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Seas of Change

A Response by the Institution of Environmental Sciences

Dear Sirs,

As the Institution was not on the original list of consultees, we were rather late in obtaining our copy of the consultation document. This has allowed us insufficient time to circulate and consider the paper in depth and only a brief comment of a general nature is possible.

The earlier publication Safeguarding our Seas was read with interest and as a result we are able to say that we welcome the strategy and consider that it is comprehensive and should be, if followed through by action, of considerable benefit to the marine environment. We are particularly supportive of proposals for marine nature conservation and integration with the principles of sustainable development.

We would hope to see annual reports on progress with the initiatives with an opportunity to submit comment at each report stage.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. R. A. Fuller Hon Secretary