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A SHERIFF will today call for a ban on submarine war games in the Clyde fishing grounds.
Sheriff Principal Robert Hay's findings follow the Antares tragedy in which four fishermen were dragged to their deaths by a sub.

And last night Ayrshire MP George Foulkes said: "The MOD dare not ignore these findings."
Foulkes, honorary president of the Clyde Fishermen's Federation, added: "There could be a repeat of the Antares tragedy if they do and they will never be forgiven."
"The deaths of the crewmen should already

than any individual who is to blame," he said.
"The sheriff says the MOD should not allow subs to carry out exercises in these areas."
Defence chiefs should not try to hide behind individual error, added Mr Foulkes.
Although the report does criticise human error, officers were carrying out tasks they should not have been expected to do, he said.
The report is expected to deal with two main points.

- WHY did HMS Trenchant not surface sooner after she suspected contact with a fishing vessel?
- WHY did Trenchant not report a possible incident for two hours? Labour are to press Defence Secretary Tom

into effect at once.
They also want to cancel a Clyde training exercise next month - close to the anniversary of the tragedy.
The Trenchant was involved in a similar complex war game with frigate HMS Charybdis as several fishing vessels - including the Antares - trawled nearby.
On the eve of the inquiry, skipper's wife

Christine Russell said: "I hope that the sheriff will make recommendations to make the fishing grounds safe again."
The Clyde Fishermen's Federation and the Royal Navy yesterday refused to comment until after the report is published.
Today, Christine and fishermen's leader William Hay will attend a press conference to discuss the findings.

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be on their conscience."
The Antares capsized when its trawl wires were snagged by the sub HMS Trenchant.
Skipper Jamie Russell, 33, Billy Martindale, 24, and Dugald John Campbell, 20, all from Carradale, and Stewart Campbell, 29, from Campbeltown, died.
Foulkes said the inquiry report was a "damning indictment" of defence bosses.
"The clear message is that it is the MOD rather