

Questionnaire
Regional Representatives for the Irish Sea Conservation Zone Stakeholder Group

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Regional Representatives for the Regional Stakeholder Group

1 The role of regional representatives

Regional representatives need to be people who:

- Are trusted and respected within their sector or activity
- Have a good network of contacts within their sector, activity or interest
- Can explain the needs and interests of those they represent
- Can take a regional view
- Have the time and interest to participate in a lot of workshops and comment on draft documents or maps.

We currently think that there will be about 8 day-long workshops in the process set over the next 18 months. Each workshop will build on the work of the previous stage so the representative will need to commit to doing their best to attend the full set. At times, this may be one every other month and later workshops may need to run over two days.

The role of a regional representative on the Stakeholder Group is to:

- Have or develop a regional view of their sector or activity
- Represent the views of their activity or interest across the region
- Provide information and insight into the activity or interest
- Provide two-way communication between those they represent and the Stakeholder Group
- Negotiate over the optimum locations for the Marine Conservation Zones
- Comment on draft text, maps or other documents as they develop
- Do their best to attend all the workshops in the process

a. Tell us what you think of the description of the type of person and their role?

I am completely opposed	I have strong concerns	I could live with it	I support it	I strongly support it
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				22
			24	21
			19	18
			16	13
			14	4
		15	7	3
	10	12	5	1

What, if anything, would need to happen to increase your support?

Participant number	Event	
3	1	Representative should have practical experience/knowledge of involvement on Irish Sea commercial/leisure activity etc rather than just reporting on what individuals in that sector report to them.
10	1	I would need to have more information with regards to this as I am sure it will change month by month.
12	1	Small minorities are considered as much as any other group.
13	1	To keep in touch and let us know what's going on.
21	1	Nothing. The UKCPC are keen to have input into the process.

2 The process for selecting regional representatives

- The ISCZ has put together a long list of stakeholders comprising over 600 organisations.
- Invitations were sent out to them, to attend these workshops

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- At the workshops, people are being asked to comment, via this questionnaire, on the composition of the Stakeholder Group.
- It is likely that more than one person or organisation will be suggested for some interests. When this happens the current plan is to contact the people on the list and ask them to confirm if they are able to take up the role if selected and also to short list names from the list. We, as independent facilitators, will review the short list looking for good geographic coverage particularly across the different user interests.
- National and international stakeholders are being identified and will be added to the Group
- The final list of people will be invited to the first Stakeholder Group workshop, which is planned for late this year or early next year.

b. Please let us know below what you think of this:

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1	1	Although, I spoke to more than 1 person who heard about the workshops either second or third hand.
5	1	'Sectors' could select their own representative from the short list.
15	1	Not sure but something needs to occur to engender greater participation to ensure that the process is seen as democratic.
21	1	The UKCPC is a national body with many members. We are keen to have representation.

3 Structure of the regional part of the Stakeholder group

Please see the draft suggestions we (**dialogue matters**) have come up with.

This is very much just our best guess for now and we really need your views.

In compiling this list we have:

- Aimed to be inclusive and reflect the main marine interests in the region: marine industries, fisheries, recreation and environment.
- Identified some of the organisations we know of with relevant statutory responsibilities who have to have a seat on the Stakeholder Group – but we could have got this wrong so please check.
- Added in other interests whose perspective we think may be needed

The resulting list may look long, but with facilitated workshops, it is possible to include this number of people - and more because the national stakeholders have yet to be added.

We want your views so please use this form to consider:

1. If you can suggest names of people you would like to sit on the Stakeholder Group
2. If the structure seems reasonable and representative across all interests
3. If not, how it could be changed

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- a. Please consider the list of potential members below. The list is aiming to include a wide range of regional marine users, interests and organisations. Please look at the list and insert people you would like to suggest. For any suggestions you make, please suggest how they can be contacted.**

	Stakeholder interests	Suggestions for who could represent this interest for the region?	Where in the region do they know?	Contact info – organisation	Participant number
Industries (8)					
1.	<i>Marine and Fisheries Agency (marine works)</i>				
2.	Shipping				
3.	Ports and Harbours				
4.	Energy Sector - renewables	Prof Richard Burrows	NE Irish Sea	Civil Engineering Liverpool University	?
5.	Energy Sector - Oil and Gas				
6.	Sand and gravel extraction				
7.	Sub sea cables	BT			4
		UKCPC – Peter Jamieson	All Irish Sea	peter.jamieson@virginmedia.co.uk , 07771 506713	21
8.	Small scale marine industries	Steve Andrews	North Wales	Supreme Sea Fishing Trips Rhyl	10
Commercial Fishing (8)					
9.	<i>Marine and Fisheries Agency (fishing)</i>				
10.	<i>Sea Fisheries Committee</i>	Dr Steve Atkins	All	NWNWSFC	5
		Steve Atkins	Northwestern Irish Sea	NWNWSFC 01524 68745	15
		Steve Atkins	NW England except Cumbria		18
11.	Trawling	NFFO or WFFA & RACs			15
		Barry Deas		NFFO	18
		Tom Bryan-Brown	Manx/Irish Sea	Manx Fish Producers	19
12.	Seine netting	NFFO or WFFA & RACs			15
		Barry Deas		NFFO	18
13.	Static Gear (pots, creeling, gill netting, fixed nets)	A Hunt		07974 179 040	13
		NFFO or WFFA & RACs			15
		Sam Surgeonor		Barrow Fishermen's	18

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14.	Aquaculture	SAGB - David Jarrad or Trevor Jones – Extramussels Ltd	North western Irish Sea		15
		Kelsey Thompson		Seasalter Ltd (Walney) & SAGB	18
15.	Seafood processing	Peter or Mark Merrick	North western Irish Sea	AM Seafoods, Fleetwood	15
		Peter Merrick		AM Seafoods	18
16.	Scallop dredging	Tom Bryan-Brown	Manx/Irish Sea	Manx Fish Producers	19
Natural Environment (8)					
17.	<i>Joint Nature Conservancy Council</i>				
18.	<i>Natural England</i>	Chris Lumb			1
		Jed Nicholson			1
		Chris Lumb			5
		Chris Lumb			18
		Paul Green	NW	Natural England	24
		Chris Lumb			?
19.	<i>Environment Agency</i>	Clive Gaskell	NW	EA	24
20.	Habitats NGO	Kathryn Turner	All NW England	c/o Cumbria Wildlife Trust	5
		Cheshire Wildlife Trust/Lancashire Wildlife Trust		Charlotte Harris	16
		Wildlife Trust			22
21.	Birds NGO	RSPB			5
		RSPB/BTO			16
		RSPB			22
22.	Marine animals NGO	Marine Conservation Society		Ian Wallace, Liverpool Museum	5
		Mammal Society	Cheshire Group and other areas	See website Cheshire Mammal Society	16
		Wildlife Trust			22
23.	Universities	Bangor/Liverpool			15
24.	CEFAS				15
	Invertebrates	Kathryn Turner	NW coast and offshore	Cumbria Wildlife Trust	22
Leisure and tourism (6)					
25.	Tourism and recreation	Tourism reps in local councils.			16
26.	Charter Boating	Steve Andrews	North Wales & River Mersey		10
		Tony Parry		01745 332 766	13
27.	Sea Angling	Steve Andrews	North Wales & River Mersey		10

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28.	Diving	B.S.A.C.		BSAC HQ Ellesmere Port	3
		B.S.A.C.	Regional groups throughout the UK	HQ see website	4
		B.S.A.C.			14
29.	Recreational (inshore) craft	RYA North West Rep			?
30.	Yachts and Cruisers	Ian Forsythe	North Wales	Rhyl Yacht Club	10
		Rhyl Yacht Club		I Armstrong 01745 336 629	13
		RYA North West Rep			?
Heritage (3)					
31.	<i>English Heritage</i>				
32.	Coastal Heritage				
33.	Marine archaeology				
Navigation and Safety (1)					
34.	<i>Maritime & Coastguard Agency</i>				
		Martin Bailey (Acting Conservator of River Mersey)			24
Owners (2)					
35.	Crown Estate				
36.	MOD				
Science, research & education (2)					
37.	Education				
38.	Marine Scientist	Bill Cook		NWNWSFC Chief Scientist	5
		Mike Kaiser		University of Wales Bangor	18
Regional and coastal counties/authorities (6)					
39.	<i>NW Regional Development Agency</i>				
40.	<i>Government Office North West</i>				
41.	<i>Cumbria County Council</i>				
42.	<i>Lancashire County Council</i>				
43.	<i>Cheshire County Council</i>	Mike O’Kell – Cheshire West & Chester Council	Mersey & Dee Estuaries	Based at Backford Hall	22
44.	<i>Liverpool City Council</i>				

b. **We have tried to create a structure that reflects the main regional interests in the Irish Sea. To what extent do you support the proposed structure and balance of the regional representatives on the Stakeholder Group?**

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What do you like about what you see?

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1	1	Breadth of scope of stakeholders – it is important that as many groups and sectors are represented in order to get a fair and balanced response and also that they feel they have a say in the discussion and final outcome.
4	1	There appears to be an extensive and wide ranging mixture of stakeholders as long as you get them to participate.
5	1	(Dislike) Too heavily for the exploiters; too weak on conservation.
10	1	Well organised day, will only get better with time.
14	1	A diversity of interests.
15	1	Still interested to see how large stakeholder groups function, how can consensus be reached (other than at the point of lowest common denominator) in such circumstances. But then, what is the alternative?
21	1	Covers everything as far as I can see.
22	1	Good balance between different interest groups.
24	1	Pre application discussion – ID of showstoppers.

What would need to happen for you to increase your support?

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4	1	Nothing, I am already actively supporting IOM Department of Agriculture, Fishing & Farming Government Department's work on MCZs.
5	1	Shift the balance towards sustainability and conservation.
10	1	Just a collation of more information.
15	1	Bit more clarity of the realistic prospect for the functionality of the groups. So much is about 'when' and 'what' i.e. re ecological criteria and all the questions that then follow.
21	1	Nothing more.

c. If you want to add different activities or organisations, please say what you would add and which you would remove to make room for it, and why.

Participants number	Event	I would add	I would remove	Because ...
1	1			I would have reservations about seine/purse seine net activities on a large scale and any heavy trawl gear activity.
4	1	MARINET (Marine network) www.marinet.org.uk		They are partly funded by Friends of the Earth UK and have many dedicated members with interest in the marine environment.
9	1	CCW (Consumer Council for Water)		Well informed body that already exists to bring water customer's interest to the table.

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9	1	Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory, Liverpool		Strong scientific understanding and knowledge of Irish Sea.
9	1	More scientists and researchers, Lancaster Environment Centre		To tackle the many issues and topics we need to understand.
15	1	Other landowners (multiple coastal/foreshore landowners) probably represented through the County Landowners Association		
15	1		Crown Estate	They are not to be trusted!!! The statutory duty of the Crown Estates – to maximise the revenue returned from their land – in many ways seems entirely at odds with the principles of democratic engagement.
16	1	Halton & Warrington Borough Councils		If the MCZ affects the Mersey then it affects these authorities too. They are involved in other projects/schemes e.g. Artery of Life (4 years project focusing on the Mersey and getting local communities involved; raising awareness of river's importance); Upper Mersey Valley Nature Reserves (increasing access; involving different landowners, signage and interpretation). hlacy@warrington.gov.uk
18			Crown Estate	As the Crown Estate is effectively exempt from the planning system proposed by the Marine Bill, they should not be offered membership.