

Questionnaire
Regional Representatives for the Irish Sea Conservation Zone Stakeholder Group

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| Workshop SG feedback | Runcorn |
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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?

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

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| 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 |
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| 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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| | | | | Association | |
| 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 ... |
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| 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. |