

Our shared mission

To help put Wales in the strongest possible position to succeed in a post brexit world

We must...

- **Plan to make the best use of our seas**
- **Provide effective stewardship of our marine environment and natural resources**
- **Continue to be responsible partners in UK marine and fisheries management**
- **Secure a fairer deal for the fishing industry**
- **Stand on our own two feet**

“Plan to make the best use of our seas”

Deliver and implement Marine Plan

- Optimising management of our marine resources for maximum multiple benefit
- includes policy on a wide range of topics and activities, all available in a **single document** for the first time

Drive ‘blue growth’ across marine sectors

- Deliver **multiple benefits** for the environment, society and economy

Support sustainable rural coastal communities

- Involve communities in implementing the Marine Plan
- Seek to minimise the effects of climate change through coastal adaptation where appropriate

Recognise the importance of coastal communities for Welsh culture

- Work with Visit Wales and other partners to maximise impact, and on going legacy from the ‘Year of the Sea’ & other thematic years.

“Provide effective stewardship of our marine environment and natural resources”

Marine Protected Areas

- Ensuring a well managed, ecologically coherent, network of MPAs

Continue to work towards achieving Good Environmental Status

- With regional working through OSPAR

Embed SMNR principles into our work

- Sustainable management of our marine resources for maximum multiple benefit

Continue our assessment of Welsh fishing activities

- To understand, quantify and where necessary manage commercial fishing activity interactions with MPA features

“Continue to be responsible partners in UK marine and fisheries management”

Secure full legislative competence for fisheries in the Welsh zone

- Possibly through Fisheries Bill

Work collaboratively with partners within and outside of Wales

- To maximise impacts and benefits
- Share learning and expertise

Marine Licensing

- Robust fit for purpose marine licensing system

“Secure a fairer deal for the fishing industry”

Rebalance UK fisheries quota

- Within sustainability limits
- Better share for small scale inshore vessels
- Long term aim

Increase access to resources in Welsh waters for Welsh vessels

- Establish a 0-12nm zone around UK to be managed for vessels within admin. Access beyond 12nm prioritised for UK fleet by negotiation.

Seek out new and grow existing domestic and international seafood markets

- Trade expos
- Working with Food Division and Seafish Wales Advisory Group
- Delivery of the Wales Seafood Strategy

Create the conditions for modernising industry in Wales

- Including by maintaining funding currently provided through EMFF and other EU funding streams

“Stand on our own two feet”

Enhance our marine science and evidence capability

- Build capability within Wales
- Working with other Welsh and UK science bodies, industry and academia

Improve our compliance and enforcement offer

- Delivery and deployment of our new FPVs
- Ensuring our Marine Enforcement teams are fully prepared for EU transition

Review our fisheries legislation and regulatory frameworks

- To embrace WFG and Environment Act principles in addition to MCAA and international obligations

Enhance our ICT and data management systems

- Upgrade and rationalise our shared systems so they're future proofed and fit for purpose
- Feed into pan UK systems where scale appropriate