

Questionnaire  
Regional Representatives for the Irish Sea Conservation Zone Stakeholder Group

<b>Workshop SG feedback</b>	<b>Blackpool</b>
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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?

Participant number	Event	
1	3	There needs to be more awareness of the common good – an understanding of the needs of future generations. Nothing here mentions that. Scientific research should be respected even if it conflicts with some special interests.
2	3	Demonstrate a better understanding of the people involved.
6	3	Mandatory attendance of workshops (directly or by proxy)
13	3	There is a lot about self interest. What about the good of the environment, the needs of the environment should be paramount.
14	3	Reserve view until I see how the meetings progress

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19	3	Regional representatives could not genuinely represent the interests of the sectors concerned and would inevitably fudge their responses to try not to upset everybody. All representatives should relate to local interests.
32	3	Include political lobbying as a part of the aim's of the project
41	3	Professional background of stakeholder (relevant) if voluntary position
44	3	If I were surer that the necessary ecological expertise could be secured through the group

## 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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<b>What, if anything, would need to happen to increase your support?</b>				

Participant number	Event	
1	3	If a member cannot attend a session, a substitute from the same organisation should be allowed to attend.
2	3	People need to listen.
13	3	There could be a substitute member from an organisation if a member could not attend one meeting.
36	3	It may be useful to come back to the Regional Workshops to share information and get views later in the project
39	3	Stakeholder members have ecological training to assess / suggest this ecological network
41	3	Recognition of district planning authorities and land owners representations i.e. that the decision making process will need to involve these.
44	3	As per 1 above

### 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
<b>Industries (8)</b>					
1.	<i>Marine and Fisheries Agency (marine works)</i>	Fishermen Statutory Bodies			2
		Sea Fisheries Committees	Mid Wales to Cumbria	Morecombe Heysham Fish Ass.	5
			Cumbria	Jonathan Parr	10
2.	Shipping	MCA			2
		Local representatives			19
3.	Ports and Harbours	Local representatives			19
4.	Energy Sector - renewables	Peel Energy	Merseyside	?	18
		BWEA	National	?	18

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5.	Energy Sector - Oil and Gas				
6.	Sand and gravel extraction				
7.	Sub sea cables				
8.	Small scale marine industries				
	Small scale tourism businesses				41
	Waste management – key negative impact in area				41
<b>Commercial Fishing (8)</b>					
9.	<i>Marine and Fisheries Agency (fishing)</i>	Sea Fisheries Committees	Mid Wales to Cumbria	Morecombe Heysham Fish Ass.	5
			Cumbria	Jonathan Parr	10
		NABAC	All the Fylde and Morecambe Bay	B. Duffy NABAC	34
10.	<i>Sea Fisheries Committee</i>			NW & NWSFC	2
		Sea Fisheries Committees	Mid Wales to Cumbria	Morecombe Heysham Fish Ass.	5
		Stephen Atkins	North west	NW & NWSFC	22
11.	Trawling	Fishermens Representatives		NW & NWSFC	2
		Sea Fisheries Committees	Mid Wales to Cumbria	Morecombe Heysham Fish Ass.	5
		All Fisheries Groups. The Scallop Association	Whole of Irish Sea	Scallop Association – John King	16
12.	Seine netting	Fishermens Representatives		NW & NWSFC	2
		Sea Fisheries Committees	Mid Wales to Cumbria	Morecombe Heysham Fish Ass.	5

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13.	Static Gear (pots, creeling, gill netting, fixed nets)	Fishermens Representatives			2
		Sea Fisheries Committees	Mid Wales to Cumbria	Morecombe Heysham Fish Ass.	5
		Paul Sumner	Morecambe Bay and Ribble Estuary		15
14.	Aquaculture	Fishermens Representatives			2
15.	Seafood processing	Fleetwood Fish Merchants, Seafood North West			16
16.	Fishing Clubs	Blackpool Boat Angling Club	Lytham to Fleetwood	Grant Duckworth	14
<b>Natural Environment (8)</b>					
17.	<i>Joint Nature Conservancy Council</i>				
18.	<i>Natural England</i>	Dr Chris Lumb	Cumbria and North Lancashire	Natural England, Kendall	44
19.	<i>Environment Agency</i>	Northwest area office (Warrington) Anne Heslop	Fylde dunes		39
20.	Habitats NGO	Wildlife Trust	Cheshire – Cumbria	Kathryn Turner	7
		Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside	Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside	Dave Dunlop	7
		The Wildlife Trust	All		8
		FCMLP/Wildlife Trust			39
		Dr Kathryn Turner	Merseyside, Cheshire, Lancashire and Cumbria	The Wildlife Trust, Kendall	44
21.	Birds NGO	RSPB	Can represent All.	Andrew	015245810 10





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35.	MOD				
<b>Science, research &amp; education (2)</b>					
36.	Education				
37.	Marine Scientist	Professor Chris Frid	All	Liverpool Uni	
<b>Regional and coastal counties/authorities (6)</b>					
38.	<i>NW Regional Development Agency</i>	NWDA		Mark Bareham	16
39.	<i>Government Office North West</i>	Caroline Salthouse	All	NW Coastal Forum c/o 4NW, Wigan	44
40.	<i>Cumbria County Council</i>				
41.	<i>Lancashire County Council</i>	County Biodiversity Officer			
		Blackpool Local Authorities			39
42.	<i>Cheshire County Council</i>				

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43.	Liverpool City Council	Christine Bennet	Merseyside	Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service	44

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?

Participant number	Event	
6	3	It has been properly considered and formulated as an initial draft
7	3	Trying to incline all interests
8	3	Seems broad and inclusive, in line with MCZ guidelines
9	3	Independent Group
11	3	Wide range of participants
14	3	Input from varied organisations
16	3	A balanced group
18	3	Very comprehensive and inclusive of all backgrounds
26	3	Good cross section of people
32	3	Include NGOs (e.g. FOE, Greenpeace). Include environmentalists with a broad understanding of <u>all</u> the issues and can see how this project <u>links</u> to the Global Perspective
35	3	A broad and seemingly comprehensive group
36	3	The wide range of interests supported
39	3	Its diversity
41	3	I like the approach to be represented
42	3	Seems to be a well balanced cross-section

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1	3	There seems to be insufficient weight given to environmental groups
7	3	Overall I'm not sure its actually balanced. Hard to work out.
8	3	Need to ensure nature conservation interests / expertise is <u>fully</u> represented, biodiversity protection is at the core of what MCZs are meant to protect, and evidence base will come largely from these groups, as will interpretation of this data.
18	3	Include 4NW – They could feed this work into Regional Spatial Strategy which then channels down into planning locally (LDF)
19	3	Regional “industry” and local authority representatives replaced by representatives of ports, fishing, shipping from individual ports and local councils with coastal interests. Space made for these by reducing the number of ‘Natural Environment’ representatives from 8 to perhaps 2. Heritage could also be represented by 1 place. Also delete NWRDA and Government Office NW.
32	3	Invite me on to the stakeholder group
35	3	I would like to be reassured that representation of environmental interests will be adequate given the relatively large range of industrial / fishing stakeholders and relatively small number of e.g. Conservation NGOs
36	3	Make more use of existing groups and forums with a range of interests
39	3	Belief that these stakeholders can put forward an ecological network of MCZs. Ecological knowledge and training, and a belief in upholding the word ‘ <u>may</u> ’ be taken into account.
41	3	Recognition of the value of the Irish Sea and Health and Well-being (Physical Activities on beach, promenade, water and Biophyllia for the coast - wellbeing), Tourism businesses

**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	3	Marinet		Marinet takes an overall view and is not tied to any vested interest.
2	3	Coastal Fishermens Association		The historic intertidal and near coastal fishing communities are a vital part of our heritage.
6	3	Shore Angling		Angling is a huge area especially in the Irish Sea. It should be split between shore and boat angling.
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11	3	Marine Conservation Society	MOD	More relevance to conservation zones
15	3	Sand Fishing Shrimp / Cockles		The fishing community of Flookburgh goes back hundreds of years fishing the sands of the bay

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18	3	4NW	Not sure	They produce a spatial strategy for the Region and it may be useful to include MCZs
22	3	- Under Maritime Local Authorities -Sefton BC -Blackpool BC -Lancaster BC -Fylde BC -Etc.		- They are involved in the coast and coastal issues, and in many cases are land owners. In particular to the Sefton BC – David McAleavy of the Sefton Coast and Countryside Service.
22	3	Northwest coastal forum – Caroline Salthouse		She is representative of the NW and Integrated coastal zone management (ICZM)
22	3	Morecambe Bay Partnership – Suzanna Bleakley		
26	3	Marine Conservation Society		Depth of local knowledge
29	3	NW Geodiversity Partnership		To cover geodiversity interests
35	3	Wildfowl and wetlands trust		We have significant expertise in monitoring marine birds, datasets, that can be utilised, experience of projected area designation (e.g. Through terrestrial SPAs) and local interests (Martine Mere)
36	3			Will the Joint Nature Conservancy Council and Natural England not be covered with national representatives?
36	3	NFU / CLA		Into the 'owners' category as there are significant areas of coastal agricultural land
36	3	North West Coastal Forum		Existing forum representing a range of interests on the north west coast
36	3		All county authorities?	It is district councils who are responsible for the coastline to which this is most relevant
41	3	District Authority Association Representatives		Local decision makers at LDF
41	3	Parish Town Council Association Representatives		Local community representatives need to be engaged.
41	3	Water sports representative		
41	3	United Utilities		Waste water management – key player to quality of water

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41	3	Health and Wellbeing Community		
41	3	NHS/PCT/Strategic Partnerships		
42	3	I would change ports and harbours to: 1) Commercial only 2) Leisure Only 3) Commercial and Leisure		To reflect their different types