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**EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY SCREENING ANALYSIS FORM**

I am writing to advise you of the Department’s intention to issue a consultation paper on the “2015 Review of Shellfish Water Protected Areas”. It is anticipated that this will issue on 4 April 2016 for a 12-week period of consultation.

A screening analysis form for Equality Impact Assessment has been completed. As a result of this, it is considered that there will be no significant implications for equality of opportunity or community relations as a result of the proposals put forward in the consultation paper. As such, a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

A copy of the screening analysis form is attached for your records.

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