Clyde Marine Planning Partnership
Progress Update – June 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 December 2017 to June 2018.

Assessment of the condition of the CMR

- The Clyde Marine Region Assessment was published on the CMPP website in January 2018[1]. Topic Sheets were also published; these are short 2-page summaries which increase accessibility of information of some of the issues discussed in the Assessment, to aid understanding during the engagement phase of plan development. The topics are marine invasive species, mobile species, protected areas, productive summary, ecosystem approach and ecosystem services, overview of the region, marine planning in the Clyde, marine litter, climate change, clean and safe, and birds. The guide to the condition of the seabed, fish and shellfish is being developed by the Clyde 2020 project (see below) and will be published in June 2018. This also provides an accessible 'Layman's Guide' to issues included in the Assessment.

Statement of Public Participation

- The first Statement of Public Participation (SPP) was approved by Scottish Ministers and published in January 2018[2]. An updated SPP will be available in June 2018 – this will include a revision of the date for consultation on the pre-consultation draft of the Plan from June/July 2018 to November 2018-February 2019.

Marine Plan process development

- The key work streams for the early stages of plan development are as follows:

Work stream
Working groups • Fisheries (working with West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group (WCRIFG), Clyde 2020 and wider stakeholders e.g. processors) • Aquaculture • Sports, recreation and tourism • Shipping, ports, harbours and ferries • Regional socio-economic opportunities – regeneration, coastal communities, Clyde the brand
Workshops • Mobile species (mammals, sharks, skates, rays, seabirds and waterbirds) and Noise • Marine Litter (especially plastic) • ~~Invasive Non-Native Species~~ * • ~~Submarine cables (tbc dependent on work above with WCRIFG)~~*

[1] http://www.clydemarineplan.scot/marine-planning/clyde-regional-marine-plan/#CMRA
[2] http://www.clydemarineplan.scot/marine-planning/clyde-regional-marine-plan/#SPP

*these workshops are now not seen to be necessary at this stage of Plan development.
Subgroup • Clyde2020 – identify the issues and propose solutions to factors which are limiting improvements to the Clyde ecosystem, covering in particular 'shallow and shelf subtidal sediments', 'biogenic reefs', and 'marine fish and shellfish'.
Other • Sea-level rise and coastal change covered through Climate Ready Clyde and/or SEPA Flood Risk Management meetings. • Meetings with ~~SEPA, Ministry of Defence and~~[#] Historic Environment Scotland required. [#] SEPA is now a Member of CMPP and MoD is involved through working group meetings.

- Shipping, ports, harbours and ferries (navigation) meetings took place on 18th September 2017 and 2nd February 2018 in Glasgow. HMNB Clyde (Ministry of Defence) attended the second meeting. Aquaculture working group meetings took place on 7th November 2017 and 1st May 2018 in Balloch. A fisheries working group meeting in conjunction with the West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group and Clyde 2020 took place on 22nd March 2018 in Glasgow. The first sports, recreation and tourism meeting will be taking place on 4th June 2018 in Glasgow. These working groups review pressures on the environment identified in the Assessment and initiatives to reduce them, consider future objectives for the sectors in the Clyde Marine Region, and produce initial draft policy for review by the CMPP for inclusion in the pre-consultation draft of the Plan.
- The mobile species (including birds and noise) workshop took place on 24th May 2018 in Ardrossan. The marine litter workshop took place on 9th June 2018 in Millport. These workshops considered issues in the Clyde Marine Region and developed relevant draft policy for review by the CMPP for inclusion in the pre-consultation draft of the Plan.
- CMPP Chair and staff met with Historic Environment Scotland on 16th March 2018 to discuss the inclusion of policy relating to the historic environment within the Plan.
- Staff attended the following meetings/workshops:
    - Climate Ready Clyde Risks and Opportunities workshop on 8th November 2017 which gave local stakeholders to chance to review and add insight to ongoing work to create the first Climate Risk and Opportunity Assessment for the Glasgow City Region.
    - 4th Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference in Glasgow on 8th November 2017. The focus of this workshop was socially inclusive sustainably development with case studies from around the Atlantic seaboard.
    - The coastal flood risk management day of the SNIFFER flood risk management conference on 8th November 2017.
    - Meeting with Local Coastal Partnership colleagues to feed into the development of the Moray Firth Partnership Project SCRAPBook, which will carry out an aerial photo survey of the Scottish coast to identify and record areas of coastline affected by litter and pollution.
    - Coastal Futures on the 17th&18th January, which provided updates on marine spatial planning from across the UK.
    - Development of the electronic version of MSP Challenge on 31st January 2018.
    - A preliminary meeting with Peel Ports Clydeport and Scottish Natural Heritage on 19th April 2018 to consider beneficial use of dredged material.

- Gave a presentation on the 9th April to MSc Planning students from University of Liverpool on Marine Planning in the Clyde and facilitated an MSP Challenge session with this group.
- Attended a Marine Scotland organised workshop on the 19th April to input into discussion on the draft dolphin and porpoise conservation strategy.

Communications

- Since December 2017, the CMPP website is generating approximately 244 user sessions and 998 page views per month. Approximately 80% of the users are 'new' rather than existing.
- Since February 2016, 21 newsletters have been sent out – approximately one every 6 weeks. The e-newsletter has 872 subscribers up from 823 in the last 12 months and has an average of approximately 30% open rate, against the industry average of 21.65%.
- Preparations for GDPR have been ongoing and include reviewing data handling practices, providing more information for newsletter signup from the CMPP website and creating a privacy notice
- Since December, the busiest month on Twitter was February (due to promotion of MSP Challenge events), where 23 tweets were posted garnering 22,900 impressions (number of times users saw the tweet), 15 new followers and 21 mentions. By comparison, in April, 4 tweets were posted and this garnered 9 mentions and 5,951 impressions with 6 new followers.

Public Engagement

- The Public Dialogue report and the Schools Engagement report have both been published on the CMPP website[3]. Public Dialogue enabled in-depth dialogue with members of the public around the issues in the Clyde Marine Region and considered potential future scenarios for marine planning policy. The Schools Engagement work used 'Streamline' and MSP Challenge sessions to elicit information from participants about their future aspirations for the marine region.
- Four public sessions of MSP Challenge were held in in February 2018 in Portavadie, Rothesay, Clydebank and Glasgow with the aim of improving the understanding of marine planning in the Clyde. Despite being promoted through the CMPP website, newsletter, directed email notifications to local community groups and Twitter, attendance at these events was quite low with 21 people attending in total.
- Layman's Guide workshops were held as part of the Clyde 2020 project (see above). These workshops also took the opportunity to ask participants about potential options to improve the situation for the seabed, fish and shellfish in the CMR through policy in the Plan or other management initiatives.

Clyde 2020

- Workshops were held on 27th January in Ardrossan and on 20th April in Campbeltown to share draft versions of the written guide and animations about 'The condition of the seabed, fish and shellfish of the Clyde Marine Region'. The objective is to present the relevant science in an easily accessible format. The Kintyre workshop was delayed following the tragic loss of the Nancy Glen off Tarbert in January 2018. The final guide and animations will be available in June 2018.
- The Clyde Fishermen's Association and the University of Strathclyde are taking forward an EMFF application for funding on behalf of Clyde 2020 to establish a local area management scheme for the scallop fishery in the Firth of Clyde based on sound principles of stock and environmental conservation. This will be a joint project between the CFA, WCRIFG,

[3] http://www.clydemarineplan.scot/marine-planning/clyde-regional-marine-plan/#publicengagement

CMPP/Clyde 2020 and universities (Strathclyde leading) and will comprise four main aims: a) assessments of historical changes in state of the stocks and the commercial landings by the various sectors of the fleet leading up to the present, b) development of a protocol for gathering the data required for regular updates of the assessments into the future, c) recommendations for management measures to conserve the stocks and maximise their productivity and protect the environment, d) recommendations for the establishment of a stakeholder led group to oversee the stock and environmental management of the fishery in partnership with the national authorities (Marine Scotland).

- It is now proposed that the ClydeMap project is not pursued. This is in light of the targeted roll-out of VMS for all commercial fishing vessels across Scotland by 2020, which will provide improved GIS data on the use of the region for fisheries.

Governance

- Two Members' Meetings and 1 Annual Members' Meeting have been held since November 2017.
- 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

- A member of staff resigned in December 2017. Recruitment has been delayed as funding from Marine Scotland could not be confirmed until March 2018 and Scottish Natural Heritage, which hosts the CMPP staff, then had to approve recruitment. The full team of staff should be in place by autumn 2018.
- Chair and staff attended a 2-day facilitation training course in December 2018. This was to support facilitation of the various working groups and workshops necessary for development of the Plan. A member of staff attended training on the General Data Protection Regulation in order to prepare the CMPP privacy notice and ensure compliance.