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## Consultation for The National Marine Planning Framework (Baseline Report) Regarding Sports and Recreation

As it is important to protect our beautiful planet, our coastal marines have a huge impact on the development and policies for future environmental conservations. One of the main things that is important about this baseline report is the opportunity provided to individuals to allow input into this report as it creates a diverse outlook into the protection of the Irish seas. Through this National Marine Planning Framework, the protection and conservation of the Irish sea is an important element towards both ecological and economic benefits which is highlighted by the goals for the ocean's wealth. These plans and policies will enable the management and wealth of our seas while encouraging efficient approaches for effective sustainability. This base line report addresses a variety of sustainable objectives which indicate an effective management of marine resources.

As a recreational user of the marine both personally and professionally one of my main concerns within this report is regarding the sports and recreation sector. The indication of the sports and recreation plan, I feel obliged to agree that the social participation within these range of activities have a positive effect on integration and physical activity within Ireland. Throughout the report it highlights a diverse user of the Irish sea from swimmers to kayakers. This gives a broad equality element towards the recreational planning. The framework broadly addresses the major issues of sports within coastal areas with a core factor on the protection of marine flora and fauna to native species. This identification of the biodiversity provides a high level in nature and standards for the Irish seas. As evident within the marine environment section it will be important to highlight the good environmental status within the process of the recreational and sports procedures. This will give a higher standard to a clean and healthy



Regarding the environmental assessments, it will be important to assess all areas mentioned above to ensure that the plans are appropriate for the locations identified. This should highlight issues of environmental habitats and bio diversity. While exploring these assessments it should also be aware of both individual recreational users and groups. This will help the main objectives to incorporate human impact on the coasts and preserve sea life. As areas within Ireland range from place to diversity, I feel the appropriate approach towards the hierarchy future of the marine planning need to be provided through a bay approach.

The implementations of these factors could encourage further economic activity in a pro-environmental way which would enable recreational users to respect marine life and the biodiversity of the habitat. This interest of marine coastal areas would further develop Irish coastal marines in a more sustainable and diverse way. However, some minor changes towards detailed accounts could be further developed for a clearer understanding on investments of infrastructure towards these plans and how this directly impacts society while shaping the future.