

Wales Marine Action and Advisory Group (WMAAG) Terms of Reference

a) Membership

See attached

b) Terms of Reference (ToR)

Purpose

To bring together a broad range of strategic interest groups to ensure effective and meaningful engagement in relation to the delivery of the Marine Transition Programme and wider marine and fisheries work through collaborative working and co-production.

Role

To provide a forum for discussion and debate, and the provision of support and advice to the Welsh Government, on strategic marine and coastal policy in relation to:

- Integrated marine governance
- Delivery of integrated marine management

Particularly, in relation to the effective delivery of the Marine Transition Programme projects:

- Marine Planning (including Marine evidence activities)
- the Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- Better Fisheries (including Sustainable Fisheries and the New Common Fisheries Policy)
- Marine Protected Areas (including Harbour Porpoise and the Special Protected areas)

The group will act as a strategic forum connecting the stakeholders involved in these project areas. It will work to ensure an open and transparent stakeholder engagement process

Through Task and Finish group arrangements members will develop a model for stakeholder led partnership, working collaboratively with the Welsh Government to action and deliver products which support and progress the Marine Transition Programme.

Group members will have a responsibility for disseminating consistent messages with their respective networks and bringing forward any issues arising

The group will work closely and openly with the Welsh Government, so it is anticipated that the group will not provide formal responses to Government consultations or evidence to Committee inquiries. Rather, the group, and its Task

and Finish groups will provide early input and challenge into developing policy proposals.

The Group will have the opportunity to review progress annually with the Minister with portfolio responsibility.

Format

The format is a formal meeting (chaired by Peter) supported by smaller Task and Finish Groups (with membership drawn from the main group and chaired as appropriate).

The group will meet twice a year.

Meetings will be held in Cardiff.

Key messages from meetings and associated material will be made available on the Welsh Government website.

Coverage – extent

The suggested membership aims to be as inclusive as possible ensuring appropriate representation from all who have an interest in the marine area of Wales (industry, community, environment, local government, recreation and leisure). Care has been taken to ensure a balance between the interest groups and geographical coverage while keeping the group to a manageable size.

Secretariat

The secretariat will be provided by staff from the Marine Transition Programme. Members will be expected to participate and contribute to the organisation and functioning of any Task and Finish Groups established.

Wales Marine Advisory & Action Group Membership

Sector	Organisation
Aquaculture	Bangor Mussels
Aggregates	British Marine Aggregates Association
	Seabed Users and Developers Group
Coastal communities/Community based groups	Cragen Llyn a Mon
	Pwllheli Partnership,
	Welsh Local Government Association
	One Voice Wales
Fishing	Welsh Fishermen's Association
	Welsh Marine Fisheries Action Group Chairman
Historic / Archaeological	Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Wales
Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)	Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum
	Severn Estuary Partnership
Multi-Sector	The Crown Estate
Nature Conservation and Biodiversity	Joint Nature Conservation Committee
	Marine Conservation Society
	Wales Environment Link
	WWF
	RSPB
	Wildlife Trusts Wales
Ports and Shipping	Milford Haven Port Authority
Recreation	Mariteam Associates
	Royal Yachting Association
	British Marine
	British Association for Shooting & Conservation
	Welsh Federation of Sea Anglers
Marine Energy (Renewables)	Renewable UK
	Marine Energy Wales (previously ME Pembrokeshire)
Tourism	Visit Wales
	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
Other	Dwr Cymru Welsh Water
	Natural Resources Wales
	Keep Wales Tidy