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Dear Mrs Mary Tang,

Re: Invitation to provide written submissions

Referring to the letter LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs (31 January 2002), Hong Kong Marine Conservation Society provides the written responses to the related issues. We support the proposed amendments to the Technical Memorandum on Effluent Standards and have the following comments:

1. We agree the amendments of streamlining of flow bands and rationalizing the water body groupings which should facilitate the effective management of coastal waters. But we would like to suggest addition coastal waters grouped into the semi-enclosed water bodies (shown in Figure 1). These include the Northern Lantau (East of the airport platform tip to Northeast of Lantau Island), Tai O and Yi O at Northwest Lantau, West coast of Lamma Island.
2. We support the amendments of enhancing protection of sensitive water bodies (proposal h to k). The proposed tightening of nutrient, *E. coli* and toxic metal standards, and the introduction of the new TRC and ammonia standards for discharge to inland and coastal waters will positively affect the water quality, marine life and recreational use at these coastal waters. But to enhance the protection of beach water quality, we propose the discharges should also include the ungazetted beaches within the semi-enclosed water bodies.

HKMCS welcome the proposed amendments in general in regarding to the improvement of water quality in Hong Kong. Should you have further enquires, please feel free to contact Mr. Dickson Wong at 23143846.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman

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■ Group A Coastal Waters
(i.e. semi-enclosed water bodies)

Figure 1 : Group A Coastal Waters



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