

Devon Marine Conservation Zone Local Group

Meeting REPORT

In partnership with



Meeting Number 2 **February 26th 2010**

Aims for the meeting:

- To produce a series of suggested MCZ sites using acetates and base maps as a starting point for further analysis by the Finding Sanctuary Steering Group, together with brief criteria/rationale for each site
- To provide Finding Sanctuary with clear information from Local Group Stakeholders that can be digitised and used in the MCZ process
- To develop a better understanding of the role of the Local Group for Local Group members
- To help different sectors learn more about each other

Agenda in Brief:

| Time | Activity | Activity Style |
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| 12.30 | Registration | |
| Session 1: | | |
| 13.00 | Introduction Mapping process Ground rules and expectations for the day | Plenary Plenary Plenary |
| Session 2: | | |
| | Mapping Session 1 – areas WANTED as MCZs | Small groups |
| 14.30 | BREAK – networking and sharing ideas | |
| Session 3: | | |
| | Mapping Session 2 – areas NOT wanted as MCZs | Small groups |
| Session 4: | | |
| | Group discussion | Plenary |
| 16.30 | CLOSE | |

Meeting process:

- Initial introductions and update from Finding Sanctuary process, including project Timeline and Relationship Diagram (see below)
- Description of how to use the Finding Sanctuary base maps – answering any questions about how this was to be done
- During mapping sessions people worked in small groups, looking at either the North or South coasts of Devon
- Mapping session 1 involved looking at areas that were wanted as MCZs
- Mapping session 2 involved looking at areas where no restrictions on activities were wanted
- Meeting ended with plenary discussion, capturing feedback, comment, questions and actions for the Group, Project Team, National Process and Devon Maritime Forum

This report contains the main recorded findings from the final plenary session. The outputs from the mapping sessions will be available in due course following analysis and digitisation by the Finding Sanctuary Project Team.

General points and issues

- Not enough time was provided to complete the mapping process – further opportunities might be needed
- More time is needed to understand Regional Profile
- The Finding Sanctuary Steering Group is not working (observation from the floor)
- The Finding Sanctuary Website has an important role to play, Group members are now keen to have easy access to the website in order to continue their input
there is a need for simplified management measures within each MCZ otherwise how else could they be managed?
Measures might be too complicated
- The second question (areas NOT wanted as MCZs) was more difficult to answer and needed more cross-sectoral discussion than was possible
- It would be helpful to be able to ‘zone’ areas, rather than define “no MCZ”
- DMF need to ensure a better mixing of sectors at subsequent meetings
- Group would like to see combined information from FS project team before the next Local Group meeting
- Recreational sea anglers are keen to see that no areas of the coast have access restrictions placed on them
- People were reluctant to make suggestions without decent discussion – it was felt more fishermen and other commercial sectors need to be present to balance the debate
- Group needs more information on the socio-economic issues, data and value of sectors in order to make realistic suggestions – this is one area of information almost completely lacking at present
- More habitat and biotope information is required in order to accurately define areas to be/not be MCZs
- Information on whether specific activities are damaging to specific activities would be very useful
- There needs to be better evidence of human activity
- MCZ interim guidance only allows for relatively large areas – fishermen require a much finer scale to be defined to allow fishing around specific features
- Would like to know that Local Group input and knowledge will be valued and considered at the political level
- North Devon needs to have wider representation from different sectors – only 4 representatives attended the meeting with specific North Devon interests

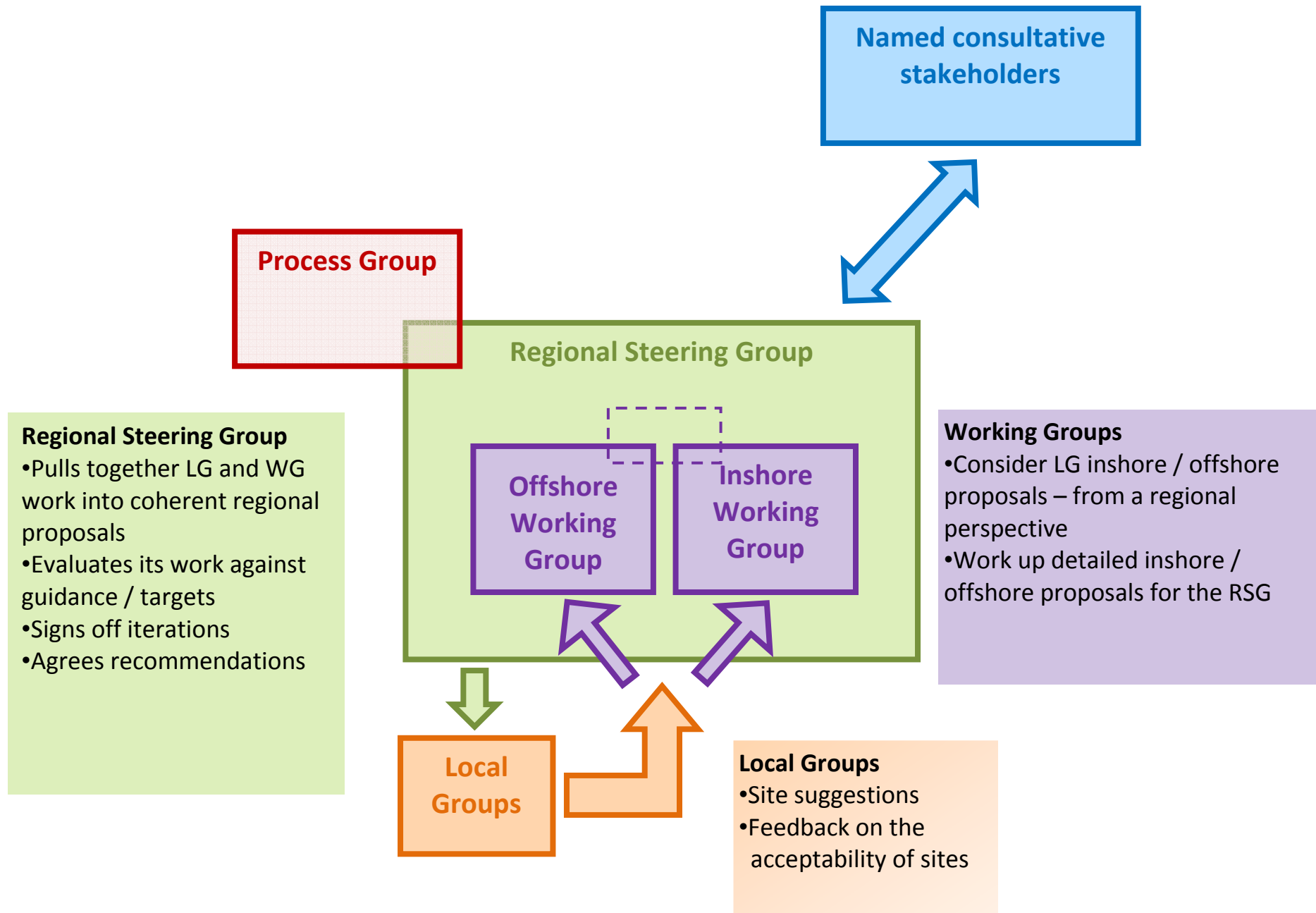
ACTIONS: (PT = Finding Sanctuary Project Team; DMF = Devon Maritime Forum; FS = Finding Sanctuary; SG = Steering Group; WG = Working Group))

| Who | What |
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| DMF | to consider arranging 3 rd Local Group meeting before the 1 st iteration goes to the Science Advisory Panel, providing there is new information available from the Finding Sanctuary Project Team |
| PT | Change wording of second question to reflect the fact that people want to define areas where it is important their specific activity has no restrictions |
| DMF/PT | Ensure small groups have better mix of sectors and expertise for future meetings |
| PT | To create maps with habitat/species information for use in the mapping exercises – or biodiversity hotspots |
| DMF/PT | North Devon requires wider representation from different sectors – DMF to encourage greater participation |
| PT | Send email to all LG members with the Interactive Map web address as a link |

QUESTIONS:

| For Who | What |
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| SG | Is it going to be possible to develop a network of MCZ where each one will have simple and specific management measures? |
| SG | Who is going to stand up and represent the Fishing Industry politically? (i.e. MPs) |
| SG | Is it going to be possible to have a Biodiversity hotspot map? |
| WG | Can the Working Group produce finer scale areas that are more focused and targeted to allow for activities closer to areas being protected? |
| SG | What is the role of the Steering Group now and why has it grown from 12 to a group larger than the Local Group? |
| SG | Will the SG be able to function at this larger size, and if so how? |

Context – relationships in Finding Sanctuary



Finding Sanctuary Project Timeline

| | 2009 | 2010 | | | | | | | | | | 2011 | | | | | | 2012 | | |
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| Timeline | Nov | Feb | March | April | May | Jun | July | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | April | May | Jun | Oct | Apr-Jun | Oct |
| Process Group | | | | Process Group meeting (19th April) | | Ecological network guidance | Process Group 1 st iteration feedback from SAP by 31 st | | | 2 nd iteration feedback from SAP by 15 th | | | | 3 rd iteration feedback from SAP by 15 th | | | | | | |
| Working Group (WG) | | | | WG 1 st meetings | WG 2 nd meetings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steering Group (SG) | SG meeting 1 (24 th Nov) | SG meeting 2 (11 th Feb) | | | | SG meeting 3 (9 th June) | | | SG meeting 4 (7 th Oct) | | | | SG meeting 5 (10 th Feb) | | | | | JNCC & NE hand over draft national MCZ proposals to DEFRA | 3 month national public consultation on UK MCZ proposals | Final Decision by Defra |
| Project Team (PT) | | | | | PT collates WG work for SG | | | PT collates WG work for SG | | | PT collates WG work for SG | | | PT collates work for SG | Organisational sign off | | PT collates work into final form | | | |
| Outputs from SG / WG | Marxan inputs | 1 st poss MCZ sites identified Set up WGs | | 1 st draft iteration from WGs | | Agree 1 st iteration for SAP (30 th) | Start work on 2 nd iteration | WG continue to work on 2 nd iteration Compare scenarios against ecological targets | Agree 2 nd iteration for SAP (by 31 st) Agree how to integrate Impact Assessment work | WGs work on 3 rd iteration | | | Agree 3 rd iteration for SAP (by 28 th) | Build in SAP feedback Agree final recommendations within SG | | Formal sign off of recommendations by SG | Recommendations sent to NE & JNCC by 1 st | | | |

KEY
 WG = Working Group
 SG = Steering Group
 SAP = Science Advisory Panel
 PT = Project Team