

MPA Management Steering Group

Key Messages and Actions

Title of Meeting	MPA Management Steering Group		Date	09.10.2018
Meeting Number	13	Start Time	10:30	End Time 12:30
Attendance	Louise George (Welsh Government - Chair), Richard Lowcock James (Welsh Government), Maggie Hatton-Ellis (Natural Resources Wales - advisor), Kate Griffiths (Natural Resources Wales), Alison Palmer Hargrave (Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau SAC – advisor to the Steering Group), Rhian Jardine (Natural Resources Wales),			
Telecon	Michel Regelous (Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority/Snowdonia National Park Authority), Eve Read (Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water), Jonathan Monk (Welsh Ports Group), Pete Chaniotis (Joint Nature Conservation Committee), Yolanda Arjona (Joint Nature Conservation Committee)			
Apologies	Graham Rees (Welsh Government - Chair), Becky Phillips (JNCC), Rosie Kelly (The Crown Estate), Tegryn Jones (Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority/Snowdonia National Park Authority), Trevor Theobald (Welsh Local Government Association/Pembrokeshire County Council)			

No	Agenda Item
1	Welcome, introductions and housekeeping
2	Update on delivery of actions in the 2018-2019 Action Plan
3	Developing and producing the Annual Report
4	Developing and producing future Action Plans
5	The 2019-2020 Action Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft actions • Timescales • Next steps
6	Any other business

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 thirteenth meeting on 09 October 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 2: Update on delivery of actions in the 2018-2019 Action Plan

Key messages	Actions
<p>Group members received an update on delivery of each action within the 2018-2019 Action Plan. They noted each action is progressing according to schedule and within budget, as are the site-level actions referenced within Annex 1.</p> <p>Alison gave a brief presentation on the Summit to Sea project, which will deliver a number of site-level actions at Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau SAC.</p>	<p>NRW to provide an overview of the MPA Network Condition Improvement Project to JNCC.</p> <p>NRW to confirm the data layers referred to in Action 11 are being updated nationally.</p> <p>RLJ to provide further information on the funding for delivery of action 13 and phase 2 of action 16.</p> <p>NRW to circulate the link to the revised guidance produced as part of delivery of action 18.</p> <p>APH to circulate information on the Summit to Sea project to Steering Group members.</p>

Item 3: Developing and producing the Annual Report

Key Messages	Actions
<p>Group members agreed a process and timeframe for developing and producing an Annual Report on delivery of actions within the Action Plan.</p>	<p>None.</p>

Item 4: Developing and producing future Action Plans

Key messages	Actions
Group members agreed a light touch and adaptive process for developing and producing future Action Plans. It identified the need for the process to accommodate on-going actions, follow-on actions and newly identified actions.	RLJ to refine timelines and processes to support development of future action plans.

Item 5: The 2019-2020 Action Plan: draft actions, timescales and next steps

Key messages	Actions
Group members considered the draft actions within the 2019-2020 action plan and agreed to hold a teleconference in late November/early December to discuss further.	RLJ to circulate a DoodlePoll for dates in late November/early December.

Item 6: Any other business

Key messages	Actions
Louise gave an update on the MPA Network Completion Project and the likely future role for the Steering Group in supporting this work. Alison provided feedback from the MPA Conference she attended recently. The 2019 conference is likely to be in Wales.	RLJ to circulate JNCC's 2016 report "Assessing the contribution of Welsh MPAs towards an ecologically coherent MPA network".