

FIRTH OF CLYDE CONFERENCE 2009

MARINE PLANNING FROM GLOBAL ORIGINS TO LOCAL REALITY

Programme

10:00	Registration, coffee/tea and Danish
10:30	Welcome Isabel Glasgow, Firth of Clyde Forum Chair
10:40	Global Ocean Governance: the challenge of change Sunil Shastri, Centre for Environmental and Marine Sciences, University of Hull
11:20	Marine Legislation and beyond Linda Rosborough, Marine Scotland
11:50	The Importance of Marine Spatial Planning for marine ecosystems Rory Crawford, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
12:30	Lunch
13:20	The Firth of Clyde Marine Spatial Plan John Eddie Donnelly, formerly Scottish Sustainable Marine Environment Initiative
14:00	Introduction to workshops Isabel Glasgow, Firth of Clyde Forum Chair
14:15	Workshops
14:50	Tea/Coffee and Biscuits
15:00	Workshops
15:40	Plenary including workshop feedback
16:00	Close

Welcome by Isabel Glasgow, Chair of the Firth of Clyde Forum

Good morning.

Welcome to St Andrews in the Square for the Firth of Clyde's annual conference. It is a stunning location-notwithstanding the misery of the weather-and I'll give a brief background on how it came to be the Centre for Traditional Scottish Music Song and Dance which was opened to the public on St. Andrews Day -30th November 2000. It is a triumph of the Glasgow Building Preservation Trust who rescued it from the fate of dereliction after it ceased to be a church in 1990. It dates back to 1754 and was widely regarded as one of the finest classical churches in Britain; and it was the city's first totally new church since the Reformation. And the connection with the Firth?-the renovated houses in the square were mainly owned by tobacco lords trading out the port of Glasgow.



But back to the conference-as you see we have a very interesting set of speakers for the morning and into the afternoon who are, and have been, involved in marine governance issues from a global scale through to the local scale right here on the Firth of Clyde. We always strive to be topical for the conference –no more so than this year as the Marine Bill is being scrutinised in Parliament-but it has kept quite a few people away who are busy engaging in this very intense process. I also know, looking round the room, some colleagues are missing because of ferry disruptions. However, on the up side, it means that the work shop sessions will involve smallish groups which always makes it easier for everyone to have their say. Before getting on to the meat of the conference I would like to say a little about what is happening here on the Clyde, which is but one strand in the ever increasing emphasis on sustainable marine management by Government. I hope I won't be stealing much thunder from John Donnelly and his presentation this afternoon, but many of the points can stand repetition.

Firstly, many of you here have been engaged with the drafting and the consultation process of the Clyde's Draft Marine spatial plan, and I would like to publicly thank all those who have taken part. It has been a mammoth process and will result in a final plan in 2010. But, of course, the plan is only the beginning-implementation is definitely the sticky, or should I say stickier bit. The workshops this afternoon will be one part of the process of gathering advice and suggestions on the course of implementation. It is intended that the Firth of Clyde Forum will lead this process in the short term until Marine Regions are set up in Scotland under the Marine (Scotland) Bill and lessons learnt along the way will help inform Marine Scotland. And just recently, the Core Group of the SSMEI (Sustainable Seas Marine Environment Initiative) Pilot Project for the Clyde has held a facilitated workshop on lessons learnt so far and after input from the project team, the results will be submitted to Government to feed into the process. One of the things that I have learnt as chair of the FCF and of the core group of the Pilot Project is just how far stakeholders have come in understanding and in knowledge of other organisations' problems and activities and their increased willingness to work together. Put another way, the process itself has been most valuable.

And so from one tiny spot on the planet we will expand to the globe, and I would like to introduce our first speaker Sunil Shastri. He is currently a lecturer in Marine Policy at the University of Hull, as you see from your conference pack, but he has had a very varied past career-including research in blasting physics, lecturing in mining engineering and work as an ocean engineer.He serves on the Court, the council and the Senate of the University, so all in all, who could better tell us about Global Ocean Governance or indeed Governance in general.

As with all the speakers, Sunil will leave 10 minutes at the end of his presentation for questions- rest assured that I will give you a polite warning towards the end of your time.

And now to our second speaker Linda Rosborough. Linda is Head of Marine Planning and Policy in Marine Scotland. Thank you for taking time out to update us when the whole department is so busy. It's very much appreciated. Like our first speaker, she has had a very varied career- although nothing quite as exotic as research in blasting physics. She has previously worked on farm payments in the Scottish Government-a veritable minefield as pronounced by many, and on Social Inclusion. She has also had a number of posts in the Northern Ireland Office. Before becoming a civil servant she worked as an advisor to the Environment Committee of the House of Commons and as a researcher and academic on environmental and planning issues.

And now to Rory Crawford. Before Rory's current role as a marine policy officer for RSPB he had a wide range of more hands-on experience with the charity- in a regional park, in Kelvingrove Museum, in reserves across the Central Belt and most recently in Islay- including Loch Gruinart, I assume. Many RSPB staff have at some time in their careers had a fair share of working abroad in some exotic corner of the globe and Rory has studied seabirds in the Seychelles and water birds in Gambia. It is an exciting time to be working on Marine matters and we look forward to your presentation.

And now to John. Welcome back to the SSMEI Spatial Plan for a brief spell. Many thanks for taking time out from your new post at SEPA as a project manager to work on the Flood Risk Management Act Programme. As I said in my introduction, writing the draft plan was a mammoth task, and, in spite of working under the umbrella of a national steering group and a local core group, it was pretty much a journey into the unknown. I suspect that you will enjoy watching from relatively afar as we start the implementation process based on a voluntary plan. Thank you for your committed effort during your time with the Pilot Project. I hand over to you for your presentation and look forward to hearing your views on the lessons learnt.

Global Ocean Governance: Challenge of Change. Sunil Shastri, Lecturer in Marine Policy, University of Hull

Sunil, a self-confessed admirer of the UNCLOS, teaches Marine Policy at the University of Hull, travels frequently with his many speaking engagements and serves on several specialist committees. He was born in India in 1955 and has lived in the UK since 1988 with his wife and son.

To download the full presentation please open the attachment (PDF).

Marine Legislation and Beyond. Linda Rosborough, Head of Marine Planning & Policy, Marine Scotland

Linda has previously worked on farm payments in the Scottish Government and Social Inclusion. She has also worked in a number of posts in the Northern Ireland Office. Before becoming a civil servant she worked as an advisor to the Environment Committee of the House of Commons and as a researcher and academic on environmental and planning issues.



The Importance of Marine Spatial Planning for Marine Ecosystems . Rory Crawford, Marine Policy Officer, RSPB Scotland

Rory's previous work for the RSPB has included stints in a regional park, Kelvingrove Museum, reserves across the central belt and most recently Islay, where he worked across three reserves. He has a degree in Marine and Freshwater Biology from the University of Glasgow and a particular

interest in fisheries management. He has been lucky to have the opportunity to study seabirds in the Seychelles and waterbirds in Gambia. His current role in policy covers RSPB work on Common Fisheries Policy reform, the Marine (Scotland) Bill, inshore fisheries, marine renewables and aquaculture.

The Firth of Clyde Marine Spatial Plan. John Donnelly, former Project Officer, SSMEI Clyde Pilot Project

John was appointed the Project Officer of the Scottish Sustainable Marine Environment Initiative (SSMEI) Clyde Pilot in July 2007. He has an Honours Degree in Forest Management from Aberdeen University and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters. He has worked in rural land management in both the private and public sectors before moving to the marine environment. The SSMEI Pilots aimed to bring different skill sets to each project. The creation of integrated land management plans, including spatial forest plans, as well as extensive experience in stakeholder consultation, made John well placed to deliver one of the first Marine Spatial Plans in Scotland. On completion of the draft Firth of Clyde Marine Spatial Plan, John moved on to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) as a project Manager to work on the Flood Risk Management Act programme and to assist in the delivery of SEPA's new responsibilities under the act.

Workshops

The afternoon workshops focused on 2 key issues for the implementation of the Firth of Clyde Marine Spatial Plan.



1) Obtaining buy-in from relevant stakeholders and communication

The Marine (Scotland) Bill provides for a statutory marine planning system, however, this will not be in place until 2011 at the earliest. The Firth of Clyde Marine Spatial Plan is therefore currently voluntary, not statutory, and its implementation requires buy-in from stakeholders and recognition by local authorities and public agencies. The Plan is strategic in nature and not truly "spatial" but contains policies and next stage action plans relating to 4 cross-cutting themes and 5 sectors. Cross-cutting Themes - Environment, Communities, Heritage, Safety Sectors - Recreation & Tourism, Shipping & Transport, Mariculture, Fishing, Energy & Subsea Infrastructure

Questions for the Groups

How can we get the Policies in the Plan recognised by local authorities and public agencies for planning purposes?

How can we ensure sectoral stakeholders, eg businesses and recreation groups, are engaged with the Plan?

How can we communicate the Plan and progress on the Plan more widely to communities and how can we best involve them in the process? Who should be involved?

2) Implementation of the Action Plan

The Action Plan is an integral part of the Firth of Clyde Marine Spatial Plan and lays out key initiatives to move marine planning in the Clyde on to the next stage. A summary of the Action Plan is attached for delegates to read through for a few minutes at the start of the workshop. Before commencing implementation, the Plan needs to be developed into a work programme for the next couple of years. This workshop is designed to obtain views from delegates that will help to prioritise the work programme.

Questions for the Groups

What are the priorities for you and your organisation on this list?

Are there any short-term actions, ie quick-wins or low hanging fruit on this list that you would like to see implemented?

Are there any action points that you and your organisation can contribute to?

Are there any immediate local issues you are aware of that relate to any of the actions?