

**Consultation on The Ancient Monuments and Listed Buildings (Amendment)
(Scotland) draft Bill**

Response from the Joint Nautical Archaeology Policy Committee (JNAPC)

The JNAPC welcomes the opportunity to respond to the consultation on The Ancient Monuments and Listed Buildings (Amendment) (Scotland) draft Bill.

The JNAPC welcomes the amendment to the meaning of Monument in the 1979 Act whereby this will in future include 'any site comprising any thing, or group of things, that evidences previous human activity'.

Whilst we are aware that protection of the marine historic environment will be included in the Marine (Scotland) Bill, the proposed amendment to the 1979 Act will give additional powers to protect prehistoric sites underwater.

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