

**Table 5 Stage 3 scorings of each of the long-list of possible areas**

	Solway	Clyde	Argyll Coast and Islands	Argyll Coast and Islands – principal area only	Argyll Islands, Lochaber and South Skye	Lochaber and South Skye	Wester Ross and North Skye	North Uist, Sound of Harris, Harris and South Lewis	South Uist, Sound of Barra, Barra	Orkney and Pentland Firth	Fair Isle	Shetland	Moray Firth	East Moray Firth
1) Is the natural and cultural heritage under threat?	M	H	H	M	H	M	M	M	M	M	L	M	M	M
2) What is the scale/significance of recreational visitor pressures?	M	H	H	M	H	M	L	L	L	M	L	L	M	M
3) What is the scale/significance of development and land-sea use pressures?	M	H	H	H	H	M	M	M	M	M	L	M	H	H
4) What is the potential to enhance the natural and cultural heritage?	H	H	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	L	M	M	M
5) What is the potential to enhance enjoyment and recreation?	H	M	M	M	H	H	M	M	M	M	L	L	M	M
6) How significant are the conflicts and interactions between development and land-sea uses?	L	H	H	H	H	M	M	H	L	M	L	H	M	M

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7) To what extent would the more integrated approach of a Park provide for better management?	M	H	H	M	H	M	H	H	M	L	L	L	M	L
8) How dependent is the economy on the use of the natural resources and heritage of the area?	L	L	M	H	H	H	H	H	H	M	M	H	L	L
9) What is the potential for a Park to make a significant contribution to the development of the area?	H	L	M	M	M	M	M	H	H	M	L	M	M	L
10) How accessible is the area from the rest of Scotland, the UK and elsewhere?	M	H	M	L	M	M	M	L	L	L	L	L	M	M
11) How accessible are the key coastal and marine resources within the area?	M	M	M	M	M	M	L	M	L	M	L	M	H	H
Overall	23	27	27	24	28	24	23	24	20	20	12	20	23	21

Overall scoring based on 3 points for high, 2 points for M, 1 point for low.