Marine Planning

Developing best practice in marine management

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Introduction

Marine Planning – a reality  The concept and understanding of marine spatial planning has now been developing in UK for at least 7 years and during this period there has been considerable development in understanding and capacity building. This has paralleled thinking worldwide which has recently culminated in UNESCO guidance and also very strong initiatives across Europe (DG MARE). With the completion of the statutory measures in England (Wales) through the Marine Act, the establishment (vesting) of the MMO (April 1st) and with similar legislation in Scotland we are on the verge of marine planning becoming an everyday fact of life.

Best practice in marine management  In reality there is also a fast developing body of practice and understanding that is spreading throughout many marine sectors in the way they routinely manage and plan marine resources and development issues. This includes many of the elements that will be key to marine spatial planning – including policy development - the planning process – adaptive management - information gathering and GIS management - stakeholder involvement and participation – option appraisal and decision making etc. [see themes outlined below]

Preparatory work and lessons  In the work on the Marine Acts there has been a considerable amount of preparatory work on marine planning and one of the main purposes of this meeting is to share the thinking from this work and the lessons that can be drawn from it.

At this important time for marine planning the aim of this event will be to update and share experience with a wide range of sea users from many sectors about the recent work that has been done in UK, Europe and the World to help prepare for the new legislation to be implemented and enhance routine marine management practice.

Objectives

1. To update and share experience across a wide section of sea users on marine planning from the range of preparatory projects, case work from the UK, Europe and the World.
2. To develop and understand the key themes emerging from current practice on planning and management practice
3. To explore the points/questions which need further development/understanding about how marine planning will be rolled out
4. To collate key lessons from the conference in a systematic and thematic manner
Programme Topics
Format

20 minute presentations – 15 mins presentation + 5 mins Q&A
9.00  Registration and refreshments

Session 1: Context  Chairman: Natasha Barker  WWF-UK
9.45  Introduction – key generic themes emerging in marine management practice and marine planning  Steve Hull  ABPmer

10.05  UNESCO Guidance and an international perspective of marine planning  Charles Ehler  UNESCO, Paris
10.30  Marine Spatial Planning in Europe  Hermien Busschbach  DG MARE
10.55  A Scottish perspective on marine planning  David Palmer  Scottish Government
11.15  An MMO view of marine planning  Stephen Brooker  Head of Marine Planning, MMO –Marine Management Organisations & Paul Gilliland  MMO
11.35  Terrestrial perspectives on marine planning  Jim Claydon  Jim Claydon Ltd
11.55  Break and refreshments

Session 2: Issues  Chairman: David Carlin  Cefas
12.40  Data Management and GIS  Mike Osborne  MMO  Head of Data and Knowledge Management (Interim)
13.00  Tool options for MSP (Decision support – GIS)  Stuart Rogers  Cefas
13.20  Marine Plans – Interface with and lessons from other regimes  Paolo Pizzolla  Royal Haskoning
13.40  Planning across boundaries  Jonathan McCue  Atkins
14.00 – 14.40  Break and refreshments

Session 3: Lessons from Practice  Chairman: Peter Barham  Sea Bed Users Developers Group
14.40  Finding Sanctuary – Participation and decision making for Marine Conservation Zones  Tom Hooper  Finding Sanctuary
15.00  MaRS, Marine Spatial Planning in Action  Peter Lawrence  The Crown Estate
15.20  Lessons from the Scottish Sustainable Marine Environment Initiative – Four pilots – David Mallon  Scottish Government  & Rhona Fairgrieve  Scottish Coastal Partnership
15.40  C-SCOPE – Dorset Marine Spatial Planning - Lessons learned so far  Ness Smith  Dorset Coast Forum

4.00  END
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