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Marine Conservation Zone Stakeholder Focus Group Statement

Following the Welsh Government's announcement in November 2012 to undertake more work to look at the information received from the MCZ consultation and to consider how MCZs are taken forward in Wales, a Task and Finish Group has been established supported by a Stakeholder Focus Group.

The Stakeholder Focus Group has met on two occasions December 2012 and January 2013. The meetings to date have provided an opportunity for members to meet and discuss their area of interest, gain an understanding of the work of the Task and Finish Team, discuss progress to date and how they might contribute to the process going forward. A full list of Stakeholder Focus Group members and the organisations/areas they represent is provided overleaf.

Although the Stakeholder Focus Group represents a diverse range of interests, collectively it recognises the need for marine conservation and the importance of safeguarding the marine environment for all. There is enthusiasm within the group to work together and be part of the process that determines the way forward for MCZs in Wales. There is also a will to maintain the level of interest and momentum that has been generated by the MCZ consultation. The following vision was agreed.

Vision

To work together as part of the MCZ task and finish project and so contribute to the seas around Wales being clean, healthy, productive and diverse.

To contribute to the process of how MCZs are identified in Wales to ensure that marine ecosystems and the socio-economic benefits they provide are robustly protected for now and for future generations.

To support the Welsh Government in the gathering and use of evidence from all sources to inform the process.

Dates of meetings

The Stakeholder Focus Group will meet again on 26 February and 26 March 2013.

Marine Conservation Zone Stakeholder Focus Group

Membership

Chair	
Peter Davies	Wales' Commissioner for Sustainable Futures
Members	
Industry	
Welsh Fisherman's Association	Jim Evans Colin Evans (substitute)
Welsh Aquaculture/MPA Coalition	James Wilson
Milford Haven Port Authority	Dave Levell
Renewable UK Wales	Matthew Williams
British Marine Federation	Brian Clark Alan Morgan (substitute)
South & West Wales Marine Leisure Federation	David Reed
Coastal/Community Groups	
Severn Estuary Partnership	Gwilym Owen
Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum	Tonia Forsyth
Cragen Llŷn a Môn	Phil Hollington
Pwllheli Partnership	Michael Parry
Environmental	
Marine Conservation Society	Gill Bell
RSPB & Wales Environment Link	Gareth Cunningham
Wildlife Trust Wales	Rachel Sharp
WWF	Iwan Ball
National Trust	Richard Neale
Local Government	
County North – Gwynedd	Cllr Gareth Roberts Alison Hargrave Palmer
County Mid	<i>To follow</i>
County South – Pembrokeshire	Trevor Theobald
T&C North – Beaumaris	Paul Green
T&C Mid	<i>To follow</i>
T&C South	<i>To follow</i>
Recreation and Leisure	
Welsh Federation of Sea Anglers	Roger Cook
Welsh Association of Sub Aqua Clubs	Jennifer Jones
British Association for Shooting & Conservation	Meurig Rees Tim Russell (substitute)
Welsh Yachting Association	Caroline Price
	John Eddington (substitute)
	Bob Lowe (substitute)