



The Consultation Process

A Seafood / ORE WG
Perspective

The Seafood / ORE Working Group

- Seafood - Offshore Renewable Energy Working Group – Established, within the context of the NMPF, by DHLG, DAFM and DECC.
- Initially a 2 year term from May 2022.
- Purpose - Constructive engagement, promote best practice and safe operations, encourage liaison, publish a standard for communication for all foreseeable development types.
- Recommendations on future arrangements and prioritisation of next issues.
- 6 Meetings to date, typically 40 people attend each meeting.
- Membership, 17 Seafood Sector Organisations; 4 ORE Developer Organisations; 3 Government Departments; 7 State Agencies.

Our First Objective

Seafood / ORE Liaison and Engagement in Ireland

A Standard for Good Practice

What's Inside

- Shared Respect and Overall Good Practice
- Contact Identification
- How to Consult – Contact Identification, First Contact, Ongoing contact
- Location, Timing and Sharing of Consultations
- Stages of Development of an ORE Project
 - Stage 1 - Inception to Maritime Area Consent (MAC)
 - Stage 2 – Maritime Area Consent to Final Consent Decision
 - Stage 3 – Construction
 - Stage 4 – Operation
 - Stage 5 – Decommissioning
- Disruption / Displacement
- Dispute Resolution

Gaps to be Filled

- A Central Hub for Data
- Data on impacts
- Data on Activity
- Who Represents Seafood
- Type and Level of Activity Within Wind Farms

Next Steps

- Complete the Standard and issue for Public Consultation
- Review Priority issues for future consideration
- Work with Key Agencies to Develop Data Hub
- Work with Key Agencies to identify and fill data gaps
- Monitor progress of Phase 1 and Phase 2 processes

A Lot Happening

- Phase 1 MAC have been issued by Minister
- ORESS1 auction - April 2023
- An Bord Pleanála applications
- Establishment of MARA
- Phase 2 MAC process
- Review of Engagement Standard early 2024

The Future

- What is the Follow On to the Seafood / ORE WG in May 2024?

Thank You and Please Keep in Touch

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