Clyde Marine Planning Partnership
Progress Update – June 2019

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 January to June 2019. The previous progress reports can be found here.

Statement of Public Participation (SPP)

- An update of the SPP was drafted in this period after the pre-consultation; this will go forward to Scottish Ministers for approval in July/August 2019.

Marine Plan development

- With the assistance and advice from the Marine Scotland (MS) GIS team on the best way forward to develop maps for the pre-consultation draft of the Clyde Regional Marine Plan (CRMP), the staff team created maps using screenshots of NMPi. The MS GIS team added additional layers to NMPi to facilitate the creation of these maps, this included the layers for: Local Landscape Areas, Clydeplan boundary and Dynamic Coast data. The SNH GIS team also provided support in creating some maps for the pre-consultation draft CRMP and will develop maps going forward for the consultation draft.
- At the January CMPP Members' meeting, Members provided feedback on the pre-consultation draft. This was then finalised ahead of the pre-consultation beginning on the 18th March. The consultation on the draft plan ran until the 27th May 2019 (10 weeks).
- Over June, CMPP staff analysed consultation responses and identified priorities for further plan development. A consultation report will be published summarising these results. Many comments identify simple changes that will be carried out by staff to improve policy; these apply to all areas of the plan. The main areas which require considerable further work to be undertaken include: natural heritage, aquaculture and fisheries. The intention is for these chapters to be re-drafted and working group meetings and discussions will be held to discuss the changes, and further policy development as appropriate. Actions have been identified where more work is needed to underpin policy and where this cannot be delivered in the timescales available. These will form an action plan, which will be published alongside the Clyde Regional Marine Plan when it becomes statutory.
- Staff and/or Chair attended the following meetings/workshops:
    - Staff continue to engage with Climate Ready Clyde and SEPA across issues relating to climate change mitigation, adaptation, sea-level rise and flood risk management.
    - In addition, staff also attend working group meetings on the beneficial use of dredged materials, coordinated by Peel Ports ClydePort. This is an ongoing project involving several stakeholders to consider alternative uses for dredged material in the Clyde area, following a similar successful project on the Mersey.
    - Contributed to the EU funded PERICLES project, which seeks to develop an online mapping portal. Attended a workshop at the Scottish Association for Marine Science and also a stakeholder meeting in the Netherlands.
    - Staff continue to contribute to the Marine Alliance for Science and Technology Scotland (MASTS) Marine Planning and Governance Forum.
    - Attended meetings coordinated by the Scottish Coastal Forum, including the Marine Planning practitioners meeting in June 2018 and the Local Coastal Partnerships and Marine Planning Practitioners meeting in February and March 2019.

- Staff ran an information stall at the first meeting of the MarPAMM project and presented on experience of Regional Marine Planning in the Clyde in March.
- Staff and Chair attended consultation events on the Hunterston PARC development proposals, organised by Peel Ports.
- Staff attended Scotland's International Marine and SeaScotland conferences.
- Staff attended the launch of a new partnership project to harness space and satellite technology to protect Scotland's historic sites from climate change.

Associated Assessments

- Members provided comments on the interim SA-SEA at the Members' meeting in January. This document was finalised and published alongside the draft plan on the 18th March, as part of the pre-consultation.
- The interim SA-SEA was shared with the Scottish Government SEA Gateway to facilitate feedback on this report from the Consultation Authorities (CAs). The CAs responded that they are content with the findings of the interim SA-SEA. The SA-SEA will be developed further, based on comments received through the pre-consultation and plan development.
- Work on the Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA), Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) and Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) will progress in the next period of plan development. It is the intention to carry out interviews with a range of businesses around the region to inform the BRIA, towards the end of this year, early next year. Relevant organisations will also be consulted for the EQIA and CRWIA. Staff are keeping abreast of developments resulting from the Scottish Government consultation on the Island Communities Impact Assessment.

Public Engagement and communication

- 28 engagement events were held between 2nd April and 25th May to publicise the pre-consultation across the region. The aim of these events was to engage stakeholders and the wider public with this process and encourage participation in the pre-consultation.
- The CMPP website continues to be updated with relevant information on the marine planning process and regional updates. Over February-March 2019 some sections of the website were revised in preparation for the pre-consultation beginning in March 2019. This accommodated a detailed listing of pre-consultation events in a calendar format and a consultation response form, which allowed participants to respond to the pre-consultation via the CMPP website.
- The average number of website users for January and February is 306, compared to approximately 927 users in March. The period of greatest use of the website coincides with the publication of the CMPP newsletter announcing the pre-consultation, when 277 new users visited the site between 18th and 20th March. During the consultation there were 240 visitors to the site per week, which equates to around 960 per month.
- Since December 2018, four newsletters have been issued. The e-newsletter has 875 subscribers and has an average ~30% open rate, against the industry average of 21.5%. Around 25 new subscribers joined the mailing list during the pre-consultation.
- The CMPP Twitter account continues to be used as a means of sharing information about the CMPP, especially with regard to promoting events. Information from partners and regional stakeholders is also re-tweeted for information. March was a busy month for Twitter activity, coinciding with announcements around the pre-consultation and events. During April and May there was also high Twitter activity, generated through promotion of the pre-consultation. The account attracted 21 new followers and 233 profile visits.

Clyde 2020

- A joint Clyde 2020 Steering group and Research Advisory Group (RAG) meeting took place in April. At this meeting, the future of the Clyde 2020 sub-group was discussed. A discussion paper on this, exploring options will be prepared by staff for the next Clyde 2020 meeting in autumn 2019 to inform future decision-making on this.
- With regards to the Clyde 2020 RAG, a member has withdrawn from the group and the application of a new member to the RAG was approved.

Governance

- An Annual Members' meeting was held in June 2018. There were no changes to the Board from the previous year.
- Two Members' Meetings have been held since December 2018.

Staff resources

- A Public Engagement Officer, which is funded separately through the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, began in post in March 2019.
- The current Chair of the CMPP and Clyde 2020 announced her intention to stand down from this position in September 2019. The recruitment process for a new Chair began in June 2019, with the aim of appointing a new person to this post in autumn 2019.