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2013 consultation for the East of England draft marine plan

The formal 12 week public consultation on the draft marine plan for the East of England – the first of its kind in the UK – is expected to begin in Spring 2013. We will let you know the consultation start date as soon as possible following Secretary of State approval.



Through 2012 the MMO has been working on producing the draft East Inshore and Offshore Marine Plans. During this time we have developed the structure of the draft plans, produced draft plan policies and developed the approach to implementation and monitoring.

We have sought expert planning and legal advice on specific elements of the draft plan and undertaken informal consultation with the Stakeholder Focus Group. We have also been working closely with Defra and other government departments to

produce plans that are robust and that have the support of Government, to take account of:

- The Government's economic growth agenda, ensuring sustainable development in the East plan areas
- Consistency with national policy to reflect the requirements of not only the Marine Policy Statement (MPS) but also other national policy produced since the publication of the MPS
- The degree of cross government working required to support new initiatives.

We aim to secure adoption of the East marine plans by the end of 2013.

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