

## Scotland's Marine Environment – David Palmer – Scottish Government

### Scottish Marine Bill Key Messages

- A new legislative and management framework for the delivery of sustainable economic growth in the marine environment
- A reduced regulatory burden by streamlining the licensing needed for marine development.
- Enhanced powers for nature conservation including ecosystem level powers
- New administrative arrangements to focus on marine issues

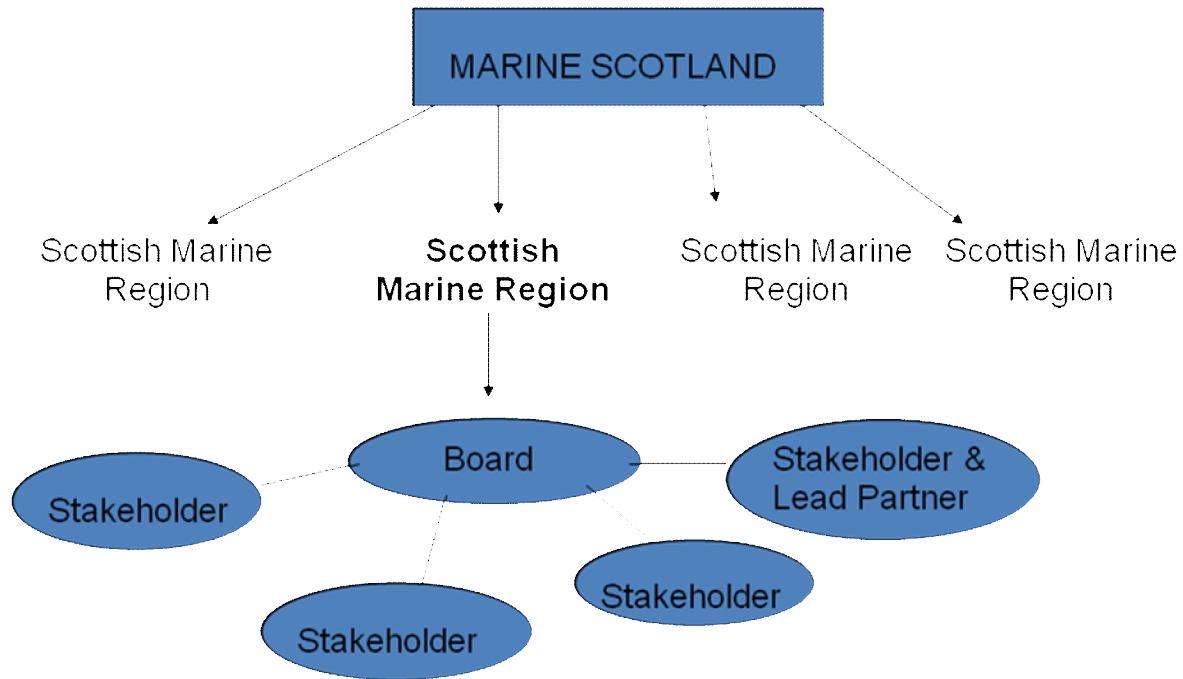
### Planning

- 3 tier national, international, local
- National plan and objectives
- Ability to consult international partners
- Regional plans
- ICZM
- Ecosystem management Duty

### Regional planning

- Allocates appropriate activities to appropriate places.
  - developments delivered more quickly delivers higher economic growth.
  - more suitable location should lead to better project.
  - reduces impact on marine environment.

# Regional Plans



## Licensing

- Extend to include dredging
- Streamline along impact or activity basis
- Modernise – de-minimis, appeal etc
- Consultation
- Enforcement

## Conservation

- 3 Pillar approach
- Wider seas
- Species
- Site protection

## Science

- Science strategy (including strategic role in monitoring and assessment)
- Policy
- GIS

## Data

- What we know is dwarfed by what we don't know.
  - collect more information.
  - collect it in a structured way.
  - improve our understanding

## Marine Scotland

- A CHAMPION
- FRS, SG and SFPA

## Responsibility for

- Licensing and Enforcement
- Planning and Management
- Conservation
- Science

## Wider Issues

- UK, devolution and all that
- Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- Sea/land interface
- What is an ecosystem
- Climate change

## Have **YOUR** Say

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