Clyde Marine Planning Partnership
Progress Update – December 2018

In March 2017, Scottish Ministers gave a Direction to the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership (CMPP) and its public authorities to develop a Regional Marine Plan for the Clyde Marine Region (CMR).

This document provides an update on activities carried out by the CMPP from July to December 2018. The previous progress reports can be found here.

Statement of Public Participation (SPP)

- The SPP was revised in November 2018 to reflect a change in the pre-consultation of the draft Plan. The pre-consultation was moved from November 2018 – February 2019 to end February – end April 2019. The revision was approved by Scottish Ministers in December and published on the CMPP website shortly after approval.

Marine Plan development

- The second Fisheries working group meeting in conjunction with the West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group and Clyde 2020 took place on the 24th August in Glasgow. The second Sport, Recreation and Tourism workshop took place on the 28th August, also in Glasgow. These were the last of the working group meetings at this stage of the Plan development. The outputs of these workshops were used to develop draft policy for the pre-consultation draft Clyde Regional Marine Plan.
- Staff developed the pre-consultation draft plan over late Summer-Autumn and Members provided feedback on this early draft of the pre-consultation Plan at the September Members' meeting. This was done through a facilitated workshop session at the meeting. Changes were made to the plan based on this feedback.
- Following this, separate meetings were held with Marine Scotland and the region's Planning Authorities to discuss the Plan and specific policies further. Changes were made to the Plan based on these discussions.
- Over the July –December period, staff and/or Chair attended the following meetings/workshops:
    - Attended a meeting with Clydeplan to discuss policy writing advice for the development of the Plan on the 30th July.
    - Contributed to a workshop run by Climate Ready Clyde on nature based adaptation pathways in Glasgow City Region on 31st July.
    - Attended a pre-consultation application event on the proposed development at Hunterston Platform Yard, Hunterston on the 8th August.
    - Attended a meeting on 6th September to discuss the beneficial use of dredged material, coordinated by Peel Ports Clydeport. This is an ongoing project involving several stakeholders to consider alternative uses for dredge material in the Clyde area, following a similar successful project on the Mersey.
    - Met with Keep Scotland Beautiful to learn about 'Upstream Battle project' on 24th September. This project aims to tackle riverine sources of marine litter, working with communities along the River Clyde to raise awareness of this issue and educate, inspire and empower people to change littering behaviour.
    - Presented on the development of the Clyde Regional Marine Plan at the Highland Environment Forum *Sea Life, Our Life* conference in Ullapool on the 15th October.

- Attended a pre-consultation application event on the proposed development on the Carless marine fabrication complex at the former Carless Oil Terminal, Old Kilpatrick on the 22nd October.
- Attended the Upstream Battle launch event on the 26th October and the Climate Ready Clyde Risk and Opportunity Assessment launch event on the 31st October.
- Met with Scottish Association for Marine Science on 5th October to discuss ideas for an online heritage mapping portal being developed by the EU funded PERICLES project.
- Attended the MASTS Marine Planning and Governance Forum meeting, 10th October.
- Attended a stakeholder engagement event on 12th December, coordinated by Peel Ports Clydeport and Glasgow City Council, on the proposed Govan-Partick footbridge.

Appropriate Assessments

- The scoping report for the Strategic Environmental Assessment including Sustainability Appraisal was submitted to the Scottish Government SEA Gateway in August and responses from the Consultation Authorities were received in September. Work on the interim SA-SEA environmental report progressed from September in preparation for the release of this for consultation during the pre-consultation phase (commencing in 2019).
- Work on the Business Regulatory Impacts Assessment and Equality Impact Assessment began in November 2018.

Public Engagement and communications

- Work since July has been focussed on delivering the working group workshops to input to Plan development. While some of these meetings were open to members of the public, there have not been any events specifically around public engagement. There will be a programme of public engagement events developed for the pre-consultation phase.
- Since July, the CMPP website is generating approximately 386 user sessions and 878 page views per month.
- Since July, 4 newsletters have been sent out – approximately one every 6 weeks. The e-newsletter has 871 subscribers down from 888 in the last 12 months and has an average open rate of approximately 30%, against the industry average of 22.14%.
- The busiest month on Twitter was August where 4 tweets were sent, 65 users visited our profile, and we received 7 mentions and 12 new followers. We currently have 425 followers on twitter.
- An EMFF bid was submitted in June 2018, for a project to carry out a communications and engagement programme around marine planning in the Clyde Marine Region and to support the Plan development process. This was approved and the award letter was granted in December. Recruitment for a Communications and Engagement Officer will be undertaken in early 2019.

Clyde 2020

- Final stakeholder comments were received on the written guide and animations about 'The condition of the seabed, fish and shellfish of the Clyde Marine Region' and final changes made in November. The guide and animations will be published on the CMPP website in early 2019.
- The EMFF funding application for the Scallop Stock Assessment was submitted in Autumn 2018 and unfortunately was rejected. The Clyde 2020 RAG Chair is investigating other potential funding options for this work, e.g. through a PhD.

- A meeting was held of the Steering Group (SG) and Research Advisory Group on the 25th October. The SG agreed for the RAG to remain in place for a further three years, with the RAG Chair remaining in place.

Governance

- Two Members' Meetings have been held since June 2018.
- SEPA has accepted the terms of the Direction and signed the CMPP constitution. A new Direction from Scottish Ministers will be issued to include SEPA in the list of public authorities.

Staff resources

- Recruitment was under taken in Autumn 2018 to fill the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership Officer post. The existing Clyde Marine Planning Partnership Co-ordinator was successful in being selected for this role and so a separate recruitment exercise was undertaken to fill the Co-ordinator position. A new member of staff was recruited in October and began in November as the Co-ordinator.