

POLICY ZONE C: AIRD NAN RÒN TO STRONDOIR BAY

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

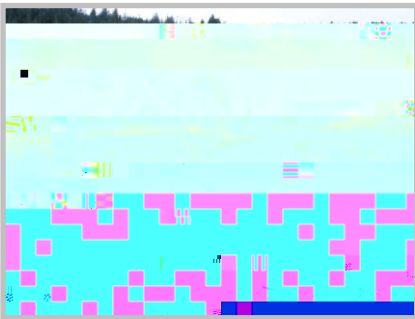
The landscape is predominately an upland plateau with rounded ridges and rocky outcrops. There is an extensive large-scale mosaic of open moorland and forestry plantations.

SEASCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

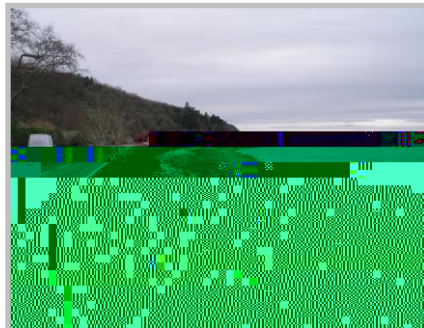
The south end of this policy zone has a comparatively wide boulder shore at low tide indicating a gently sloping intertidal and subtidal seabed. The coast is open with little indentation and is potentially quite exposed to southerly and south-easterly winds.

ACCESS

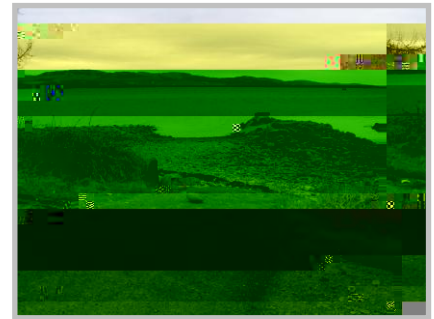
The main A83 trunk road runs parallel to the loch shore from Aird nan Ròn to Strondoir Bay. There is only one point of access to the loch, at the Sloc nam Fearna lay-by, where it is possible to launch small boats from trailers. This access to the loch lies adjacent to an old concrete jetty which is in a state of ruin.



Shore access from lay-by at Sloc nam Fearna



A83 trunk road going north and running parallel to Loch Fyne shore



Shore access at Sloc nam Fearna with remains of old jetty to the right

VISUAL AMENITY

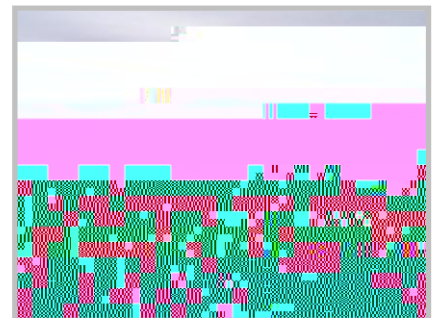
From the trunk road, which is very close to the loch shore, views are broad, open, distant, mostly uninterrupted and generally unremarkable over to the rolling hills of Cowal, which are dominated by forestry plantation. There are no paths adjacent to this area, but there are a few lay-bys along the road side with open views to the loch. At Clach an Easbuig, there is a view point with a roadside picnic table. Views at Sloc nam Fearna are dominated by the Meall Mhor salmon farm, which lies particularly close to shore.



View south from Sloc nam Fearna towards Barmore Island and Stonefield Castle



Meall Mhor salmon farm site at Sloc nam Fearna

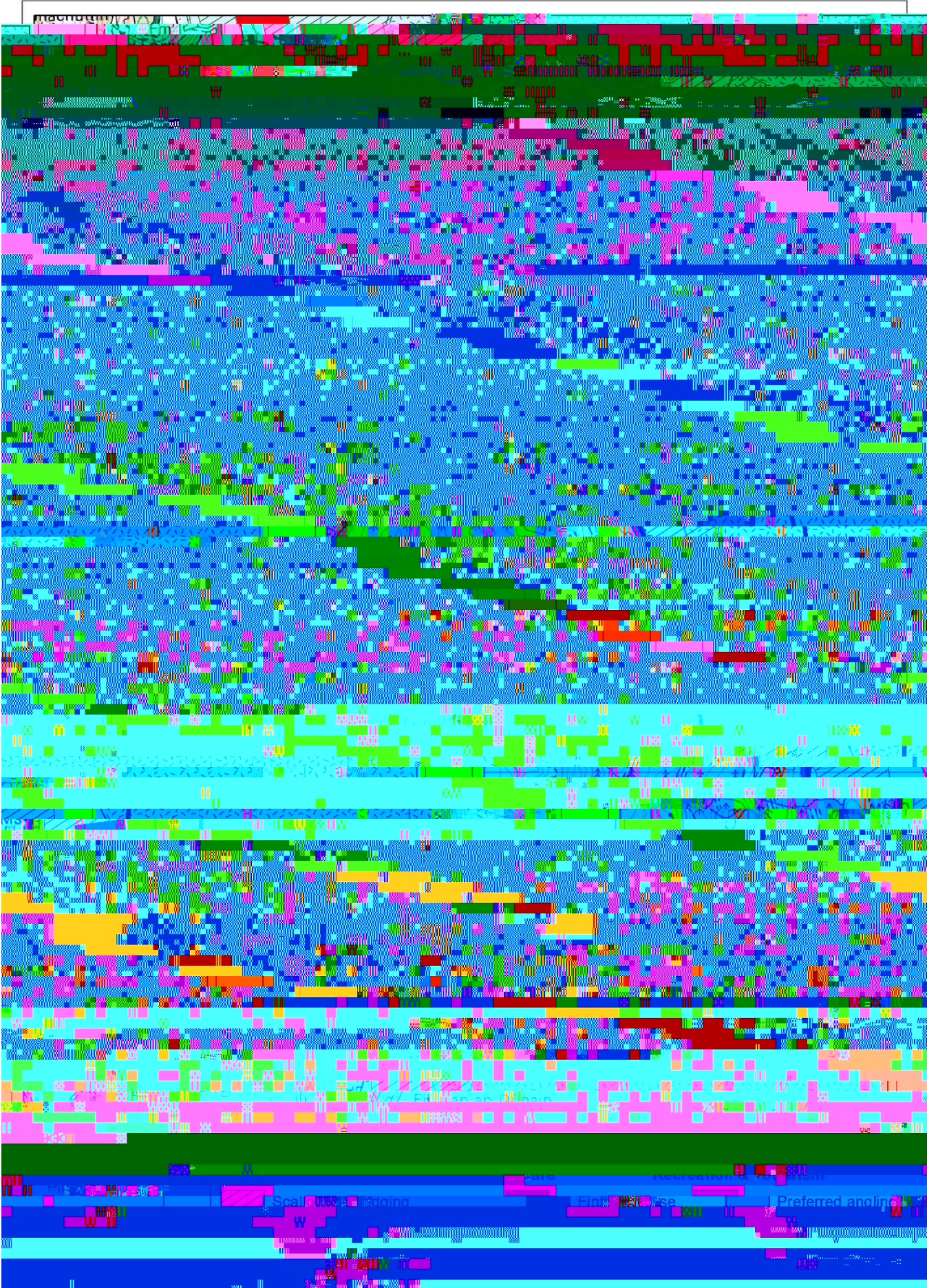


General view across Loch Fyne to the low rolling hills of Cowal

SETTLEMENTS

Dwellings are sparsely distributed along the roadside. No communities or settlements adjoin this policy zone.

POLICY ZONE C MAP - Current Uses & Activities



POLICY ZONE C

DEVELOPMENT POLICIES FOR AQUACULTURE²

Where the following development policies indicate presumption in favour of development, this will be subject to any development proposal being consistent with relevant policies within the Argyll and Bute Development Plan (Structure and Local Plan).

MARINE FINFISH DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Marine Finfish Development Policy PZC-1

There will be a general presumption against all scales of new finfish development within this policy zone.

Justification

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