Clyde Marine Planning Partnership
Progress Update – June 2020

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 – June 2020. The previous progress reports can be found here.

Statement of Public Participation (SPP)

- The submission of an updated SPP to Scottish Ministers has been put on hold as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic response.

Marine Plan development

- The discussions following the pre-consultation of 'management' policy within the Plan led to agreement from CMPP Members' that anything related to authorisations and enforcement currently within management policy is moved into authorisations and consents policy and all other management policy be re-framed as 'Recommendations for marine users/local management'. Members agreed to review the Plan again to make a decision on this issue. At the February CMPP Members' meeting, Members agreed with the changes and that this was a suitable way forward for the Plan.
- Between the February and May Members' meetings, staff updated the Plan in line with final Members' comments and the feedback from a 'Usability workshop' held in March. This workshop considered how the Plan's policies would be applied and used by marine licence applicants, Public Authorities and other stakeholders, and what improvements could be made in terms of readability and clarity of meaning of the policies. Maps within the draft Plan were also updated, although some were not finalised in time for submission to Marine Scotland for review. These will be finalised before the consultation. The design template for the draft Plan will also be refreshed.
- The draft Plan was approved by Members to submit to Marine Scotland for review at the May Members' meeting. Following completion of the Associated Assessments (see section below for more information), these documents and the draft Plan were submitted to Marine Scotland in July 2020.
- Staff finalised the 'pre-consultation report', to reflect the process and changes to the draft Plan following the pre-consultation.
- Staff and the Chair attended the follow conferences/meetings/workshops:
    - Clyde Fishermen's Association Burns night event.
    - Meeting with Crown Estate Scotland (CES) and Scottish Shellfish Growers Association to discuss the CES Shellfish Critical Mass Development Pilot Plan report
    - Coastal Futures conference.
    - Irish Sea Maritime Forum Annual General Meeting and Steering Group Meeting, in February and June respectively.
    - North Ayrshire Council Blue Economy fringe event, as part of the Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Centre conference.
    - Staff continue to contribute to the MASTS Marine Planning and Governance Forum meeting.
    - Govan Docks Regeneration Trust Govan voices consultation project event.
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- 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.
- Staff remain involved in PERICLES, an EU funded project which promotes sustainable, participatory governance of cultural heritage in European coastal and maritime regions.
- Staff provided secretariat support the West Coast Inshore Fisheries Group, taking minutes at the January Management Meeting.
- The Glasgow Climate Change Conference (COP26): What to Expect (at the University of Strathclyde).
- Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park litter summit, organised as part of the Parks' Marine Group, which is part of the Wildpark initiative.
- Scotland's Marine tourism Conference.
- The Chair also attended a number of meetings with regional stakeholders. These were held as part of the Chair's ongoing recognisance and getting to know the stakeholders. During this period meetings were held with Scottish Natural Heritage and the RSPB.
- Members agreed at the Members Meeting in May that the CMPP team should engage in developing a funding bid under the UKRI (NERC/ESRC) Sustainable Management of UK Marine Resources fund. Work has been underway with Professor Mike Heath, Strathclyde University to progress this proposal. The Notification of Intent was submitted in June and progress is ongoing towards a proposal submission deadline in October 2020.

Associated Assessments

- Staff have updated the Sustainability Appraisal including Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA-SEA) based on the updated draft Plan and feedback received during the pre-consultation. A non-technical summary was also prepared.
- A partial Business Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) has been drafted and will be completed after the consultation. Data will be collected during the statutory consultation on the potential impacts of the Plan on businesses to inform the Scottish Firms Impact Test (SFIT). Data for the SFIT will be collected via face-to-face interviews and an online survey during the consultation.
- A light touch approach has been taken to complete the draft Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) as it is not anticipated that the Plan will disproportionately discriminate against people with protected characteristics. Relevant stakeholders will be contacted to encourage their feedback through the consultation on any potential impacts the Plan may have on people with protected characteristics.
- A draft Habitats Regulation Appraisal (HRA) has been completed which concludes the Plan will not adversely impact any European protected sites.
- Stage 1 of the Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) has been completed and it was identified that a CRWIA is not required because the Plan will not negatively impact children and/or young people.
- The Island Communities Impact Assessment has not been completed because Scottish Government guidance on this has not be published yet.
- All draft assessments were shared with CMPP Members for feedback and will also be published during the statutory consultation for wider stakeholder feedback.
- The SA-SEA and non-technical summary, BRIA, EQIA, HRA and CRWIA were submitted to Marine Scotland in July 2020 alongside the draft Plan.

Public Engagement and communication

- The report on the Public Dialogue sessions carried out at the end of 2019, were finalised and published on the CMPP website.
- In the period January – June, the CMPP website generated approximately 2,000 user sessions and between 542 and 967 page views per month. Approximately 85.1% of the users are 'new' rather than existing.
- Also in this period, 3 newsletters have been issued. The e-newsletter has 881 subscribers down from 888 in the last period and has an average open rate of approximately 30%, against the industry average of 23%.
- The CMPP currently has 583 followers on Twitter, 29 more followers than the last period.
- As part of the EMFF Clyde-wide public engagement project, work progressed in this reporting period on a film which will provide an overview of the CMPP. The film includes interviews with CMPP members and the Chair, where they discuss their experiences of marine planning. Final stages of film production and editing have been delayed as a result of COVID-19 lockdown measures.
- Also as part of the EMFF project, work on three animations is underway, these will be used as educational engagement tools, providing more insight into key topics in the Region. The animations will be based on the topics of: climate change, marine litter and mobile species.
- The Public Engagement Officer attended the first of a series of planned outreach to increase awareness of marine planning in the Clyde and of the Clyde marine environment. This was a joint event with RSPB Scotland to celebrate British Science Week at the Kelvingrove Museum with a series of climate change and marine conservation themed activities. All other planned events have been cancelled/postponed as a result of COVID-19.

Clyde 2020

- A Clyde 2020 joint Steering Group and Research Advisory Group meeting was held in February. The group continued discussions around the future of Clyde 2020 and there was an interest in continuing Clyde 2020 with a particular focus on ecosystem enhancement.
- The next step is for CMPP staff to draft a proposal for the future structure of Clyde 2020, considering how it will align with the CMPP, for Marine Scotland to review. Before this proposal is shared with Marine Scotland, it will be discussed further with both the CMPP and Clyde 2020 groups.
- At the meeting an update was provided by Marine Scotland Science on a recent scallop survey that was undertaken in the Clyde. The survey (not a full stock assessment), was carried out in response to a lack of data and requests from stakeholders - the last stock assessment was carried out in the 1980s. A full data analysis of the survey is still to be undertaken and a further survey is currently planned for later in 2020.

Governance

- Two CMPP Members' meetings have been held since January 2020.
- Two new Members applied to join the CMPP and both applications were accepted at the May CMPP Members' meeting. The first application was from Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd. and the second was from the new Chair of the West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group (WCRIFG), Simon McDonald. The previous Chair of the WCRIFG, Alastair McNeill was a member of the CMPP as an individual, and unfortunately withdrew his Membership due to ill health. The CMPP would like to thank Alastair for his work with and support of the CMPP in the years that he was involved with it.

Staff resources

- The CMPP Manager is currently transitioning into a new role and will finish in this post with the CMPP at the end of October 2020. She will continue to work as CMPP Manager for 0.5 days a week until this time.