

Coastal Communities

How should all the marine activities in YOUR local coastal and marine areas be managed?

Your views can help to shape the new North West Marine Plan.



What is Marine Planning?

Marine planning is a new approach to the management of our seas. It aims to ensure a sustainable future for coastal and offshore waters by managing and balancing the different activities, resources and natural features of our coastal and marine environment.

Marine planning follows a similar approach to terrestrial planning. The Marine Plan will be used by public authorities as part of the decision-making process for all new activities and developments affecting the North West's coastal and marine areas.

The North West Marine Plan is being developed by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). The planning for the Dee is shared with the Welsh Government through its Welsh National Marine Plan and for the Solway with the Scottish Government and Scotland's National Marine Plan.

Why Does Marine Planning Matter to Coastal Communities?

No-one knows the North West coast and sea better than the people who live, work and play here. It is essential that coastal communities are aware of, and understand, the implications of the development of the new North West Marine Plan. The MMO values the expert opinions of local communities in helping to develop policies for the North West Marine Plan as it will shape the ways our seas are used for years to come.

How Can You Get Involved?

Take part in the MMO's online 'Iteration 3' engagement which runs until 29th March, or join one of the MMO's North West Marine Plan Workshops:

- 27th February (Carlisle, with Solway Firth Partnership)
- 28th February (New Brighton, with the North West Coastal Forum).

Formal public consultation on the final draft Plan is expected later in 2019.

For more information see www.nwcoastalforum.org.uk or visit the MMO's marine planning portal on: www.gov.uk/topic/planning-development/marine-planning and follow the links for the North West Marine Plan.

You can also contact the MMO team at: planning@marinemanagement.org.uk

What is the North West Coastal Forum?

We are a multi-sector voluntary partnership working together across boundaries to deliver economic, environmental and social benefits for coastal communities in North West England.

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