



Marine Management Organisation

Board Meeting Minutes: 27th April 2022
Location- Crown Estate

MMO Board
Hilary Florek (HF) – Chair Belinda Howell (BH) Bill Dickson (BD) David Lyall (DL) Peter Judge (PJ) Robert Wilson (RW) – Remuneration Committee Chair Terence Jagger (TJ) Tony Delahunty (TD) William Roberts (WR) -Audit * Risk Assurance Committee Chair
MMO Executive Leadership Team
Tom McCormack (TMc) – Chief Executive Officer Jenny Stewart (JS) –Director of Planning and Change Michelle Willis (MW) – Director of Finance and Resources Michael Coyle (MC) – Director of Operations Selina Stead (SS) – Chief Scientific Advisor Trudi Wakelin (TW) – Director of Licensing, Marine Planning and Blue Belt
Defra
Mike Rowe (MR) - Director, Marine and Fisheries Minister Prentis
Apologies
Simon Dixon -Acting Director Digital and Analysis
Board Secretariat
Danielle Lee-Moulding (DLM)

Governance

Welcome and Declaration of Interests

1.1 HF welcomed all.

1.2 PJ made the following declarations: Non-Executive Director of Inex Microtechnology Limited, Advisory Board Chair of Opportuni AI Limited and a Director and shareholder of the Judge Family Investment Company Limited. SS declared appointment to the science advisory panel of Plant & Food Research

Operational & Financial

2. CEO Update

2.1 TMc provided an update on MMO Strategy and Corporate Plan . The strategy “MMO 2030 - Healthy, Productive Seas and Coasts” is now finalised and ready for MMO Board approval. The three-year corporate plan remains in draft pending completion of a number of activities.

2.2 Updated on introduction of four byelaws to manage fishing in offshore MPA’s, made using new powers introduced in the Fisheries Act. The byelaws ban the use of bottom trawls, dredges, demersal seines, and semi-pelagic trawls, collectively known as bottom towed gear, in each of the MPA’s. Two of the byelaws also prevent the use of other certain static gears such as pots, nets or lines, over especially sensitive areas .This will be effective from 13 June.

3. MMO Workforce - Capacity, Capability and Culture Update (incl. Health, Safety and Wellbeing) – Update Report

3.1 MW spoke to HR Mi Pack and invited feedback from MMOB. Health, Safety and Wellbeing took as read .

4. Update from Minister Prentis

4.1 Minister Prentis gave update to MMOB

5. Finance, Performance, Risk and Assurance, Change Delivery.

5.1 MW spoke to the SR21 three-year settlement, and the benefits offered by this ,how this will link to the corporate plan and the subsequent opportunities this will present to the MMO and Defra . MW updated on Strategic Risk Workshop

5.2 TW gave update on Marine Licensing.JS updated on fish stock data and current quota reporting. Updated on IVMS , UK Seafood Fund and FES.

Strategic Developments

6. Defra view from The Bridge

6.1 MR gave update from Defra

7. MMO Strategy & MMO Corporate Plan

7.1 JS updated on MMO Strategy , following on from initial approval by MMOB in July 2021 where MMO Board approved the draft MMO strategy .JS spoke to Corporate Plan paper, outlining alignment to the framework document and work ongoing currently.

Closing Matters

8.AOB/Minutes of last meeting

8.1 No items to discuss. Chair closed meeting.