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Terms of Reference – Clyde 2020 Steering Group

1. Aim

Clyde 2020 is a sub-group of the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership. Its aims are to identify the issues and propose solutions to factors which are limiting improvements to the Clyde ecosystem. The group is also expected to identify resources to undertake practical actions. Clyde 2020 outputs will inform the development of relevant policies within the Clyde Regional Marine Plan, particularly with reference to the benthic environment and fisheries and related ecosystem services. This is linked to the evidence laid out in relevant chapters in the Assessment of the Clyde Marine Region including but not limited to 5.3 Shallow and shelf sub tidal sediments, 5.4 Marine fish (pelagic and demersal) and shellfish.

The Steering Group will:

- Include Clyde-wide and other organisations which have the relevant experience and are willing to represent and network with other likeminded organisations to facilitate the flow of information through a broader stakeholder group and disseminate decisions of the Steering Group to these organisations.
- Have members who are willing and able to contribute, or assist, in sourcing funds and other resources to facilitate the implementation of the work plan.

2. Operating Principles

- The Steering Group is a sub group of the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership however it is open to non-CMPP members.
- Clyde 2020 will help to inform the development of relevant aspects and policies of the Clyde Regional Marine Plan being developed by the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership.
- Clyde 2020 will operate in the context of the Scottish National Marine Plan.
- Whilst not excluding national organisations, local and regional experience is highly valued.
- The Clyde 2020 Research Advisory Group is available to give advice to the Steering Group.

3. Membership

Members will be welcomed from both relevant local and national organisations. However there is a preference for regional representation, where possible.

Preference will be given to members with relevant and contrasting experience in ecosystems, fisheries, economic development and research.

The established Steering Group can consider requests from third parties to join the group; if need be, a decision will be taken by a majority vote.

The Chair of the Clyde 2020 Research Advisory Group will be included as a member of the Steering Group. Membership will be limited to around 25 individuals in order to keep meetings and decision-making manageable.

4. Chair and Facilitation

The Steering Group will be chaired and facilitated by the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership. Minutes of meetings and project updates will be circulated to the CMPP members as appropriate and made available on the CMPP website.

5. Meetings

Meetings will be held as required; they are likely to be 3 or 4 times a year at a variety of Clyde locations. The Group will provide regular progress reports to the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership. Non-attendance at 3 consecutive meetings will invalidate an organisation's membership. Substitutions of individuals from within member organisations are acceptable.