UPDATE ON WORK: Consultation Information

Thank you to all those that attended the consultation events held in Kirkwall and Thurso at the beginning of July which were well supported. A wide range of opinions and views were expressed by participants during the workshop and drop in sessions. This will provide very useful information for the next stage of the development of the Pilot Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters Marine Spatial Plan.

Consultation Analysis & Report

The consultation on the Planning Issues and Options Paper and Draft Environmental Report has now ended. The consultation responses for which we have permission to make available to the public will be on the website by the beginning of September.

The working group are in the process of carrying out the work necessary to produce a detailed Consultation Analysis. This analysis will provide details on, and a summary of, the responses received in relation to the consultation documents. The Consultation Analysis will also contain summaries of the workshop events, the drop in sessions and the feedback forms received so that all the relevant information is in one document. Once this work is completed a Consultation Report will be produced which will provide a statement of what is going to be done for the next stage of drafting the pilot Marine Spatial Plan and why.

Timetable

The working group have estimated that these documents will be completed towards the end of October 2013 and will likely be formally published in November 2013. A further update will be sent out once the documents are finalised or if these estimated dates change substantially.

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