

For the attention of Roseanna Cunningham and the ECCLR committee.

We the undersigned businesses rely on a healthy coastal environment to prosper. We urge you to ensure that no licenses are granted under which kelp may be harvested in such a way as to inhibit the regrowth of individual plants.

Kelp plays a significant role in ameliorating the impacts of climate change, it sequesters carbon and buffers the sea against increasing acidification. Its importance as a habitat cannot be overstated. Kelp protects coastlines from the impact of waves and shifting sediment. The biodiversity underpinned by our wild kelp forest supports myriad coastal businesses from fishing to wildlife tourism and the growing number of restaurants that focus on serving local seafood. Current seaweed harvesting methods are strictly governed by the Crown Estate to ensure that no kelp is destroyed, no bi-catch unrecorded, and no habitat altered, *these rules must be upheld*. It would be unethical to allow one chemical company to dredge up vast swathes of this vital habitat for their financial gain, at the expense of coastal communities and the environment. Allowing this current application- or any future applications- to dredge wild kelp in Scotland's inshore waters, would not only be environmental vandalism, but would impede the abilities of our coastal communities to continue to sustain themselves.

1. Keltic Seafare – West coast
2. **Scottish Scallop Divers Association – West coast – 20 members**
3. Subsea TV – Wildlife film maker – West coast
4. **Scottish Creel Fishermen's Federation – West Coast – 400 members**
5. Ridgeways Adventure – Outdoor adventures on the sea for children and young adults
- West Sutherland
6. Loch Laxford Shellfish Limited - West Sutherland
7. Broomfield Holiday Park – Ullapool
8. Holdfast Marine – Wester Ross
9. Isle Martin Trust – Wester Ross
10. MFV Laurscott Creel Fisherman - Wester Ross
11. MFV Freya – Creel Fishermen – Wester Ross
12. North Minch Shellfish Association – Wester Ross
13. North West Outdoors – Outdoor retailer including sea fishing and snorkelling
equipment – Wester Ross
14. NorWest Sea kayaking – Wester Ross

15. Ockran Oysters - Wester Ross
16. Shearwater cruises –Wester Ross
17. The Seafood Shack – Wester Ross
18. 58oN Scottish Seaweeds – Wester Ross
19. Toscaig Shellfish – Applecross
20. Mountain and Sea guides – Applecross
21. Kishorn Seafood Bar - Kishorn
22. Ardnamurchan Charters – Ardnamurchan
23. Ardtornish Estate - Ardtornish
24. Carna Conservation Initiative – Acharachle
- 25. Western Isles Fishermen's Association – Hebrides 140 members**
26. Daisys Cold Water Surf Cream - Lewis
27. Hebrides Fish n Trips Ltd - Marine Tourism Operator. – Lewis
28. Surf Lewis – Lewis
29. Kilda Cruises - Harris
30. Seaweed in the Kitchen – Forager/writer Uist
31. Ruairidh Nicolson SY102 – Creel fisherman – North Uist
32. Lady Anne Boat Trips, Grimsay, North Uist.
33. Ard na Mara Shellfish – Barra
34. Barra Surf Adventures - Barra
35. Clear Water Paddling – Barra
36. MFV Harbour maid – Creel fishermen – Barra
37. MFV Orca CY16 – Creel Fishermen – Vatersay (dredge block 10)
38. MFV Oor Saund KY1026 – Creel Fisherman – Vatersay (dredge block 10) and Sandray
39. MFV Quiet Waters - Inshore Creel Fisherman – Muck
40. MFV Silver Steel – Creel fishermen – Muck
41. Gingerbread House Soap Company – rely on tourism – Muck
42. Rest and Be Thankful Tea Garden – rely on tourism – Muck
43. Port Mor House - Muck
44. Misty Isles Boat Trips - Skye
45. Dive and Sea the Hebrides – Skye
46. Earth Ways – Permaculture Education - Skye
47. Rubha Phoil – Tourisim – Skye

48. Skye Cruises – Skye
49. South Skye Sea Initiative - Skye
50. Sea Skye Adventures with Divers Eye boat trips – Skye
51. Black House Water Sports – Tiree
52. Arisaig Archery - Arisaig
53. Tigh-na-mara Guest House – Coll
54. Isle of Mull Oysters
55. Staffa Tours –Wildlife boat tours- Mull
56. Sea Life Surveys – Wildlife boat tours – Mull
57. Turus Mara – Wildlife boat tours – Mull
58. Wild Argyll – Argyll
59. Otter Films - Argyll
60. Sealife adventures – Argyll
61. Sound of Jura Seaweed - Argyll
62. Ros Beag TT167 Dive for Scallops - Argyll
63. Arran Coast - Arran
64. Ocean Breeze RIB tours – Arran
65. Ocean Breeze Marine Services - Arran

Signed subsequent to the letter being sent

66. Martyrs bay Restaurant - Iona
67. St Columba Shop - Iona
68. St Columba Larder - Iona
69. Iona tea room and craft shop - Iona
70. The Crinan Hotel - Argyll
71. Crinan Classic Charters - Argyll
72. St Hilda Sea Adventures - Argyll
73. Sunart, Morvern, Moidart, Ardnamurchan and Ardgour Tourist Association
74. Arisaig Archery - Arisaig
75. Stay With Us - Skye
76. Loch Bay Restaurant - Skye
77. Bella Jane Boat trips - Skye

- 78. Golden Eye SY738 - Creel fisherman - North Uist
- 79. Charlene-Anne SY910 - Creel Fisherman - North Uist
- 80. Loch Ewe Salt and Seaweed - Wester Ross
- 81. Kylesku Hotel - West Sutherland
- 82. Hughson Diving - West Coast
- 83. North East - Dive Charter - West Coast