**National Park Commission - SAG 3-1 – Update on consultation proposals**

Events are being planned for September and October to complement the online consultation on the Scottish Government website. Attendance would be by invitation rather than being open to the public – which would be more relevant for the nomination process when specific areas will be debated.

The events are likely to consist of three elements – information/background; sharing experience from existing national parks; and interactive engagement and discussion. We see this building on experience from the recent 30x30 workshop attended by 150 stakeholders.

The events under consideration are:

1. **Online consultation** events, held virtually via Teams hosted by NatureScot.
   * General – for groups with national coverage across a range of topic areas such as land use, recreation, renewables.
   * Coastal and Marine – a sector-based discussion is planned given the complexity of including offshore aspects.

In addition, we are exploring the scope to piggyback on meetings being organised by others including SRF, SE Link, BES and BEFS.

*Are there other key sectors we should engage with?*

*Are there other events being planned we can piggyback on?*

1. **In-person** **geographic consultation** involving local authorities and key regional organisations and communities. The organisation of these are still under discussion but are likely to include
   * One in the north, arranged with The Highland Council and HIE. This may be hybrid to make attendance by island-based contributors easier.
   * One in the south, arranged with South of Scotland Enterprise – likely to be online. We may also hold separate in-person meetings with both park campaign groups and local authorities (one in Borders, one in Dumfries & Galloway).

We consider that the events being planned under a) will replace the need for a central belt meeting. We have also contacted the Scottish Islands Federation to see if there is interest in a meeting to discuss National Parks.

*Are other geographic events required and if so where?*

1. More focussed engagement work with diverse groups including ethnic minority communities, people with disabilities and young people. NatureScot is discussing these with the Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations (CEMVO), and Inclusion Scotland and YoungScot.

*Does the Stakeholder Advisory Group have additional suggestions and contacts?*

*Comments*

We welcome Stakeholder Advisory Group’s thoughts on these points. We would also be grateful for details of contacts at relevant organisations (see annex for list of key groups).

Please email ideas and/or information to NatureScot, or contact one of the team to discuss.

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**Annex Key stakeholder interests and groups**

| **Sector** | **Stakeholder group** | **Other** | |
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| National, Local, Community Government | * Scottish Government (SG) natural resources division * Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) * Heads of Planning Scotland (HoPS) * Scottish Land Commission * Community Land Scotland * Cairngorms NP * Loch Lomond & Trossachs NP | * SG planning and architecture * SG Climate Change * Transport Scotland * Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) * Royal Town Planning Institute * Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) | * Individual local authorities * Community Planning Partnerships * Bord na Gaidhlig * Scottish Canals |
| Natural and cultural heritage | * Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland * Scottish Environment LINK * Scotland’s Landscape Alliance * Trees for Life * Historic Environment Scotland * Europarc Federation | * National Trust for Scotland * Scottish Wildlife Trust * John Muir Trust * Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) * Biological Recording in Scotland (BRISC) * Landscape Institute Scotland * British Geological Survey * Scottish Geodiversity Forum * Archaeology Scotland * Built Environment Forum Scotland * Royal Zoological Society, Scotland * Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh * Amphibian and Reptile Conservation | * Buglife, Bumblebee Conservation Trust * Scottish Local Biodiversity Action Plan Network * Flora and Fauna International * Greenspace Scotland * Keep Scotland Beautiful * Green Action Trust * National Biodiversity Network * Sea Mammal Research Unit * Wildlife and Wetlands Trust * Borders Forest Trust * Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management * Clyde Climate Forest |
| Recreation, sport and health | * Ramblers Scotland | * SportScotland * Mountaineering Scotland * Paths for All * Sustrans * Scottish Canoe Association * Royal Yachting Association * Scotways (Scottish Rights of Way Society) * Scottish Sports Association | * Public Health Scotland * Cycling Scotland * Cycling UK in Scotland * Scottish Countryside Rangers Association * Scottish Association of Country Sports * British Horse Society * Scottish Sub Aqua Club |
| Business and tourism | * South of Scotland Enterprise * Highland and Islands Enterprise Agency * VisitScotland | * Scottish Council for Development and Industry * CBI Scotland * Individual Chambers of Commerce | * Visitor Destination organisations * Wild Scotland * Scottish National Investment Bank * Scottish Rural Network |
| Land (and sea) use | * Forestry and Land Scotland * National Farmers Union (NFU) * Scottish Land and Estates * Marine Scotland * Marine Conservation Society * Scottish Renewables Forum | * Scottish Forestry * Scottish Forestry Society * Crown Estate * Crofting Commission * Scottish Coastal Forum * Salmon Scotland * Scottish Shellfish Growers Association * Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation * Regional Inshore Fisheries Groups * Scottish Gamekeepers’ Association * Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust * British Association for Shooting and Conservation * Association of Deer Management Groups | * Confederation of Forest Industries * Fisheries Management Scotland * Moorland Forum * Scottish Water * Scottish Federation of Housing Associations * Homes for Scotland * Rivers and Fisheries Trusts of Scotland * Scottish Fishermen’s Federation * Scottish Countryside Alliance * Nature Friendly Farming Network * Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust * COAST * Open Seas |
| Youth | * Young Scot | * YouthLink * LGBT Youth Scotland | * Ocean Youth Trust Scotland * Scottish Youth Parliament |
| Black People and People of Colour (BPoC)/Ethnic Minority (EM) | * Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations (CEMVO) * Inclusion Scotland | * Black and Ethnic Minority Infrastructure in Scotland (BEMIS) | * Backbone CIC * Ebony Hikers * Climate Reframe * Black Environment Network (BEN) |
| Other |  | * Colleges / universities – Scotland’s Rural College, FRS Marine Laboratory * Countryside Agencies * UK National Parks * ClimatexChange * Heritage Lottery Fund * Education Scotland * Skills Development Scotland * James Hutton Institute * Zero Waste Scotland | * Police Scotland * The Conservation Volunteers * Volunteering Matters * Volunteering Scotland * Inspiring Scotland * Scottish Alliance of Regional Equality Councils * Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors * Creative Scotland * Ministry of Defence * Maritime and Coastguard Agency |