

Seas and Coast Subgroup: Synthesis of strategic priorities for EU Exit (First draft)

Priorities	Detailed considerations	Subgroup actions (for discussion)
<p>1. Look to the long-term: being clear on our strategic vision for sustainable management of Wales' seas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Look beyond Brexit: use Article 50 negotiations and associated domestic policy and legislative arrangements as mechanism to achieve a longer-term vision for marine and fisheries management in Wales beyond 2019. ○ With that in mind we need to brigade our efforts to address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Day 1 readiness” (ie. the point at which the UK leaves the EU) ▪ Transition: ostensibly a two-year period where we make the necessary policy, legislative and operational adjustments needed in the context of the outcome of Article 50 negotiations, the provisions of the ‘Great Repeal Bill’ and Fisheries Bill and any other related legislation brought forward. ▪ Long-term strategy that avoids short-termism: we would suggest a focus on 2025 in terms of the desired outcomes we want to achieve at that point in relation to our strategic goals of 1) ensuring resilient marine ecosystems; 2) supporting blue growth; and 3) sustainable, productive, prosperous fisheries. 	
<p>2. Ensure continued access to single market and the free movement of people, goods and services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to push for First Minister’s priorities for EU Exit as set out soon after EU Referendum and consolidated in ‘Securing Wales’ Future’ white paper. 	

<p>3. Take a positive approach to collaboration, working in true partnership within Wales and, wherever we can, across the UK.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ In line with the priorities set by the First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, ensure that devolution is fully respected through the EU Exit process and address shortcomings in devolution settlement○ Through our dealings with UK Government and with the other Devolved Administrations work to clarify governance arrangements and institutional authority○ Address questions / uncertainty on devolution including on Wales Act.
<p>4. Help to secure the long-term viability and prosperity of Welsh fishing communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Need to protect rural communities and their way of life that are part of the fabric, culture and heritage of Wales.○ Continue to progress current programme of commitments.
<p>5. Uphold Wales' commitments to the sustainable management of Wales' marine natural resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ensure EU Exit outcomes are fully compatible with WFG and Environment Acts specifically ecosystem resilience and the ecosystem approach○ Uphold the 'right to challenge' and work in partnership to deliver our collective commitments and obligations.○ Maintain ambition and commitment to deliver MSFD requirements○ Maintain protections Natura 2000 sites and MCZs, and wider management for MPAs