

Seas and Coast Subgroup: Synthesis of strategic priorities for EU Exit

(Second draft following second Seas and Coast Subgroup meeting)

Priorities	Factors to address	Subgroup actions / potential solutions
1. Look to the long-term: being clear on our strategic vision for sustainable management of Wales' seas.	<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. It is critical that steps that build towards the long-term end-point are taken. ▪ Long-term strategy that avoids short-termism: we would suggest a focus on 2025 with a longer-term vision for 2050 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welsh Government and PPIW to complete scenario assessment for Welsh fishing sector. ● Welsh Government Consolidate evidence and assessments for marine sector. ● Subgroup members to feed in contributions, evidence and intelligence from their respective sectors to help inform discussions, analysis and to help refine Welsh Government’s position on Article 50 negotiations, Withdrawal Bill and future vision work.

<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. ○ Ensure engagement across wide range of sectors relating to marine and fisheries management (such as tourism sector). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Subgroup members to identify potential leverage and mechanisms to help further Wales' priorities. ● Welsh Government to ensure full range of relevant sectors are engaged. ● Presentation on Brexit scenarios for Wales to be made to Port of Milford Haven Authority. ● Subgroup members to draw on work of Scenarios and Evidence Subgroup and Diana Reynold's analysis to engage their networks.
<p>4. Help to secure the long-term viability and prosperity of Welsh coastal communities in line with goals, principles and requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act.</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 in line with requirements of Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act. ○ Continue to progress current programme of commitments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welsh Government to consider assessment of what Wales' citizens are prepared to pay for in relation to sustainable fisheries and marine management and payment for ecosystem services. ● Welsh Government and Subgroup members to identify new markets for marine and fisheries, including - but not limited to - exploring potential of 'Brand Cymru' and potential for enhancing

processing infrastructure.

5. Uphold Wales' commitments to the sustainable management of Wales' marine natural resources.

- 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 Marine Strategy Framework Directive requirements.
 - Maintain protections Natura 2000 sites and MCZs, and wider management for MPA network embracing principles and requirements of Environment (Wales) Act helping to securing maximum multiple benefits for Wales.
- Welsh Government to ensure narrative on sustainable marine management is reflected in scenario work and forthcoming policy papers.