



Marine Planning Stakeholder Reference Group (MPSRG)

- Held: 24th October 2017 10.30 – 16.00
- Attendees: Phil Coates (PJC) John Hamer (JPH) (chair) Anwen Davies (AD)
Peter Barham (PB), Kirsty Lindenbaum (KL), Clare Reed (CRe), Mark Russell (MR) Adrian Judd (AJ) Emma Barton (EB) Rosie Kelly (RK) Catrin Jones (CJ) Lucie Skates (LS) Mike Wilkinson (MW) Lisa Hopkinson (LH) Ceri Crichton (CC) Lucy Taylor (LT) Helen Kirk (HK) Alex Melling (AM) Mike Frost (MF) Jonathan Monk (JM) Sarah Young (SY)
- Dialled in: Mel Nicholls (MN), Stephen Jay (SJ) Sarah Canning (SC) Robert Carington (RC)
- Apologies: Jim Evans (JE) Peter Davies (PD) Patrick Cowdy (PC) David Jones (DJ) Alison Palmer Hargrave (APH) Richard Neale (RN) Robert Merrylees (RM)

1. Welcome and Introductions (Anwen Davies)

Notes and actions from the last meeting were discussed and no comments received.

Action: AD to circulate ICZM mtg feedback when finalised.

2. Update on Marine Plan project progress and consultation arrangements (Anwen Davies)

AD provided an update on progress since last SRG meeting on the 20th June;

- CSERA has considered the draft plan and associated material and approved that we move to consult subject to SoS approval.
- Consultation proposed to be over a period of 16 weeks.
- Public Events have been organised for January 2018.

3. SA and HRA presentation (Alex Melling and Mike Frost)

AM and MF presented an overview of the findings of the SA and HRA of the draft WNMP which included explanations why they are being undertaken, processes and linkages with the development of the WNMP.

Points from the group included plan level vs project level assessments, alternatives considered in the HRA and the relationship to the SA, approach to IROPI case and consideration of compensatory measures.

Action: AD to circulate SA, HRA and draft plan as soon as possible.

4. Update on Public Events during Consultation

CC of Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum updated the group on the approach to consultation support and set out the events planned for Jan '18. Events to be held in Aberystwyth, Bangor, Cardiff, Swansea and Saundersfoot.

Action: WG to reconsider need for NE Wales event and update the group.

5. Celtic Seas Partnership Presentation – (Sarah Young)

SY presented lessons learned from the EU funded Celtic Seas Partnership on engagement. Many points were highlighted by the group;

- The need for strong, clear communication and engaging widely and openly in supporting engagement with and buy into the marine plan.
- The need to manage expectations – a strong focus should be given to this during engagement activity.
- the need to make the plan relevant to target audience, keep language and communications straightforward and invest in engagement.

Action: AD to share WG proposals for stakeholder engagement with the group for information/comment

6. Working with SRA's and T & F recommendations/WG responses – (Lucie Skates)

LS update the SRG on the need to discuss working with SRA's.

Action: All to comment on Paper 2 by end of November. **LS** to finalise and bring the final paper back to the group.

Action: WG to draft short, clear SRA narrative and circulate for agreement.

7. EMFF update – Lucie Skates

EMFF funds of £403k (for 3 Years) secured. Some delay has been with the procurement but the project is broadly on track.

Developing a Marine Area Statement – (Kirsty Lindenbaum)

KL provided a brief update on the Marine Area Statements and the group supported the approach, in particular a single marine statement but with terrestrial statements extending into marine as and where this adds value.

Evidence and Marine Planning (Adrian Judd)

AJ presented the group with the approach and context for the evidence base to support marine planning in Wales.

The group noted the difficulty of balancing the need to maintain evidence understanding as well as maintaining the appropriate focus.

Action: All to comments on evidence proposals by end November.

SJ highlighted the survey being undertaken by Charlotte Hopkins and encouraged all to respond.

Portal V3 Update (Phil Coates)

PJC gave a verbal update on the progress of version 3 of the portal.

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- **SJ** highlighted SIMcelt closing event in Liverpool.
- **EB** raised sub-national planning. **JPH** apologised for the relatively late notification of consultation.

JPH thanked all for their attendance and ongoing and continued support