2002 Order includes a restriction that the harvesting of scallops can only be carried out manually by divers. The 2015 Order also provides for that restriction.

The 2015 Order will confer an exclusive right to fish scallops in an additional area within Little Loch Broom. Making the new Several Order will facilitate improved business opportunities and increased employment opportunities

Consultation

The applicant, Scot-Hatch Limited, consulted extensively with the local community and others as part of their application process.

A draft of the proposed Several Order was also consulted upon as is required in terms of Schedule 1 to the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967. Schedule 1 to that Act also requires the proposed Order to be published. Details of the proposed Order were advertised in a local newspaper on 28 November 2014. A period of four weeks was provided for receipt of any representations or objections but none were received.

Financial Effects

Other than time required to complete a short annual report, no financial burdens will be placed on the applicant as a result of the Order. A Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared in relation to the Order and placed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre.

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