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EFRA (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) Committee to consider coastal access provisions in the draft Marine Bill

An announcement was made on Thursday 24 April 2008 that the EFRA Committee has decided to undertake pre-legislative scrutiny of the coastal access provisions contained in Part 9 of the draft Marine Bill which was published on 3 April.

The Committee has issued an invitation to interested parties to submit their views in writing by **Monday 19 May 2008**. The following link provides more information about the Committee and the press release on the draft Marine Bill, which includes details of what respondents may wish to comment on and how comments should be submitted:

http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/environment_food_and_rural_affairs.cfm

A parliamentary joint committee with representatives from both Houses is also expected to scrutinise the draft Bill. A further newsletter will be published to notify you of the joint committee's proposed timetable once this has been agreed.

For further information about the coastal access proposals in the draft Marine Bill please see <http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/issues/accesscoast.htm>

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Details about the coastal access provisions in Part 9 of the draft Marine Bill and the Bill more generally were also included in the last Issue of the Access newsletter, No 30 of 4 April 2008.