

- We are undertaking research for **SARF** to identify key issues in shellfish farm planning decisions and how consistently these issues are considered across Scotland.
- We would like to know more about any issues you found difficult when applying for planning permission or that may deter you from making future applications e.g.
  - Availability of suitable sites to set up new farms or expand existing farms
  - The pre-application consultation process (the advice received or the actual process)
  - Planning fees (and pre-consultation advice fees where applicable)
  - Issues raised by consultees e.g. competition for space with other marine users, potential impacts on protected species or habitats, landscape and seascape amenity, navigation etc.
  - Conditions attached to permission granted (including if these have affected the ability to expand e.g. with respect to facilities on the foreshore)
- If you would like to contribute **in confidence**, please contact the project team:
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