

## **Session 2 – Workshops**

Feedback from the morning's working group sessions.

### **Marine Spatial Planning**

- Ideally it should be through a bottom up approach
- It should be a statutory system because Local Authorities should have statutory responsibilities for it in order to force resources
- It should be a simple, comprehensible system, consistent and certain.
- Everybody should understand what they are going to get out of the new Marine Spatial Planning system
- It needs to be logical
- It also needs to be competent in order to ensure that its objectives are realistic and right

### **Marine Management Organisation**

- Guidance must be laid down for local estuary management, which should be statutory to make sure that the work continues into the future
- Ideally it will enable streamlined maritime planning. The current process is too long. Either the existing systems have to be replaced, or a parent organisation needs to co-ordinate those organisations with existing responsibilities for coastal and marine management.
- An organisation would have to be easily updateable
- Recognition should be given to local level work and existing groups

### **Coastal and Estuary Management**

- The Marine Bill must integrate land and water management in a cross sectoral and cross organisational way
- Implementation mechanisms need to be bridge building
- A Marine Management Organisation could be used to make other organisations work in harmony
- Local level partnerships should be encouraged and given statutory status
- The role or status of the proposed Marine Management Organisation is not very clear and the document should make it obvious that it is a strategic or operational structure
- Boundaries of the marine and land-based systems need to be made really clear. The coastal zone should not be squeezed or overlooked.
- There is no clear driver about who is responsible for progressing Coastal and Estuary Management through the Marine Bill. It needs to be clear about where the duties lie and who the 'driver' is

### **Marine Consents**

- The discussion group consisted of a variety of end users of the marine consents system
- There is a need for greater clarity and rationalisation of responsibilities and guidance about the current process
- A new Marine Management Organisation is wanted because the necessary changes can not be carried out by the current organisations in their present form

- There needs to be an improved quality of service
- Improved clarity of guidance for managing the process is necessary
- Existing officers will require training to deal with queries about the new system
- There is a degree of overlap between the proposals and the Water Framework Directive

### **Marine Nature Conservation**

- A proactive and complete management plan is needed. One which looks both at the bigger picture and at local ecosystems
- Strong legislation is needed to impose duties on the relevant authorities

Adequate resources at a local level is needed to make things happen, specifically enforcement