

#### Marine Management Organisation



# **Marine Licensing**

#### **Coastal Group Chairs Meeting**

Dickon Howell 9July 2013



#### Introduction to MMO



Enforcement

## Marine licensing

Competent Authority

Marine and Coastal Access Act

Electricity Act

Harbours Act

Advisory Body

Planning Act

Petroleum Act

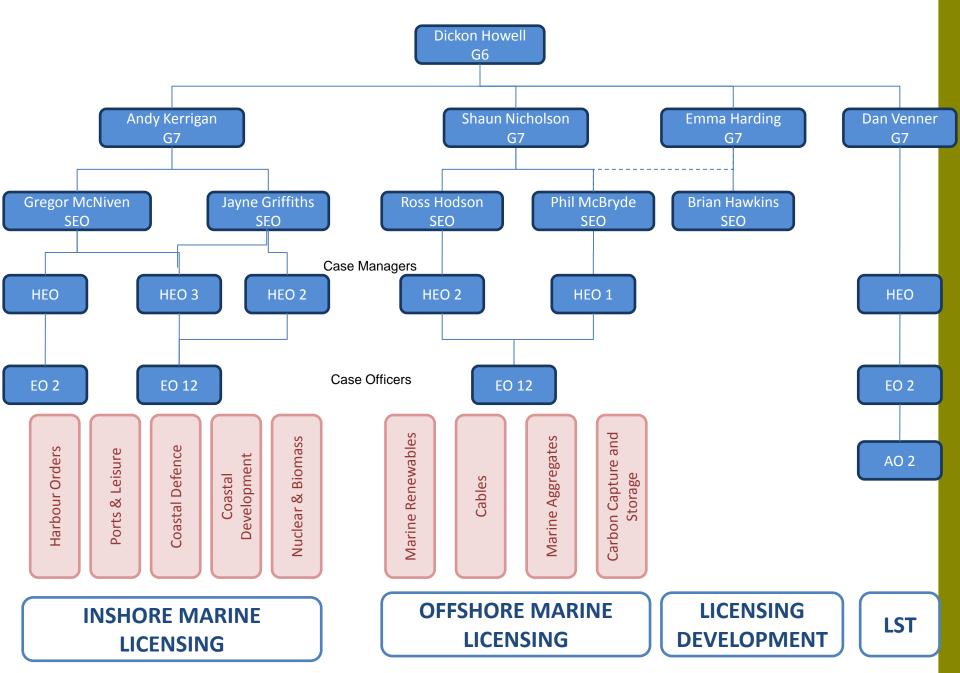
## Extent of powers

Mean high	Mean	Harbour	3 nautical	6 nautical	12 nautical	About 200	Anywhere	
water springs	low	limit	miles	miles	miles	nautical miles	at sea	
or mean	water or		Controlled	Inshore	Limit of	UK waters		
high water	boundary		waters	fisheries	territorial	(continental shelf		
	of			and	waters	limit)		
	internal			conservation				
	waters			authorities				
				limit				
							Not to scale	
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Transport and Works Act						Act 1992 (large sc	ale projects)	
Land Drainage Act 1991 and Water Resources (Industry) Act 1991 Petroleum Act 1998 (oil and gas-related works)								
Local harbour powers (if within harbour limits)				Electricity	Electricity Act 1989 or Energy Act 2004			
					Landowner/Crown estates (landowner/aggregates)			
Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009					Planning Act 2008			

# **Regulatory regime**

- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Other considerations include:
  - Water Framework Directive;
  - Waste Framework Directive;
  - Other consents/permissions required (e.g. Planning, Crown Estate, Environment Agency etc).

#### Marine Licensing Team - 2012/13



# Current and future changes

- Amendment to Marine Licensing (Exemptions) Order 2011.
- Fast Track marine licensing.
- Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs).
- Navigational dredging.
- Fees and charges review.
- Plan led management.
- Coordinated coastal regulation

## Amendment to Exemptions Order

- The new exemptions include
  - Samples for testing or analysis;
  - Accidental deposits removal activity;
  - Navigational dredging (of a certain scale, low risk);
  - Deposit/construction of pontoons with consent of Harbour Authority (subject to size/number limitations);
  - Temporary marker buoys (deployed for up to 28 days).

# Fast track licensing

- Low risk activities.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Tranche
  - burial at sea;
  - removal of marine mammal carcasses (now exempt since 6 April 2013);
  - use of tracers; and
  - scaffolding.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tranche to complete Autumn 2013

## Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs)

- Consultation published by Defra on proposed MCZs ended 31 March 2013.
- 31 sites candidates for designation in 2013 ('first tranche').
- Guidance on how MCZs to be considered in the marine licensing process now available on MMO website:
  - <u>http://www.marinemanagement.org.uk/licensing/supporting/mcz.htm</u>

# Navigational dredging

- Dredging activities previously have been licensable will become licensable under MCAA 2009.
- Extended transitional arrangements to April 2014.
- During 2013, licensing team to develop processes and capability to be ready for April 2014

## Review of fees and charges

- Public consultation on proposed changes summer 2013
- Preferred option is a mixture of process efficiencies plus hourly charging with ceilings

### Plan-led management

- Public consultation on Draft Plans in summer 2013.
- South Area identified as next region for marine plans.
- How does the MMO move to a system of plan led management?

#### Coordinating marine regulation



Sustainable Growth

#### Coastal concordat

- Defra, CLG, DfT, MMO, NE, EA, LGA
- Four principles
  - Single point of entry to the regulatory system
  - Lead authority
  - Certainty over evidence requirements
  - Consolidated advice

# Thank you and questions

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MMO Website guidance and link to Exemption notification form

• <u>http://www.marinemanagement.org.uk/licensing/marine/activities/exemptions.htm</u>

Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) Order 2011

- <u>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2011/409/contents/made</u>
- Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Amendment) Order 2013
- <u>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/526/contents/made</u>
- Defra Guidance on Amendment to Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) Order 2011
- <u>http://archive.defra.gov.uk/environment/marine/documents/protected/marine-licensing-qa-20130315.pdf</u>