
BRIA Business Interview- CURLEW SHELLFISH SERVICES Ltd

Q1. Briefly describe your business objectives

Catching shellfish, making money

Q2. Do you agree with the objectives of the SIRMP?

Aware of the marine spatial plan, agrees with its objectives

Benefits of Implementing the Different Options

Q3. Do you agree/disagree with the suggested benefits as an outcome of implementing each of the three options?

It says the right things but not sure how much the marine planning department (decision makers) really listen. If developers put pressure on the planning department, they may sway towards the developer. Its good in principle.

Q4. Are there any further potential benefits of each option to your business/sector?

Can't think of anything

Costs of Implementing Options 1 & 2

Q5. Do you agree/disagree with the costs associated with implementing option 1?

Yea, I do [agree]

Q6. Do you agree/disagree with the costs associated with implementing option 2?

Yea-[agree]

Costs of Implementing Option 3

Q7. Do you agree/disagree with the cost assessment of the new/amended policies within the SIRMP as detailed in **Table 1**?

If there are costs on developers, it's a good thing (aquaculture) increase costs helps me so that areas aren't filled with sites.

Probably- nothing that is really relevant to me.

Q8. Are you in favour of implementing the SIRMP and the policies within it?

I am in favour of it. No issue with it whatsoever

Q9. Can you foresee any specific positive/negative impacts to your business resulting from the implementation of the SIRMP?

Questioning the monitoring of water quality around Shetland and the consequences of lower water quality. Who is responsible for monitoring water quality? SEPA?

[Regarding the fishing map for static gear] there will be other areas that are not marked on the map, are the log sheets used? Reasonably happy that the area I work in is covered (on the map) but could be extended. Goes through a more accurate plan, this is a rough guide.

[Discussed the SSMO boxes on the log sheets and maybe more accuracy is needed, as it is important for planning applications. Kathryn asked if an app on a phone would help with logging] -No it wouldn't really help as would have to take gloves off etc.

Positives from a fishing point of view, the more information on the map that fishermen have given you, the better it is to protect our interests with developers.

At the moment there is no negative impacts for me, generally it is positive.

Amended Policy-Waste Minimisation (Pg 28 SIRMP)

See Table 2: Amended and new policies

Q10. Do you currently consider waste minimisation as part of the EIA process?

No

Q11. Do you create waste minimisation plans in-house? What does it entail? How many man hours does it take?

N/A

Q12. Do you currently have written waste management procedures?

No, I do dispose of all my waste on land in the SIC provided skip

Q13. Can you foresee any other costs that could be associated with the amended policy?

No

Amended Policy- Safeguarding Navigation Channels and Port Areas (Pg 32 SIRMP)

See Table 2: Amended and new policies

Q14. Are you likely to submit an application for a development adjacent to a port/harbour area?

No

Q15. Do you envisage that this policy would cause you any economic impact on your business?

No

Q16. Do you think this policy would have a greater impact on the development potential around smaller ports/harbours?

Potentially, but that would be up to the SIC. Opening up of Yell Sound, developers may be affected.

Amended Policy- Safeguarding Marine Recreation (Pg 94 SIRMP)

See Table 2: Amended and new policies

Q17. Do you think your business/development type could be impacted by the amendment to the wording of this policy?

N/A

New Policy- Harbour Plans (Pg 32 SIRMP)

See Table 2: Amended and new policies

It has always been a requirement that developers comply with specific harbour plans, policies, directions and by-laws, this policy has been included to add clarity and consistency.

Q18. Can you foresee any additional impacts associated with the inclusion of this new policy into the SIRMP?

If 'Yes', please give details of any potential impacts and associated costs.

No

New Policy- Habitat Protected Areas (Pg 49 SIRMP)

See Table 2: Amended and new policies

This policy gives protection to areas closed to fishing by the SSMO (which have been closed to protect PMFs). There is overlap between this policy and policy MP SPCON4 which protects Priority Marine Features.

Q19. Can you foresee any additional impacts associated with the inclusion of this new policy into the SIRMP?

If 'Yes', please give details of any potential impacts and associated costs.

No, for me personally. Scallop boats are more likely to be affected.

New Policy- Decommissioning of Assets (Pg 100 SIRMP)

See Table 2: Amended and new policies

Q20. Do you agree/disagree with the inclusion of this policy?

I agree, I think any developer should have to properly dispose of any equipment

Q21. Have you ever had to create a decommissioning plan?

No

Q22. If you were directed to create a decommissioning plan, how easy would it be for you to compile the necessary information?

N/A

Q23. Please give an estimate of the man hours it takes to create a decommissioning plan

N/A

New Policy- Development Restricted Areas (Pg 101 SIRMP)

See Table 2: Amended and new policies

Q24. Would you be likely to submit an application within a development restricted area?

N/A

Q25. Aquaculture isn't currently allowed within these areas; do you agree with this policy or does it restrict your business development (for example expansion into seaweed farming)?

Don't agree with that. I think it is good that there are areas that have no aquaculture in it. I don't think you have the right to look out your window and not have to look at an aquaculture site, but it is good to have areas clear of aquaculture.

Competition Assessment

Q26. Do you think that the SIRMP could directly or indirectly limit the number or range of suppliers?

No

Q27. Do you think that the SIRMP would limit the ability of suppliers to compete?

No

Q28. Do you think that the SIRMP would limit the suppliers' incentives to compete vigorously?

No

Q29. Do you think that the SIRMP policies could limit the choices and information available to consumers?

No

Consumer Assessment

Q30. Do you think the policies within the SIRMP will have an effect on the quality, availability or price of any goods or services in a market?

No

Q31. Do you think the policies within the SIRMP will have an effect on the essential services market, such as energy and water?

No

Q32. Do you foresee that the SIRMP would involve storage or increased use of consumer data?

No

Q33. Do you think that the SIRMP would increase opportunities for unscrupulous suppliers to target consumers?

No

Q34. Do you think the SIRMP would impact the information available to consumers on either goods or services, or their rights in relation to these?

No

Q35. Do you think the SIRMP would affect routes for consumers to seek advice or raise complaints on consumer issues?

No