

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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			9	39
		38	8	29
	34	32	4	24
	23a	28	2/3	19
	17	21	?	7

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

Participant number	Event	
?	4	Expenses to travel to workshops as this will be an issue for some
7	4	Ensuring that project provides high level of communications support – to assist stakeholder ups – and <u>ensure</u> all s/h are included in comms.

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10	4	The practical difficulty in attending stakeholder group meetings on a regular basis is that certainly in the summer fishermen will be at sea working. However it is important that the catch sector is represented on the group and some arrangement would need to be made for deputies to attend if the elected representative is unable to attend.
12	4	Representatives need to be open to others viewpoints and capable of working with others to achieve consensus.
15	4	Feedback to inactive public
17	4	Have explained the relevance of representatives
21	4	Difficult to get <u>Regional</u> representatives who have that level of knowledge. Could have Regional representatives who act as knowledge hub to engage area stakeholders.
22	4	They should have a background knowledge of marine environments / there should be at least 3 or 4 representatives with strong scientific knowledge of the marine environment & factors that influence it.
23b	4	Need excellent reference and track history
28	4	Ensuring that all relevant economic and social interests are represented, eg. Industry sectors including fishing, tourism and leisure, agriculture, nuclear, oil and gas etc and somehow (?) involving/representing local communities e.g. parish council?
29	4	All representatives <u>must commit</u> to achieving a consensus.
32	4	Ensure that representatives have relevant and acknowledged experiential background
34	4	Too much time commitment for volunteers that represent vital interests e.g. recreation/leisure
38	4	The time taken to attend work shopping and travelling particularly for the self employed or in private sector.

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
- 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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			23a	
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	38		10	
			9	39
	34		8	29
	28		4	24
	17	40	2/3	19
	12	22	?	7
What, if anything, would need to happen to increase your support?				

Participant number	Event	
?	4	Potentially balance the representation so that some non-environmentalists e.g. marketers are involved
7	4	May need a facilitated workshop for each sector to agree representation and how it would work?
10	4	Ensure that all interested parties are contacted and asked to participate in the 'election' process of stakeholder group representative
12	4	How will you select for a balance of stakeholder interest? Presumption that those attending workshops are sufficiently representative to begin with. Shortlist reviewed for "good geographic coverage". How will you select for "trusted and respected", "network of contacts", "can explain the needs of those they represent" etc.
15	4	Feedback to inactive public
17	4	To see that the relevance of the group is explained
22	4	Given the limited number of people on the panel it will be hard to get a geographic and interest-based mix of people on the panel. You are best to supplement this with site visits / road shows to also include views from a diverse range of public representation.

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28	4	As well as geographical coverage, there should also be a balance between public and private sector representatives and socio-economic practitioners/interests.
29	4	The invitees must commit to 100% attendance except in extreme circumstances therefore dates of workshops must be given well in advance to obtain commitment required.
32	4	Process should be made transparent by providing information on how decisions are arrived at.
36	4	If requested to be a regional representative I would do my best to attend workshops but this would have to fit other workloads. Remote consultation would not be a problem.
38	4	The regional representatives may need to set aside their own agenda and be a good communicator.

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

- 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>	David Dobson	Whole Cumbria Coast	Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee	17
		David Dobson	Whole	Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee	23b
2.	Shipping	Associated British Ports – Sustainable Development Manager	Mersey/Fleetwood/Barrow/Silloth	ABP	4
		Capt (MN) Green?	Morecambe Bay Area	Heysham Harbour Master	17
		Colin Sharpe	Workington, Cumbria	Port of Workington	29
		Observer status only?			37
3.	Ports and Harbours	Associated British Ports – Sustainable Development Manager	Mersey/Fleetwood/Barrow/Silloth	ABP	4
		ABP	(have widest coverage and strong environmental		7

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			knowledge)		
		Celia McKenzie		Whitehaven Harbour Commissioners	10
		Celia McKenzie	Cumbria	Whitehaven Harbour Commissioners	10
			Silloth	Silloth Port	23b
		Celia MacKenzie	Whitehaven, Cumbria	WHC	29
		Colin Sharpe, Port of Workington		Cumbria County Council	30
		Workington Ports, Port of Silloth			38
4.	Energy Sector - renewables	Eastern Irish Sea Developers Group. BWEA might coordinate / help nominate?			7
		Energy Coast		Westlakes	17
		Sellafield	Copeland (Cumbria)		22
		E-ON	Solway	E-ON	23b
		John Watson	Whole Irish Sea	Centrica	24
5.	Energy Sector - Oil and Gas	Energy Coast		Westlakes	17
		John Watson	Whole Irish Sea	Centrica	24
6.	Sand and gravel extraction	?			17
7.	Sub sea cables	?			17
		John Watson	Whole Irish Sea	Centrica	24
8.	Small scale marine industries	?			17
	(9) Barrow Shipyards				22
	(9) Tourism	Cumbria Tourism	Lancashire and Blackpool TB, Chester and Cheshire, Merseyside TB		28
	(9) Energy Nuclear	Sellafield (Can't remember the company's name)			40
Commercial Fishing (8)					
9.	Marine and Fisheries Agency (fishing)	SFPA	Irish Sea	Russell House, King Street, Ayr, KA8 0BE	2/3
		Jonathan Parr		Whitehaven MFA	10

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		Northern Irish and Scottish Interests			23a
				Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee	23b
		Jonathan Parr (Rod Henderson)		North and NW	29
		Scallop Association		John Hermes 07714524900	43
10.	Sea Fisheries Committee	GSGFA	Lune Bay, Irish Sea	June.Lochhead@btopenworld.com	2/3
		Cumbria / NWNWSFC (on behalf of proposed NWIFCA)			7
		David Dobson, Chief Fisheries Officer		Cumbria Sea Fisheries Whitehaven	10
		Dave Dobson	Lancashire / Cumbria		12
		Dave Dobson	NE Irish Sea	Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee	13
		Dave Dobson			23a
				Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee	23b
		David Dobson	Cumbria/North Lancashire	Cumbria Sea Fisheries	29
		John McAvoy			37
		David Dobson	Region Wide	Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee	39
11.	Trawling	NFFO maybe able to suggest someone			7
		Ron Graham	Whitehaven and West Coast	07749657047	10
		Ron Graham	All	Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee	13
		Ron Graham	Cumbria	Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee	29
		Howard Langcake			37
12.	Seine netting	Ron Graham	Whitehaven and West Coast	07749657047	10
		Ron Graham	Cumbria	Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee	29
13.	Static Gear (pots, creeling, gill netting, fixed nets)	Barrows Fishermen's Association		Sam Surgeoner?	7
		Ron Graham	Whitehaven and West Coast	07749657047	10
		Andy Graham	Cumbria Coast	Cumbria Sea Fisheries	13

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				Committee	
		Ron Graham	Cumbria	Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee	29
		Keith Dixon			37
14.	Aquaculture	Seasalter		Kelsey Thompson?	7
		In the absence of anybody else: -Walney Ltd of Morecambe Bay Or -'National' Shellfish Association of Great Britain		oysters@seasalter.org.uk	9
		Sporadic 'Solway Firth Aquaculture Policy'			37
15.	Seafood processing	?AMSeafood		Peter Merrick – excellent person to get on board	7
		Peter Merrick	Lancashire / Cumbria	A+M Seafoods, Fleetwood	29
		Shrimp Processor	Silloth		38
16.	Shrimp Fisheries	Rays Shrimps Silloth			?
	Scalloping needs to be covered				7
	National Federation for Fisherman's Organisations West Coast Committee		Covers regional and national representation		23a
	Solway Firth Partnership	Pam Taylor	D&G Council Scottish Solway		23b
Natural Environment (8)					
17.	<i>Joint Nature Conservancy Council</i>				
18.	<i>Natural England</i>	Dr Will Williams			?
		Regional team rep.	Whole of 'English' parts of the Irish Sea	Via Chris Lumb	7
		Chris Lumb	Cumbria		23b
		Chris Lumb	North west		29
		Chris Lumb	Region wide	NE	39
19.	<i>Environment Agency</i>	Andrew Wither – strong engagement on WQ	WFD	Steve Garner – coastal biodiversity	7
		Dr Judith Clark	NE Irish Sea	Cumbria Sea Fisheries	13

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				Committee	
		Sarah Peet	Regional SEZ contact		21
		Steve Gener	Morecambe Bay to Solway		21
		Steve Garner	Cumbria		23b
		Steve Garner	Cumbria	EA	39
20.	Habitats NGO	NE	Cumbria		23b
	20a. RSBB				22
		Kathryn Turner	Region	Cumbria Wildlife Trust	39
		Cumbria Wildlife Trust			41
21.	Birds NGO	RSPB essential	Whole region	Lawrence Rose NW Director	7
	22a. Natural History Society	Steve Hermitt	The society is spread over Cumbria	Contact Tully House and ask for Steve Hermitt	22
		NE	Cumbria		23b
		Cumbria Wildlife Trust			41
22.	Marine animals NGO	Combine Habitats NGO and Marine animals NGO through Wildlife Trust?			7
		Dr Kathryn Turner	Cheshire/Lancashire/Cumbria		
		CWT	Cumbria		23b
23.	AONB-Solway				?
	National NGO	Wildlife Link?			7
	RSBP?				8
	Marine Conservation Society	Jean Luc Solandt		01539 816 305	12
	Marine Conservation Society				17
	Sea Fisheries Committee representatives				32
	Lake District Count	Lake District National Park Authority	South East Copeland Coast		40
	CPRE?	Friends of the Lake District			40
24.	Cumbria County Council	Environment, Kendal			22
	Lakes District National Park	If you can contact them they could put you in touch with the right people. Would be good for? Natural Environment and Leisure and Tourism Opinion.	Cumbria		22
	Seacape	Solway Coast AONB	Cumbria	R. Wolfe	23b
Leisure and tourism (6)					
25.	Tourism and recreation	West Lake District Tour Partnership		Katie Read	?

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		Ramblers Association	(coastal access)		8
		Lakes Aquarium	Cumbria Morecambe Bay	Dave.conway@lakesaquarium.co.uk	16
		Cumbria Tourism			
		Cumbria Tourism	Cumbria	atayor@cumbriatourism.org	28
		Katie Read	West Cumbria	West Lake District Tourism Partnership	29
	Tourism and recreation / Education / Public Information outlets				30
		RYA	All	Royal Yachting Association www.rya.org.uk 023806041023 on David Williamson in North West – see delegate	34
26.	Charter Boating	RYA	All	Royal Yachting Association www.rya.org.uk 023806041023 on David Williamson in North West – see delegate	34
27.	Sea Angling				
28.	Diving	Essential expertise			37
		West Cumbria Sub Aqua Club	Cockermouth		38
29.	Recreational (inshore) craft	Nigel Timmings (may suggest another)	Cumbrian Coast	BCU nigel.timming@bcu.org.uk	19
		RYA	All	Royal Yachting Association www.rya.org.uk 023806041023 on David	34

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				Williamson in North West – see delegate	
30.	Yachts and Cruisers	Ventures West		Maryport	?
		Mark Bowden Simon Margan	Cumbria Solent	Whitehaven Marina Ltd	29
		RYA	All	Royal Yachting Association www.rya.org.uk 023806041023 on David Williamson in North West – see delegate	34
Heritage (3)					
31.	<i>English Heritage</i>	Jennie Stopford	Strategic lead on coastal marine for English Heritage North West Region	Jennie. stopford@english-heritage.org.uk	36
32.	Coastal Heritage	Peter Iles - Lancashire County Council Mark Brennand – Cumbria County Council Sarah Jane Farr – Merseyside Museums Service Mike Morris, Cheshire West and Chester	County or unitary archaeologists	www.heritage-gateway.org.uk (I think) for contact details	36
		Council for British Archaeology	North / North West		36
33.	Marine archaeology				
	Historic Scotland				22
Navigation and Safety (1)					
34.	<i>Maritime & Coastguard Agency</i>				
	Harbour Masters	Regional e.g. Solway/Morecambe		Port Authorities	4

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		Bay/Liverpool Bay etc etc.			
Owners (2)					
35.	Crown Estate				
36.	MOD			Qinetiq Eskmeals	17
Science, research & education (2)					
37.	Education	RYA	All	Royal Yachting Association www.rya.org.uk 023806041023 on David Williamson in North West – see delegate	34
38.	Marine Scientist	CEFAS, Weymouth	Whitehaven – local office		38
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>	And Cumbria Local Access Forum. Cumbria Coast.		Website	8
		Tony Markley	Cumbria	Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee	13

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		Ian Fairlamb (spatial planning manager)	Cumbria	lain.fairlamb@cumbriacc.gov.uk	22
	+ CALC	Cumbria Association of Local Councils (Parishes)			28
		Marie Fallan		Cumbria County Council	30
		Tony Markley	Cumbria	County Council	39
42.	Lancashire County Council				
43.	Cheshire County Council				
44.	Liverpool City Council				
	Lake District National Park		Has some coastline		8
	Lake District National Park				17
	Solway Firth Partnership				38

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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?	4	Reasonable balance but see earlier comment about marketing.
2/3	4	There is a good balance between users and other individuals with interest in the conservation process within the Irish Sea
4	4	Wide range of interests
7	4	Combine 'Marine animals NGO' and 'Habitats NGO' through Wildlife Trust?
7	4	Broadly covers most of the stakeholder groups/sectors. Only way I can think of keeping the numbers down to manageable
10	4	Hopefully will have a good cross section of representatives who come to the table with an open mind
12	4	I note that environmental representatives are far out-weighted by socio-economic interests. I worry that the end result will try to keep everyone happy rather than holding to the objective which is marine <u>conservation</u> .
15	4	Inclusivity
16	4	South Lakes South Cumbria Rivers Trust – Ben Lamb Roa Island Boat Club Cumbria Tourism
19	4	Good mix of interests
22	4	There are some vital organisations missed (i.e. Natural History Society) that have environmental experts over a diverse range of natural issues (i.e. bird life, marine life, specialist experts etc) some of these people are now retired so would not be captured through the normal organisations.
23a	4	Broad Coverage
23b	4	Wide range of interests
24	4	Sectors are well covered
29	4	Potentially all interests would have a voice – if a representative for all sectors was found
32	4	Tries to be inclusive
34	4	Hard to answer this when we are not sure where this is going.
35	4	Good range of stakeholders
37	4	A good beginning
38	4	Balanced spread of interests and expertise
39	4	Broad Representation
40	4	Seems to be a spread between authorities/agencies, interest groups, users, businesses and scientific/protection/conservation.
41	4	The attempt to engage in honest dialogue with a wide range of intesters

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

Participant number	Event	
?	4	Need to enthuse the group to keep it going given the size you have said you are aiming for. Our Wild Zone cluster group of stakeholders is only about 16, but we struggle to get attendance.
4	4	See point 34A – Harbour Masters often have large areas of interest (for navigational purposes) outside their harbour limits
7	4	Clarity of how national and international stakeholders fit into the process – needs to be mapped in, not imposed on.
10	4	Make sure that report back process is in place i.e. bulletins on progress to those not on stakeholder group

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12	4	I hope that the National Ecological guidelines will reassure me that environmental issues will remain the primary concern, regardless of the ability of stakeholders with other interests to club together to vote against the best conservation options.
15	4	Feedback to inactive public
17	4	Where does the money come from? (other than the poor ol' tax payer!) i.e. who thinks its worth while enough to pay for it?
19	4	The actual people make the difference, but we can't control that
22	4	If you contacted the Natural History Society and asked them to put out feelers for experts in marine life habitats, wetlands and seabirds, similarly get in touch with the RSPB and other volunteer organisations (including recreational sea users i.e. rowing (surfing clubs). You also need to include more independent scientific experts – these would best assist the knowledge you require to make your plans robust.
23a	4	Those who stand to be most impacted by designations should be weighted appropriately.
23b	4	Regular updates
24	4	Halve the representation for each sector
28	4	Too heavily public sector biased – need to see more voice for private sector and local communities. Need for more local knowledge/esperience – feels too “top-down”.
29	4	Understanding of equality of sectors viewpoints – ‘professional’ representation the ability of representatives to understand the ultimate goal and consensus needs to be reached – for the benefit of all Irish Sea users and the communities on its periphery.
31	4	You seem to have all areas covered
32	4	Integrate members with knowledge of the interface between marine and freshwater environment.
34	4	Take less time involving delegates – more focus from staff – less
35	4	General comment: need to tailor engagement specific to the stakeholder!
37	4	Too much proposed duplication of representation. Avoid duplication of influence which will create power blocks – potential power blocks: government agency, civil servants, local governments – to allow a more representative selection of stakeholders.
37	4	Keep communicating.
38	4	For the outcome to be clear.
41	4	I fear that the demands of people will prevail over the conservation of our already threatened wildlife, ultimately to the general detriment of wider society.

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 ...
?	4	Tourist Boards e.g. CTB		The coastline is a tourism asset
?	4	Marketing experts – cluster group experience		
7	4	Scalloping interests		Significant sector to be considered

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13	4	NFFO		Knowledge of Fishing Industry
22	4	Natural History Society		They comprise of a number of experts involved in a number of fields, most with much experience and possess the scientific knowledge too.
22	4	RSPB		They comprise of a number of experts in Birdlife and would help provide the scientific knowledge to carry the project through.
22	4			You may not need to remove anyone. More so combine groups (i.e. NW Regional Development Agency 4NW & Government office NW into one representative). This could be done with groups that work very closely with each other. Similarly the RSPB and Natural History Society listed above may be able to be combined as some of the members overlap.
32	4	Marine Biologists		
34	4	RYA		Very involved in Education regarding navigation and safety
36	4		The Leisure and tourism section	
36	4	Council for British Archaeology		Possible historic environment stakeholders
36	4	National Trust (Jamie.hunt@nationaltrust...)		Possible historic environment stakeholders
37	4		Industries (the energy sector – renewables, energy sector – oil and gas, sand and gravel extraction, sub sea cables, small scale marine industries) are all identifiable the “abusers” eg.	Detrimental to habitats, therefore fractional representation only.
37	4		Shipping and ports and harbours	Should have observer status only?
37	4		Shared representative between marine and fisheries agency or sea fisheries	Duplication

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37	4		Shared representative between JNCC, Natural England, and Environment Agency	Duplication. Therefore let them nominate a joint representative
37	4		Shared representative between Habitats NGO, Birds NGO, Marine animals NGO	Some overlap? Shared expertise? Fractional representation. Duplication
37	4		Tourism and recreation	Observer Status Only
37	4		Shared representative between recreational (inshore craft) and yachts and cruisers	
37	4	Haaf netters		Have been around for 1200years
37	4	Wildfowlers?		What about them?
37	4		Shared representative between English Heritage, Coastal Heritage	Shared representative
37	4		Marine Archaeology	Not needed?
37	4		Shared representative between Crown Estate, MOD, NW Regional Development Agency, Government Office North West	Duplication of representation. Government is already well represented.
37	4	Education and Marine Scientist		As employees and advisers
37	4		Cheshire Council	
37	4		Liverpool City Council	Up a river does not count
41	4	Cumbria Wildlife Trust		As a shared representative for Habitats NGO and Birds NGO