

MPA Management Steering Group

Key messages and Actions

Title of Meeting	MPA Management Steering Group		Date	06.03.2018
Meeting Number	10	Start Time	10:00	End Time 13:30
Attendance	Graham Rees (Welsh Government - Chair), Richard Lowcock James (Welsh Government), Alison Palmer Hargrave (Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau SAC – advisor to the Steering Group), Trevor Theobald (Welsh Local Government Association/Pembrokeshire County Council), Helen Bloomfield (Natural Resources Wales), Maggie Hatton-Ellis (Natural Resources Wales - advisor), Mary Lewis (Natural Resources Wales), Lindsey Powles (Welsh Government).			
Telecon	Louise George (Welsh Government), Hannah Carr (JNCC)			
Apologies	Jonathan Monk (MHPA), Rosie Kelly (The Crown Estate), Rhian Jardine (Natural Resources Wales)			
Absent	Tegryn Jones (Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority/Snowdonia National Park Authority)			

No	Agenda Item
1	Welcome, introductions and housekeeping
2	EU transition (verbal update)
3	Actions from previous meeting (paper 1)
4	The Marine Protected Area Network Management Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreeing the latest version • Populating the Action Plan
5	Engagement with the Wales Marine Advisory and Action Group, 28 March
6	Items to note, any other business and date of next meeting

Introduction

The Marine Protected Area Management Steering Group (MPAMSG) provides strategic co-ordination for the management of all MPAs in Welsh seas. The Group provides advice, guidance and a collective steer to authorities involved in the delivery of MPA management actions. It champions effective MPA management, and is tasked with raising the profile of MPA management and increasing buy-in from management authorities and wider stakeholders across Wales.

Membership of the MPAMSG is drawn from the key management authorities in Wales, as defined by the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

The Steering Group held its tenth meeting on 06 March 2018 at the Welsh Government Offices in Aberystwyth. Key messages and actions from the meeting are found within this document. Members of the MPAMSG have a responsibility for disseminating consistent messages with their respective networks.

Should you wish to discuss any of the agenda items in more detail please contact your sector lead. If you require the contact details of your sector lead, please contact the Marine and Fisheries Ministerial Mailbox:
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Item 3 : Actions from previous meeting (paper 1)

Key messages	Actions
All actions were considered complete except Action 5 on additional representation from the WLGA and the Welsh Ports Group. This was carried over to the next meeting,	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action 5 on additional representation from WLGA and WPG carried over to the next meeting.

Item 2: EU transition (verbal update)

Key messages	Actions
Steering Group members received a verbal update on progress related to preparations for EU exit.	N/a

Item 4: The Marine Protected Area Network Management Framework (paper 2):

Key messages	Actions
<p>Group members discussed the latest iteration of the draft Framework and made some minor drafting and structural suggestions ahead of sign off.</p> <p>NRW and JNCC agreed to supply some text to support and reinforce the Framework.</p> <p>NRW and JNCC agreed to meet and discuss how best to structure the part of the Framework setting out further information and guidance for Management Authorities.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. NRW and JNCC to provide revised text to support section 4 of the Framework. 3. HB and HC to discuss how best to structure Annex 3. 4. NRW to share prioritisation criteria ahead of the next meeting, to inform

<p>The Action Plan section of the Framework was discussed at length. NRW agreed to share prioritisation criteria with the Group which could potentially be used to help decide which actions to take forward within the Action Plan.</p> <p>Group members agreed to hold a telecon on 19 March to discuss and clear the next iteration of the Framework ahead of the next formal meeting of the Group.</p>	<p>discussion on which actions to take forward within the Action Plan.</p> <p>5. RLJ to circulate a revised version of the Framework to Steering Group members by 16 March.</p>
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Item 5: Engagement with the Wales Marine Advisory and Action Group, 28 March

Key Messages	Actions
<p>The group were asked for support to help prepare and deliver a presentation on the draft Framework at the next WMAAG meeting.</p>	<p>6. Group to respond to the Marine Conservation & Biodiversity Team with availability to help prepare and deliver a presentation on the draft Framework at the WMAAG meeting in March.</p>

Item 6: Items to note, any other business and date of next meeting

Key Messages	Actions
<p>There were no items to note and no other business.</p> <p>Group members agreed to meet again as soon as possible after the Easter holidays to discuss the potential prioritisation criteria.</p>	<p>7. RLJ to circulate a Doodle poll for the next meeting of the Group.</p>