



Section 2: Sector Policies

The policies within this Plan are designed to guide all marine and coastal users in terms of proposed and existing development(s) and activities. Users of this Plan must also comply with the National Marine Plan and other relevant legislation.

The general policies within Section 1 of the Plan provide a framework for the sustainable development and use of the marine and coastal environment. These general policies should be adhered to in advance of policies within Section 2 as they are all potentially relevant to any proposal for development or activity by any sector or user of the marine and coastal environment.

Section 2 outlines policy relating to the key current economic activities taking place in the Clyde Marine Region. These policies provide a framework to ensure that the economic, social and environmental benefits are delivered for each sector. The chapters are ordered in the same way as the National Marine Plan.

Each chapter follows the same format, this includes:

- A context which sets out a summary of the main information relevant to the policy area. More information on each of the areas can be found within the [Clyde Marine Region Assessment](#).
- Objectives and policies; objectives provide a measurable strategic aim or goal for each policy area and policies which will deliver the objectives are set out underneath.
- Maps are included at the end of the chapter. For the latest available spatial data, see [National Marine Plan interactive](#) (NMPi). It is recommended that NMPi is used in conjunction with this Clyde Regional Marine Plan.
- Links to further information on the policy area.



Chapter 8: All sectors – general policy

Developers needing a marine licence may also require other consents, for example planning permission or a works licence from the relevant Statutory Harbour Authority, see Annex 1.

The Clyde 2020 initiative was established in 2014 and aims to bring together both scientific research and practical measures to improve the marine ecosystem of the Clyde Marine Region and the sustainability of the industries based in the Region. The benthic environment, fisheries and related ecosystem services are key research areas of Clyde 2020.



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Clyde Marine Region Context

The environment in the Clyde Marine Region provides many benefits to human society and our economy. The Region is an important recreational and cultural resource for the many hundreds of thousands of people who live around its shores and for visitors from further afield. Fish stocks have supported the development of the fishing industry based at many of the smaller settlements along the shores of the Clyde. The aquaculture industry relies on the ability of the environment to support their activities, for example by breaking down waste and purify the water. The Region remains a focus for shipping and defence activities and supports the emergence of the marine renewables sector, due to its natural sheltered deep water harbours.

In order for us to protect and enhance the environment and continue to enjoy the many benefits it provides, developments and activities need to be carried out in a responsible and sustainable way. Safe and appropriate multiple use of infrastructure and the marine area is essential to support future sustainable development and use.

For further detail on economic activity in the Clyde Marine Region, see Section 6 of the [Clyde Marine Region Assessment](#).

Objectives



Objective SEC 1 Ensure infrastructure, such as ports and harbours and those related to supply chain, adequately support sectors operating in the Clyde Marine Region, including onward links to the road and rail network.
MEASUREMENT: Marine licence, Town and country planning determination processes and Statutory Harbour Authority's Works Licences as applicable. Infrastructure audits including supply chain. Sector information.



Objective SEC 2 Encourage the safe and appropriate multiple use of infrastructure and the marine spatial area between sectors¹.
MEASUREMENT: Marine licence determination process. Sector information.



Objective SEC 3 Ensure stakeholders, including the public, are consulted on development and activity proposals that may impact on current use and that concerns have been addressed.
MEASUREMENT: Marine licence determination process.

Policy – Authorisations and consents

Policy SEC 1 Applications for development(s) and/or activities will be supported where the proposal can demonstrate that:

- they will not have any adverse impacts on the efficient and safe movement or navigation of vessels to and from ports, harbours, marinas, moorings and anchorages, including ferry operations,
- they are in compliance with the Local Development Plan from the relevant Planning Authority, including any related planning guidance as appropriate,
- they provide important supply chain services for marine sectors,
- they provide social, health & wellbeing and economic benefits to local communities and/or more widely, for example through the regeneration of coastal areas, particularly brownfield sites, or the diversification of the rural marine economy,
- other stakeholders have been consulted, including the general public where appropriate, at the very minimum ensuring compliance with Pre-Application Consultation advice from Marine Scotland, and that the proposal has minimised and/or mitigated any negative impact on other marine users,
- they promote any opportunities for shared use of infrastructure and/or marine spatial area,
- public access to the marine environment is enhanced where possible and appropriate,
- the connectivity of coastal paths is protected and delivered where possible, and
- access to the shore and water is optimised for sport, recreation and tourism, where possible, including, but not limited to piers, jetties, slipways, moorings, anchorages and navigational

¹ Combining compatible activities in the same marine space can serve to share and reduce costs, protect the environment and generate further synergies between those activities making the best possible use of new technologies and innovations.

infrastructure.

Policy – Management

- Policy SEC 2** Sectoral interests should work together with infrastructure owners and relevant authorities to ensure that infrastructure is in place at ports and harbours, piers and slipways to support future sectoral requirements, including onward links to rail and road networks.
- Policy SEC 3** Development(s) and/or activities which improve connectivity around the Clyde Marine Region will be supported. This can be for example through multi-modal journey planning and active travel within the Clyde Marine Region, taking into account different types of activity as well as different types of transport and links to other marine regions.

Further information

Multi-Use in European Seas (MUSES) Project [Case Study on the west coast of Scotland](#).

Marine Scotland [Guidance on Marine Licensable Activities subject to Pre-Application Consultation](#)