

Marine Planning System Newsletter

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Welcome to the second issue of the Marine Planning System Newsletter.

LATEST NEWS

Pre-Consultation on the draft UK Marine Policy Statement: A paper for discussion – UK 12th March – 7th May 2010

A discussion paper on the Marine Policy Statement (MPS) was launched on 12th March 2010 and can be accessed at: www.defra.gov.uk/environment/marine/legislation/planning.htm

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/16440/discussdraftMPS

www.wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/premarinepolicy/?lang=en

www.doeni.gov.uk/marine_policy

The MPS will be the first step in the new marine planning system to be introduced around the UK. It will provide the high level policy context within which Marine Plans will be developed, and set the direction for marine licensing and other authorisation systems. You are invited to contribute your views and comments on the draft MPS and supporting outline Impact Assessment.

The pre-consultation period closes on 7 May 2010. A formal consultation on the MPS and supporting policy documents will take place in summer 2010.

Statement of Public Participation

The Statement of Public Participation (SPP) has been updated to reflect the plan for continued engagement on the development of the Marine Policy Statement. The SPP highlights the ways in which anyone interested in our seas can get involved in the development of the Marine Policy Statement.

The revised SPP will be available shortly and can then be accessed at:

www.defra.gov.uk/environment/marine/legislation/planning.htm

Public Consultation on Marine Licensing Enforcement – England only 9th March – 1st June 2010

The UK Government launched a public consultation on 9th March on its approach to enforcing the new marine licensing system to be established under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. This is an important opportunity to influence the legislation at an early stage in its development and will help shape an effective enforcement system that is transparent, efficient and fair.

The consultation closes on 1st June 2010 and can be accessed at: www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/marine-licensing/index.htm
Responses should be sent to:
marinelicensing.consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk

We will be consulting separately on the new marine licensing system later this year.

EVENTS

England

We will be holding 2 workshops on the morning and afternoon of 25th March at Defra's Innovation Centre in Reading. The workshops will inform the next phase of development of the Marine Policy Statement and supporting Impact Assessment. The meetings will provide you with the opportunity to discuss in detail the content and context of the paper with the MPS and Marine Planning teams and we will be seeking your feedback and comments throughout the meeting.

For those who have not already done so, please register your place at: mps@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Northern Ireland

The Department of the Environment will be holding seminars on the MPS and marine licensing in April and May this year. Please email: marineteam@doeni.gov.uk for further information and to register your interest in taking part in a seminar.

Wales

The Wales Coastal & Maritime Partnership (WCMP) conference is being held on 18 March in Cardiff and will feature a stakeholder workshop on marine planning in Wales, including a discussion on the MPS. Please e-mail: wcmp@wales.gsi.gov.uk for further information on this event or the Marine Team in the Welsh Assembly Government at: marine@wales.gsi.gov.uk with any comments and feedback specific to Wales.

The Welsh Assembly Government will be consulting on the new marine licensing system for Wales in Summer 2010. Please send any licensing queries to: mcu@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

Scotland

Marine Scotland will hold an event on the MPS in the Spring. Please email anna.donald@scotland.gsi.gov.uk to request information.

For comments and feedback on the newsletter or other queries you may have, please contact us at the following email address: mps@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Website: www.defra.gov.uk/environment/marine/index.htm

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