

Paper 3 - paper to note

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Dear Colleague

Thank you for your email of 10 April regarding publication of the Marine Protected Area (MPA) Management Steering Group minutes and associated papers.

The MPA Management Steering Group was established in June 2014 for the purpose of steering and championing effective MPA management and increasing buy-in from management authorities and wider stakeholders across Wales. The Steering Group consists of representatives from the main management authorities across Wales. These include Natural Resources Wales, national park authorities, the Welsh Government and local authorities. Whilst the papers and minutes of the Steering Group are not routinely published, the Group members themselves are the organisations most affected by the discussions and decisions of the Steering Group. Members have sight of and are involved in preparing agendas, meeting papers and agreeing accurate minutes of meetings.

Furthermore, Steering Group members are well connected to many other marine stakeholder groups in Wales and are encouraged to use these networks to both tailor and share information, including meeting papers if necessary, about the work of Steering Group. The Terms of Reference for the Steering Group state one of the Group's roles is to actively promote the Group's outputs to management authorities and other stakeholders.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

For wider interests, the key messages about work of the Steering Group are provided to the Wales Marine Strategic Advisory Group (WMSAG) through regular stakeholder updates that are shared in advance of each meeting and published on the Welsh Government's website. WMSAG is the stakeholder forum for discussion, debate and advice for all marine and fisheries work in Wales. It has representatives from non-governmental organisations, local government, the fishing industry, energy providers and the leisure industry.

Regards
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