

Marine Ecosystem Group meeting 3 Actions

16th June 2010
CCW offices Newtown

Present:

Louise George (**chair**, WAG)
 Aethne Cooke (CCW – **secretariat**)
 Blaise Bullimore (Carmarthen Bay & Estuaries EMS)
 Martyn Evans (Monmouthshire CC)
 Judith Oakley (Swansea LBAP / LBAP rep)

Mick Green (independent)
 Gill Bell (Marine Conservation Society)
 Diana Reynolds (WAG)
 Sarah Perry (Wildlife Trusts Wales)

Key messages:

1. Seminar for LBAP partnerships to be held in September 2010 to introduce marine targets and actions. Separate workshops for north and south.
2. WAG to resign as chair of the Marine Ecosystem Group. In exchange for this, the head of Fisheries (Graham Rees) and the head of Marine Policy Branch (Julia Williams) have agreed to attend and participate in the work of the Wales Biodiversity Policy Group. Louise George from the Marine Policy Branch and a representative from WAG Fisheries Unit are to be members of the Marine Ecosystem Group. Diana Reynolds has agreed to attend the MEG in a years time to discuss how this arrangement is working. Members agreed DR's nomination of Blaise Bullimore (rep for Group of European Marine Sites (GEMS) & Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries officer) for chair of the MEG in the interim. Criteria for success of the arrangement were agreed to be active participation of both Marine Branch and Fisheries Unit in the Marine Ecosystem Group and also the Wales Biodiversity Policy Group, as well as meeting attendance.
3. LBAP groups to identify what guidance they need to undertake and complete the marine component of their LBAP reviews.

Actions (from Mtg 3)	Who	Progress
Circulate final 'protocols document' to members. This document outlines how all groups in the new BAP structure are to operate and communicate with each other.	AC	Complete
Circulate NEF narrative 2 to all members (members to send comments directly to DR by 25th June).	AC	Complete
Circulate link to outputs of 3 WBP Steering Group workshops (held on Feb 10 th 2010) on WBP website. http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/content/uploads/documents/SG%20Meetings/SG%2010/Workshop%20exercise%20outputs%20WBPSG10.pdf	AC	Complete
Circulate details of workshop specifically for NGOs and the development of the Natural Environment Framework in Wales.	AC	Complete
Send any comments to AC, regarding changes to Terms of Reference and operation of the group, to reflect changes to chair. Revised ToR to be brought to next meeting.	All	
Circulate document which outlines progress with marine policy actions.	AC	Complete
Members to provide comments to BB on progress with marine policy actions asap (by end July at latest).	All	Complete
Develop targets for marine habitats and species as per approach presented at meeting, and circulate to members by	All	

	end of July. Members to send any further comments on marine targets to AC asap.		
	Gill to speak to fisheries colleague in MCS regarding developments of credit system for fishing and whether/how this approach can be incorporated into targets for commercial fish species and action.	GB	
	All members to send comments to AC on existing draft actions and identify further action. In particular WAG, CCW & EAW are asked to actively identify actions that are relevant to their organisations for inclusion on the spreadsheet. AC to circulate actions spreadsheet by end of July 2010 to group members.	All	
	Arrange separate workshop for north Wales and south Wales LBAP partnerships to present drafted marine targets and action (likely to be September time).	AC	
	Identify what guidance has been provided by the Wales Biodiversity Partnerships for LBAP reviews, see if further guidance on the marine component of LBAP reviews is needed.	AC	
	MEG membership gaps identified include Marine Renewables (AC to speak to Kate Smith); Crown Estate; National Trust; Wales Coastal & Maritime Partnership; Agreed that Local Authority representation needs to occur at Wales Biodiversity Policy Group – AC to speak to Julia Korn).		

