

# Marine planning and licensing East Inshore and East Offshore Area Newsletter

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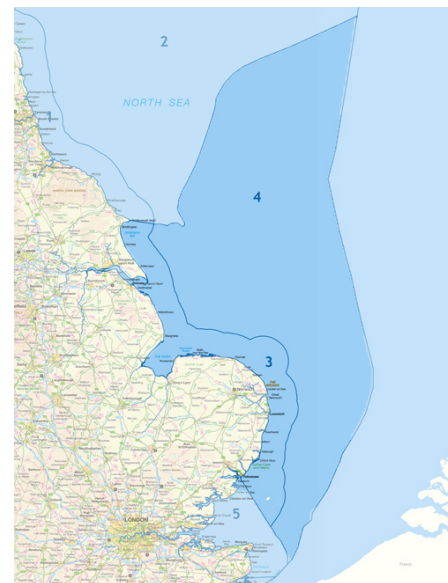
Welcome to the first issue of our East Inshore and East Offshore Area Newsletter. This will be a regular feature and will bring you the latest information regarding the development of marine planning, marine licensing, workshops and events in your area and all the relevant contacts.

## Marine planning

We announced in October that marine planning will start in April 2011 in the East Inshore and East Offshore areas, off the coast between Flamborough Head in East Riding of Yorkshire and Felixstowe in Suffolk.

A larger version of this map is available from [www.marinemanagement.org.uk/marineplanning/areas.htm](http://www.marinemanagement.org.uk/marineplanning/areas.htm)

We are keen to build on the experience and advice of interested parties and stakeholders in the region to ensure effective, collaborative participation in the marine planning process. The following information highlights our plans for engagement and how you can be part of the process and ways in which to contact us.



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## Statement of Public Participation

We are currently producing a Statement of Public Participation (SPP) for both the inshore and offshore areas. The SPPs will describe in detail how and when we will engage with stakeholders throughout the plan-making process, and will set out the mechanisms and methods for stakeholder engagement, key stages of development, milestones, and how you can be involved throughout the various stages.

## Survey



As part of this process we have launched a survey to seek views and opinions on ways that we will inform and involve people in this region, and how best we can build and capitalise on existing initiatives. The survey is available from [www.surveymonkey.com/s/mmo\\_spp](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/mmo_spp)

By completing the survey you will be making an important contribution to ensure that those with an interest in this marine planning process are able to participate in an appropriate way.

Please complete the survey before the 13 December 2010.

## Workshops

We are planning to hold workshops in early January in Hull, Peterborough and Norwich to discuss stakeholder engagement for marine planning in the selected areas in more detail. Further details on the dates, times and location will follow. In the meantime, if you would like register your interest in these workshops, please let us know by contacting the Marine Planning Team on [planning@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:planning@marinemanagement.org.uk) or 0191 376 2790.

The results of the survey and workshops will feed into the relevant SPP. The draft SPPs will be available on the MMO website for review and comments in early 2011, and will be notify you nearer the time of the launch date and web link.

## Marine licensing

Marine plans will be used to inform our marine licensing decisions. Marine planning and licensing will be aligned to create a transparent end-to-end service for customers when considering, planning and delivering their activities in the marine environment. For example, marine plans will clarify to developers where they might best invest in new activities in the marine environment.

Some areas of the marine environment will be better suited to particular activities, taking into account the environmental and socio-economic impacts. Some areas will have characteristics that would allow more than one activity to take place in the same area. We are expanding our marine evidence base so licensing decisions will have more information to draw on to ensure that they contribute to sustainable marine management.

We will be launching our pre-application service for significant marine projects from April 2011. The service will allow clients to engage early with both ourselves and consultees on their prospective projects. This will streamline the application process and also ensure all those organisations involved in assessing the application are in touch.

We are also in the process of designing a new fees and charges scheme modelled on best practices of other UK regulators. We aim to launch the new scheme in April 2011.

We will update you on these and other developments as work progresses, in the meantime please contact [marine.consents@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:marine.consents@marinemanagement.org.uk) for further information.



## Contact details

### Marine planning

Further information about the marine planning process and how to get involved can be found at [www.marinemanagement.org.uk/marineplanning/index.htm](http://www.marinemanagement.org.uk/marineplanning/index.htm)

You can also contact the Marine Planning Team directly to register your interest in the marine planning process.

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