

MPA Management Steering Group

Key messages and Actions

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| Title of Meeting | MPA Management Steering Group | | Date | 14.06.2018 |
| Meeting Number | 11 | Start Time | 10:30 | End Time 14:40 |
| Attendance | Graham Rees (Welsh Government - Chair), Louise George (Welsh Government), Richard Lowcock James (Welsh Government), Trevor Theobald (Welsh Local Government Association/Pembrokeshire County Council), Maggie Hatton-Ellis (Natural Resources Wales - advisor), Mary Lewis (Natural Resources Wales), Jonathan Monk (Welsh Ports Group), Tegryn Jones (Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority/Snowdonia National Park Authority), Becky Phillips (JNCC) | | | |
| Telecon | Alison Palmer Hargrave (Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau SAC – advisor to the Steering Group), Helen Bloomfield (Natural Resources Wales) | | | |
| Apologies | Hannah Carr (JNCC), Rosie Kelly (The Crown Estate), Rhian Jardine (Natural Resources Wales) | | | |

| No | Agenda Item |
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| 1 | Welcome, introductions and housekeeping |
| 2 | Prioritising the Action Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scores • Consensus on prioritisation • Gaps • Next steps |
| 3 | Any other business |

Introduction

The Marine Protected Area Management Steering Group (MPAMSG) provides strategic co-ordination for the management of all MPAs in Welsh seas. The Group provides advice, guidance and a collective steer to authorities involved in the delivery of MPA management actions. It champions effective MPA management, and is tasked with raising the profile of MPA management and increasing buy-in from management authorities and wider stakeholders across Wales.

Membership of the MPAMSG is drawn from the key management authorities in Wales, as defined by the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

The Steering Group held its eleventh meeting on 14 June 2018 at the Welsh Government Offices in Aberystwyth. Key messages and actions from the meeting are found within this document. Members of the MPAMSG have a responsibility for disseminating consistent messages with their respective networks.

Should you wish to discuss any of the agenda items in more detail please contact your sector lead. If you require the contact details of your sector lead, please contact the Marine and Fisheries Ministerial Mailbox:
(MarineandFisheriesMinisterialMailbox@gov.wales)

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Item 2: Prioritising the Action Plan

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| <p>Prior to the meeting, Steering Group members were tasked with assessing each of the draft actions against a set of prioritisation criteria. Two screening measures were used to screen out actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • actions scoring negatively against any of the Management Principles, and • actions that did not meet the threshold score for all criteria. <p>Group members collectively reviewed their scores for each of the draft actions. Members agreed some actions could be combined, and in some cases adapted to show clearer links between site-level work and how this could inform network-level management. Members agreed to include a new action to maintain the link between the Network Action plan and locally agreed actions, where they exist. A list of 21 prioritised actions was agreed, subject to minor redrafting and combining of some actions.</p> | <p>RLJ to redraft the Action Plan taking account of the comments made during the meeting, including whether actions could be clustered.</p> |

Item 3: Items to note, any other business and date of next meeting

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| <p>There were no items to note and no other business. Members agreed to meet again as soon as possible to finalise the MPA Network Action Plan 2018-19.</p> | <p>RLJ to circulate a DoodlePoll for the next meeting.</p> |