

Minutes of IOSEA2 Fourth Steering Group Meeting

Date: Thursday 2nd of August 2007

Time: 10:30 to 15:00 hrs

Venue: DCENR Main Conference Room, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2

Participants:

Name	Organisation	IOSEA Role
Dominic Rihan	BIM	Steering Group
Fergus Cahill	IOOA	Steering Group
Agnes McLaverty	IOOA	Steering Group
Denis Toomey	IOOA	Steering Group
Dave Wall	IWDG	Steering Group
Eugene Nixon	MI	Steering Group
Eamonn Kelly	NPWS	Steering Group
Louise Johnson	WWF	Steering Group
Peter Croker	DCENR	Chairman, Steering Group
Rory Boyd	DCENR	Convenor, Steering Group
Gemma Byrne	DCENR	Rapporteur
Patricia Travers	DCENR	Rapporteur
Iain Dixon	ERT	IOSEA2 ERT Project Director
Monica Reidy	AquaFact	IOSEA2 AquaFact Project Consultant

Apologies:

Name	Organisation	IOSEA Role
Ronan Cosgrove	BIM	Steering Group
Oliver O'Cadhla	CMRC Cork	Steering Group
Koen Verbruggen	GSI	Steering Group
Simon Berrow	IWDG	Steering Group
Fiona Fitzpatrick	MI	Steering Group
Martin White	NUIG	Steering Group
Helen McHenry	WDC	Steering Group
Matt Dalkin	ERT	IOSEA2 ERT Project Manager
Brendan O'Connor	AquaFact	IOSEA2 AquaFact Project Manager
Caroline Roche	AquaFact	IOSEA2 AquaFact Project Consultant

Introduction and minutes of last meeting

Peter Croker, Chair of the meeting, welcomed the members of the SG again to Leeson Lane. The draft minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and will be posted on the PAD website. It was noted that some members had had problems accessing the latest versions of the Draft Report and Annex from the ftp site, but this was likely caused by internet security restrictions within their own organisations.

PC briefly mentioned the Minister's announcement of 1st August on the Revised Licensing Terms and drew the members' attention to the press release and related documents available on the DCENR website.

Summary of Discussion

The latest version of the draft Report and Annex (end July) still contained no fisheries data (naval sightings, landings data etc.) due to the fact that the data was late in arriving. This chapter is in the process of being written up and will be e-mailed to the SG as soon as it is completed. EN suggested looking into the ICES Demersal Stock Assessments and Marine Institute Fisheries Surveys for additional material.

Public consultation and stakeholder mapping

RB reported on preparations for the Public Consultation process. After some discussion, it was agreed that hard copies of the Report and Annex would also be deposited in the appropriate Public Libraries.

Following a suggestion by one of the members, it was decided to establish a sub-group to handle stakeholder mapping. The sub-group, chaired by AMcL, was asked to undertake the stakeholder mapping and look for and suggest key areas and organisations that should be notified as part of the public consultation process. The members of the sub group are as follows:

Name	Organisation
Agnes McLaverty	IOOA
Dominic Rihan	BIM
Dave Wall	IWDG
Eugene Nixon	MI
Rory Boyd	DCENR
Patricia Travers	DCENR

It was also suggested that a member of the AquaFact team be on this sub-group as well as inviting Helen McHenry to participate.

Agreed schedule

Date	Actions
10 th August 2007	Fisheries Section and Recommendations to be circulated to Steering Group
15 th August 2007	Final Report to be circulated by ERT
21 st August 2007	Next Steering Group Meeting to sign off on Report and Annex
27 th August 2007	Final Report and Annex posted on website and distributed in h/c
27 th August to 5 th October 2007	Public Consultation Process
17 th to 21 st September 2007	Meetings with the Public in Dublin, Galway, Limerick & Bantry
5 th October 2007	Post-Consultation Statement to be drawn up

Outcomes and next meeting

GSI were asked to provide an updated version of the Seabed Classification to ERT/AquaFact.

GB is to provide AquaFact and ERT with the new DCENR logo and complete study on mud volumes.

Comments by the Steering Group Members on the remaining sections are to be sent to ID as soon as possible. PC to mention to ID that process of tracking comments needs to be improved and that all comments should be incorporated in the report, initially in square brackets, until agreed by SG.

Data gaps sections from the Annex need to be reflected in the Recommendations.

Additional copies of the non-technical summary will be printed so that they can be handed out during the public consultation process.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday the 21st of August, with the aim to sign off on the Draft Report and Annex documents.

Gemma Byrne and Peter Croker

8th of August 2007

List of agreed additions/amendments to the Draft Report (not exhaustive)

Section 1

1. Page 1.6, mention of the Irish Government's White Paper, published 2007.

Section 2

1. Amend Figures 2.1 and 2.2 to better reflect the SEA process, i.e. draft plan, post-consultation statement. Figure 2.1 - Second last box on RHS, Appropriate Assessment to be mentioned indicating that it will be a separate document. It was also suggested that an extra box be added to reflect Ministerial Approval and AA process.
2. Section 2.2.4 to include details of the newspapers and libraries that will be used and also the consultation dates. Also, at the end of the paragraph, note that this is the second IOSEA.

Section 3

1. Section 3.1 omit second sentence. Also, add in comment on the new Fiscal Terms that have just been announced. Table 3.1, need to mention Fisheries Legislation, OSPAR, London Convention etc.
2. Section 3.3, change voluntary compliance of JNCC code to NPWS code
3. In Section 3.3.4, third paragraph, change "accredited" to "effective".
4. Gas Act is not mentioned, suggested mentioning it on page 3.3.
5. Page 3.4, Diagram should give year of SI (eg SI 538 of 2001). Note to be added to indicate dotted lines refer to development phase.

Section 4

1. First paragraph, reflect the update in the Licensing Terms.
2. Change Scenario to Scenarios in Section 4.2.
3. The points in section 4.3 should be expanded to 5 or 6 points (LJ to e-mail in some wording on the proposals for expanding the point "to restrict the area in terms of time or size").

Section 5

1. 5.1.2 Seabed substrata - GSI Map should be added.
2. Table 5.1, negative values picked up.
3. Table 5.2, to be added.
4. New fisheries data has come in and needs to be added.
5. Coral database and a map of the distribution of coral should be included.

Section 6

1. Following some discussion, it was agreed that table 6.1 is to be removed.
2. Section 6.2; need to change the wording in the third paragraph (reference to table 6.1).
3. For table 6.5, the EPA's scoping response needs to be inserted (GB to e-mail to MD/ID)