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# **An Introduction to the Irish Sea Maritime Forum**

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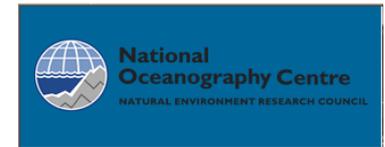
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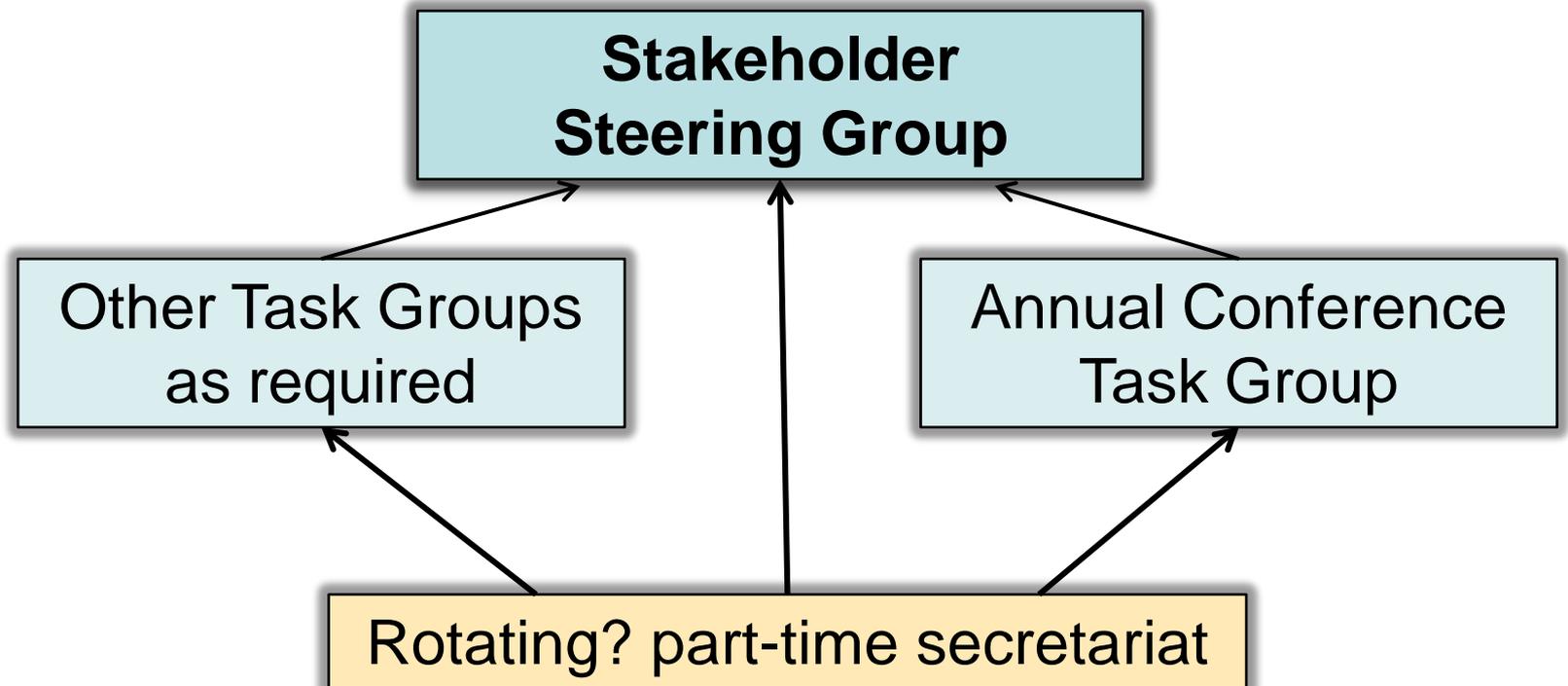
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# OBJECTIVES OF THE FORUM

- To provide a broad based forum for all Irish Sea users and provide an opportunity for voices to be heard
- To facilitate knowledge exchange and capacity building across all administrative areas and sectors about marine planning
- To facilitate sharing of data and information
- To encourage and maintain political support for transnational partnership working in support of marine planning, with the aim of promoting sustainable development in the Irish Sea region
- To facilitate a more coordinated, efficient planning process for transnational issues/projects and good working relationships among Irish Sea partners

# MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE



# INITIAL STEERING GROUP

## Representatives from:

DoE Northern Ireland

Isle of Man Government

DEH&LG Ireland

Marine Scotland

Marine Management Organisation

Welsh Assembly Government

Natural England

British Oceanographic Centre

North West Coastal Forum )

University of Liverpool )

Secretarial

Support

## **DRAFT VISION**

***An Irish Sea which has a healthy marine environment, coherent energy policy, safe clean and efficient transport and sustainable fisheries and is managed to deliver sustainable development for the benefit of all....***

**Suggested revisions welcome**

# **BUSINESS PLAN 2012 – 2017**

## **Activities in Year 1**

### **(Establishment of the Forum)**

- **Organisation and facilitation of an Irish Sea Maritime Forum conference**
- Definition of the terms of reference and identity of the Forum
- Development of a communications strategy designed to raise awareness of marine planning issues and developments and facilitate information exchange and networking among Irish Sea partners
- Development of an Irish Sea website / information portal
- Creation of an Irish Sea stakeholder data base
- Development of a funding strategy

# **BUSINESS PLAN 2012 – 2017**

## **Activities in Years 2 – 5**

- Creation of a signpost or index of available data, information and existing initiatives across all administrative areas, with harmonised approach to standards and compatibility
- Provision of training sessions related to marine licensing, planning etc
- Development of communication and networking opportunities offered by different social media
- Organisation of an annual Irish Sea Maritime Forum conference
- Fund raising and project development

# TODAY'S EVENT

## Aims

### *Morning*

To provide a round up of marine planning developments in the Irish Sea

### *Afternoon*

To explore views on the focus of future forum activities

**To broaden membership of the Stakeholder Steering Group**

## Outputs

An e-newsletter summarising the outcomes of the conference and next steps for the Forum

Extended membership of the Stakeholder Steering Group



# MORNING PROGRAMME

*Ireland's Ocean Economy:* **Eugene Nixon**, Marine Institute, Ireland

*National Marine Plan for Scotland:* **Anna Donald**, Marine Scotland

*Key Note Address:* **Minister Alex Attwood MLA**, DoE Northern Ireland

**11.00 - 11.30 Coffee**

*Developing a Marine Plan for the Isle of Man:* **Liz Charter** IoM Government

*MMO activity and thoughts for MSP in Irish Sea:* **Steve Brooker**, MMO

*The sea, an important new arena for spatial planning:* **Anthony Quinn**, IPA

**Panel Discussion**

**12.45 - 13.45 Lunch**

# PANEL DISCUSSION

**Eugene Nixon**  *Marine Institute*  
Fóras na Mara

Marine Institute, Ireland

**John Linden**  **DOE**

Dept. of Environment  
Northern Ireland

**Liz Charter**   
Isle of Man Government  
Isle of Man Government

**Anna Donald**  **marinescotland**  
Marine Scotland

**Steve Brooker**  marine management organisation  
Marine Management  
Organisation

**Anthony Quinn**   
Irish Planning Institute  
Irish Planning Institute

# AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

**To explore views on the future focus of forum activities**

*How can Irish Sea stakeholders link into the development of the EU's Atlantic Strategy*

**Flo Clucas** , Member of the Leadership Group for the Atlantic Forum

*Development of the Irish Sea Maritime Forum: a Personal View*

**Stephen Atkins**, Chief Executive of the North West Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

*14.25 – 14.45 Coffee*

**Stakeholder Workshops**

Next Steps for the Forum

*16.00 Close*

# STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS

*Please nominate a chair and a rapporteur for your table*

## **Tables 1, 2, and 3**

**A)** What should be the focus of future Forum actions and events?

## **Tables 4, 5 and 6**

**B)** What should the Forum's website cover?

## **Tables 7, 8 and 9**

**C)** How can the Forum's activities be financed?

*Spend about 20 minutes focussing on your allocated question and 10 minutes discussing any of the other questions.*

*Please record key points on the flip chart sheets provided.*

# NEXT STEPS

We would welcome at the reception desk:

- Your feedback forms and badges
- Suggested revisions to the Irish Sea Maritime Forum 'Vision'
- Expressions of interest in joining the Stakeholder Steering Group

Circulation of an e-newsletter summarising the outcomes of the day

Meeting of the extended Stakeholder Steering Group

Update on next steps for the forum early autumn 2012





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