

Northern Ireland Marine Plan

We are up and running!

The Marine Plan Team is pleased to advise that with the publication of the Statement of Public Participation (SPP) on 28th June 2012, work has now formally commenced on the Northern Ireland Marine Plan.

The SPP sets out clearly how and when the Department will involve and engage people during the preparation of the plan and importantly how the views and comments of stakeholders will be factored into the work.

The full and effective participation of everyone who has an interest in our marine environment will be critical to the success of the marine plan process. The Statement therefore seeks to ensure that in whatever way people use or enjoy our seas or coastline they will be given the opportunity to get involved.

The Marine Plan Team has also now launched a new web page for news and information relating to the Northern Ireland Marine Plan. You will find the newly published SPP and related documents in the DOE Planning Portal, at this link:

[HTTP://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/common_policy-northern-ireland-marine-plan-home](http://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/common_policy-northern-ireland-marine-plan-home)

The early stages of the Plan process will entail evidence gathering, including meetings with stakeholders representing the full range of sectoral interests to identify the key issues to be addressed in the Marine Plan. We will continue to provide regular updates on news and events via e-mail alerts and on the website.

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