



Marine  
Management  
Organisation



# Introduction to marine planning

## Stakeholder Engagement in the South West Marine Plan Area

Severn Estuary Forum  
September 2016



ENVIRONMENT  
ISO 14001  
CERTIFIED



QUALITY  
ISO 9001  
CERTIFIED

# Outline

- MMO – Who we are and what we do
- Why we are planning and the benefits
- Where plans are being developed and progress to date
- How we will be developing marine plans



# The Marine Management Organisation

## Who we are and what we do

- MMO est. 2009 through Marine and Coastal Access Act
- NDPB reporting primarily under Defra with cross-departmental support including Communities and Local Government; Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; and Transport)
- Main responsibilities:
  - Statutory marine planning authority developing marine plans marine and issuing marine licences
  - managing fishing fleet capacity and quotas for English fisheries
  - Creation of marine conservation byelaws and enforcement for protected areas species and habitats
  - responding to marine emergencies

# Legislation linkage

## MCAA

- Marine and Coastal Access Act provides legislative basis for a marine planning system

## Marine Plans

- Marine Plans will **translate the MPS** framework into detailed policy and spatial guidance for each Marine Plan area

## Plan use

- **MCAA S.58(1)** Must take any authorisation or enforcement decision **in accordance** with plan
- **MCAA S.58(3)** Must **have regard** to the plan in other decisions capable of affecting the UK marine area

# Marine Plan Areas



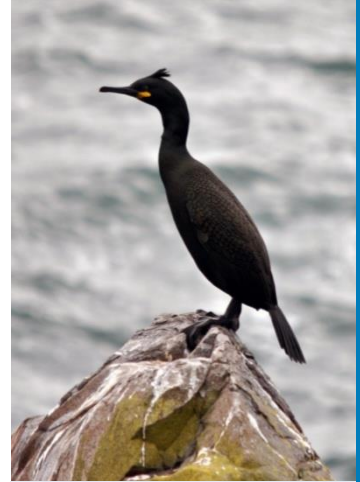
- 11 plan areas
- Covered in 6 marine plans
- 20 year horizon
- Inshore (MHWS tidal limit to 12nm)
- Offshore (12nm – 200nm or territorial limit)
- 3-yearly reporting once adopted



# Key benefits of marine planning

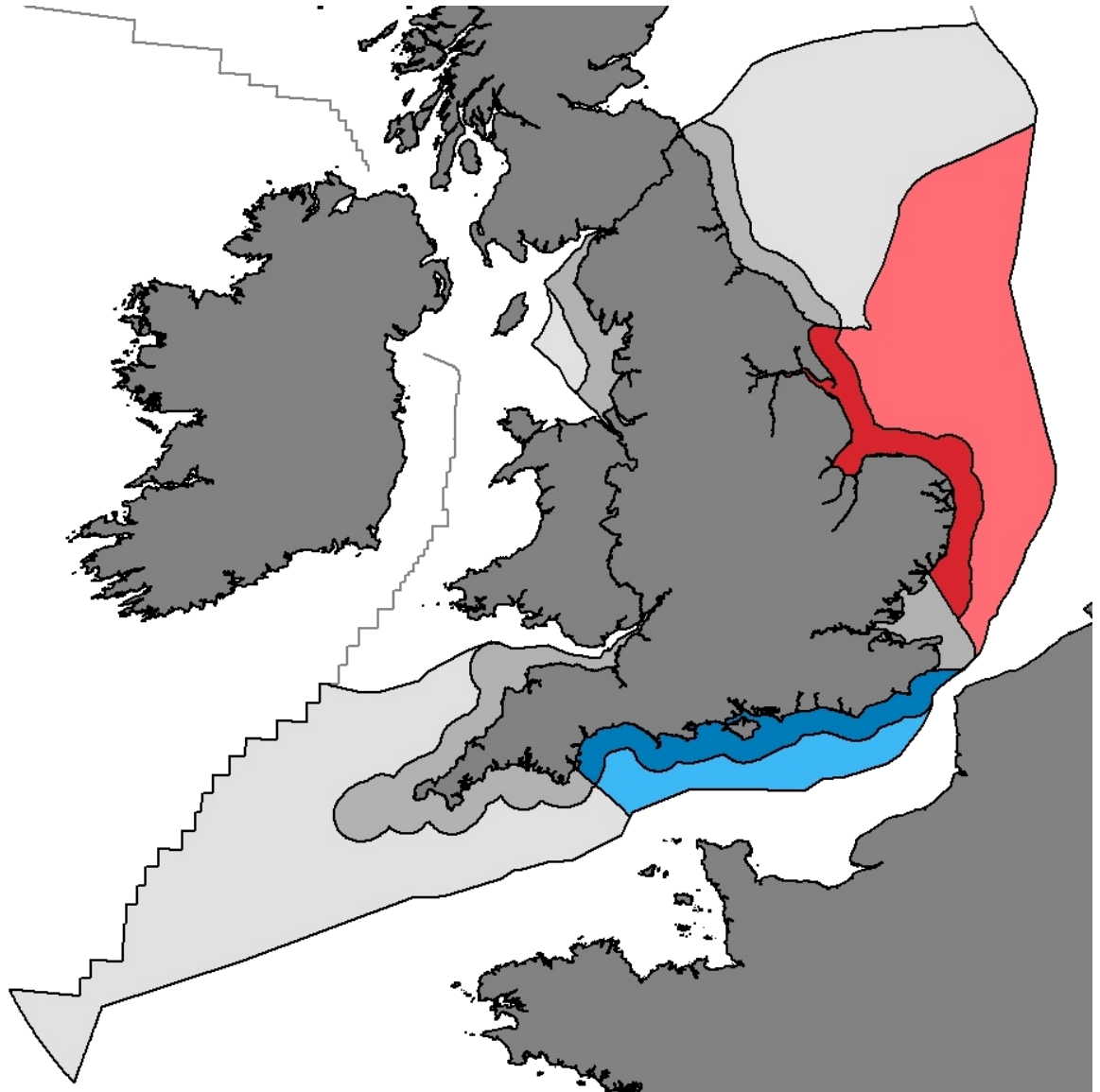
makes sure the **right activities** take place in the **right place** and in the **right way** placing sustainable development at the centre of all decisions.

- managing the **increasing demands** on space and resources
- greater **clarity and guidance** on what activity should or should not take place
- enables sustainable economic growth whilst protecting the environment
- stronger understanding of the local marine **resources and activities** and their potential
- providing local direction on how a marine area can be developed
- better **access to data**



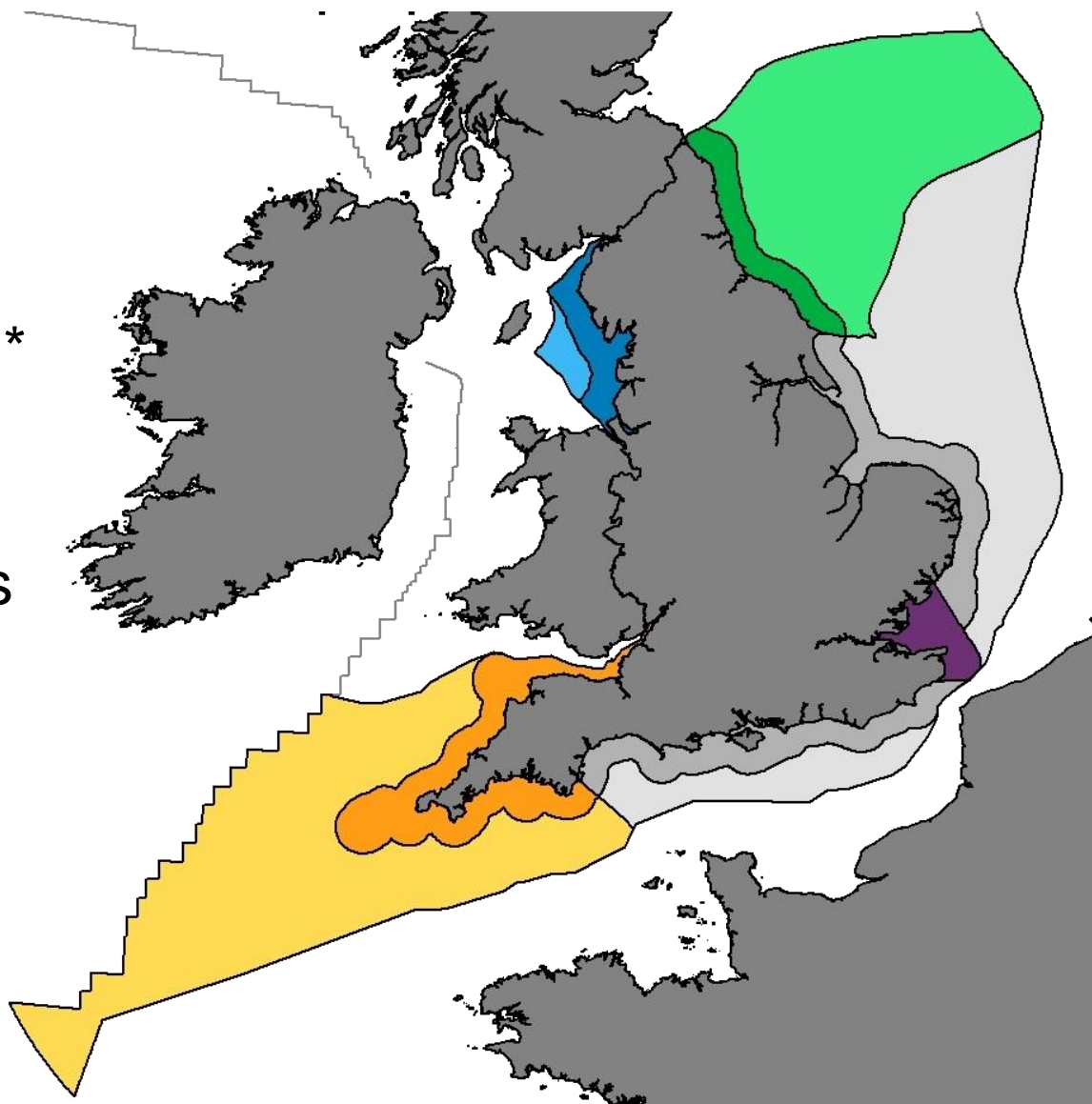
# Progress to date

- East inshore and offshore adopted April 2014
- South inshore and offshore pre consultation



# Remaining plan areas

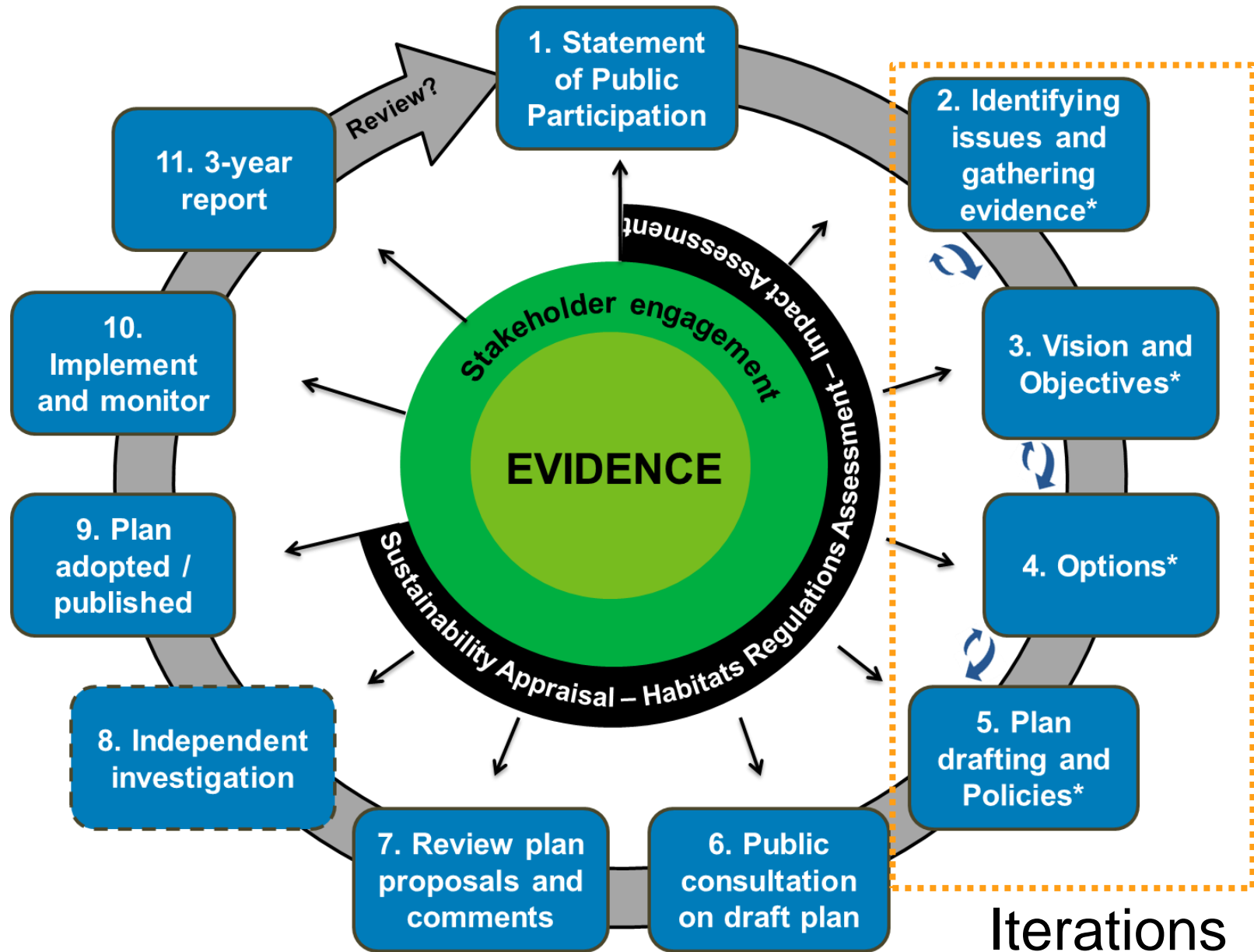
- NE, SE, SW, NW developed concurrently
- Publish all by 2021\*
- Use experience from East and South plan process



\* Adoption by 2021. Aim for June 2020 for contingency, or any Independent Investigation if required

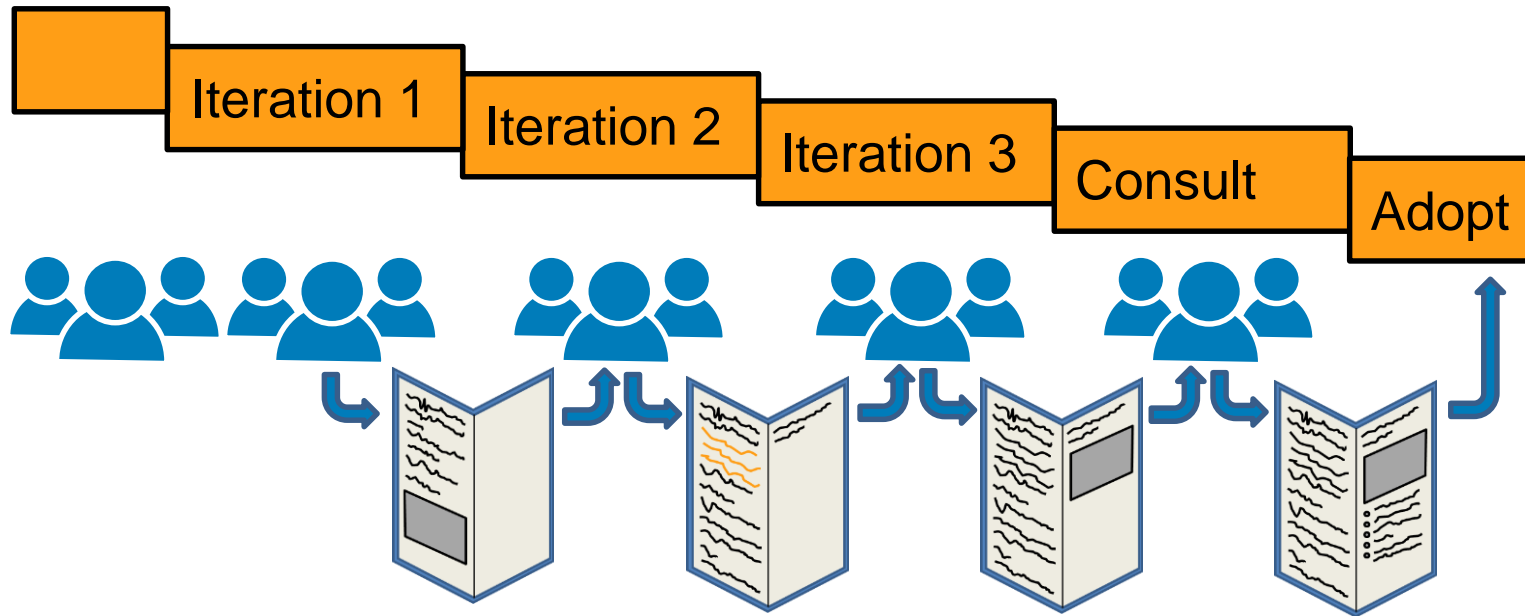


# Marine planning cycle



# Iterative plan development

Identify, develop and test the plan material in repeated cycles with each iteration evolving and adding content



## Benefits of iterative working

- Outputs delivered early to build on firm foundations
- Visibility and feedback opportunities at multiple stages
- Responsive to change

# The Marine Information System (MIS)

Interactive map for England Marine Planning Portal Contact us Search for a marine plan policy

Marine Management Organisation Marine Information System MIS homepage

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYqmraGTH1U>

<http://mis.marinemanagement.org.uk/>

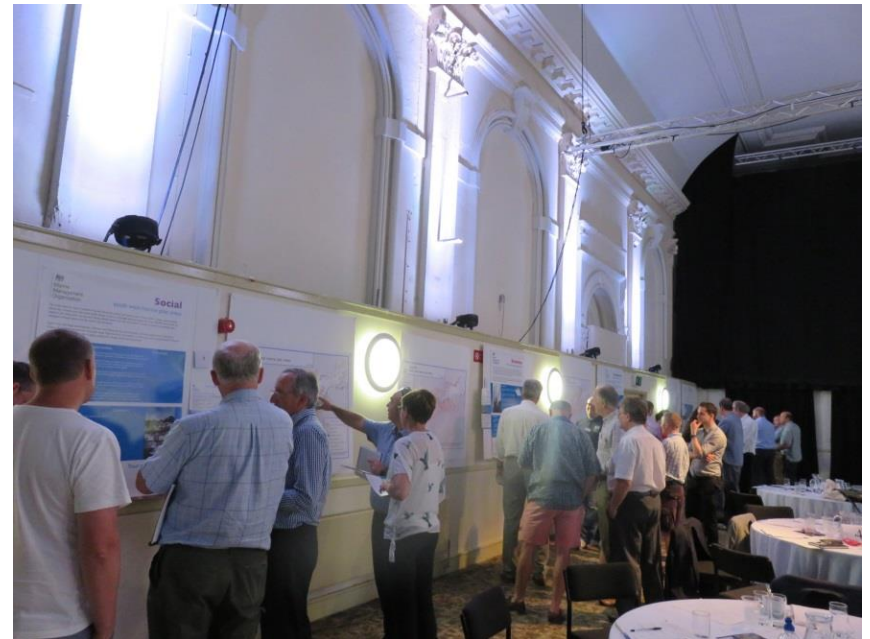
Map showing the United Kingdom coastline with various marine planning areas highlighted in red, including North West Inshore, North West Offshore, North East Inshore, North East Offshore, East Inshore, East Offshore, and South East Inshore. Major cities like Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle upon Tyne, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Leeds, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, Milton Keynes, Oxford, London, Cardiff, Bristol, and Antwerp are labeled.

**Add data to the map**

- ☐ Round 26 Licensing Blocks
- ☐ Round 27 Licensing Blocks
- ☐ Wind farm export cable routes (WIND1)
- ☐ Offshore wind lease types (WIND1)
- ☐ Offshore wind zones (WIND1/WIND2)
- ☒ Areas of identified tidal stream resource (TIDE1)
- ☐ Potential for carbon capture & storage (CCS1)
- ☐ IMO Routing line (PS1)
- ☐ IMO Routing area (PS1)
- ☐ Important Navigation Routes (PS2)
- ☐ Scheduled services
- ☐ Navigation approaches
- ☐ Indicative shipping activity (90%)
- ☐ Marine aggregate application areas (AGG1)
- ☐ Marine aggregate licensed areas (AGG1)
- ☐ Aggregate exploration and option agreements (AGG2)
- ☒ Area of optimal aggregate resource (AGG3)
- ☐ Optimum sites of aquaculture potential (AQ1)
- ☐ UK and Non-UK fishing effort for vessels 15m and over 2007-2010

# Stakeholder engagement in the SW

- **Launch events**
- **Issues with Evidence Workshops**
- **local MO (Planning)** - meet with local stakeholders, attend their meetings and events
- **specific groups or fora**, e.g. Local Authority elected members, LGA SIG, IFCA, etc
- **Welsh Government/MMO Cross-border Marine Planning Workshop**
- **informal consultations**



# South West Plan Progress

- Call for Issues with Supporting Evidence ended 5<sup>th</sup> August
  - Online questionnaire and Marine Information System Planning Evidence Base to view spatial data and access information on the Call
- Three Issues with Evidence workshops in July 2016
- Analysis of responses including follow-up if required
- Online consultation on issues database late 2016
- Engagement on 1<sup>st</sup> iteration outputs in early 2017



# Cross-border Planning

## Wales and SW England Marine Plans

- Cross-border Workshop held in Cardiff – 15 March 2016
- MMO Issues with Evidence Workshop in Bristol - July 2016
- Second Cross-border Workshop proposed (in NW) – Spring 2017
- Reciprocal representation on Wales Stakeholder Reference Group and MMO Stakeholder Focus Group
- Common reps on Sustainability Appraisal Advisory Groups for each administration
- SEP - Severn Strategy Review

# Towards Identifying Issues in the Severn Estuary

- 186 attendees at Issues Workshops
  - 46 at Bristol
- Feedback is now being analysed – a full list will be published around November
- Flavour of types of issues being raised of relevance to the Severn – no weight or priority is being given to any issue at present
- Remember – we are developing a marine plan for the South West, not just the Severn Estuary
- Remember – Marine Planning cannot change legislation such as the Common Fisheries Policy

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- Marine litter
- Cumulative impacts in Severn Estuary
- Integration between planning regimes (terrestrial and cross-border)
- Recreational disturbance pressure
- Social impacts of declining fisheries
- Requirement for skills development
- But also Opportunities.....

# Opportunities

- Just a Flavour...
- Encourage best practice between sectors
- Support access for tourism/recreation purposes
- Potential for aquaculture
- The importance of micro business
- The significance of renewable energy
- Sustainable port development

# Questions?

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