

The North West Regional Coastal Conference 25th November 2010

Marine Management Organisation

Summary of Key Messages

- The Marine Management Organisation was vested on 1 April 2010. It was established under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, to act as the UK Government's principal delivery body in the marine area and be its centre of marine management expertise. The MMO contributes to the achievement of sustainable development by bringing together delivery of a number of marine functions within a single independent body.
- The Marine and Coastal Act (2009) established the MMO as the Government's principal regulator and delivery body for English territorial waters and UK offshore marine areas for non-devolved issues.
- The MMO has 19 local offices in 7 main districts headed by District Marine Officers and the headquarters are located in Newcastle.
- What the MMO does:-
 - Marine Planning;
 - Marine Licensing;
 - Marine Emergencies;
 - Fisheries Management;
 - Marine Nature Conservation; and
 - Decision Support.
- Stakeholder engagement is very important to the MMO and we shall be a transparent and accountable to all stakeholders regarding our delivery and therefore working to keep key stakeholders informed about what we are aiming to deliver and how we are doing our job.
- What you should be doing now
 - Continued engagement with the MMO
- What you need to be planning for
 - Streamlined Marine Licence April 2011
- What you need to be keeping an eye on
 - Marine Plan Areas

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