



Delivering Better Outcomes

**The Role of the Seafood/ORE
Working Group**

A Guiding Vision

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You can't go back and change the beginning,

▶ but

▶ you can start where you are and change the ending

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A Little About Myself

- ▶ Chair, Seafood / ORE Working Group. Two year appointment from May 2022.
- ▶ Master Mariner and Masters in Business Administration (Trinity College).
- ▶ Irish Shipping at Sea 1973 to 1985.
- ▶ Irish Lights at Sea 1985 to 2000.
- ▶ Irish Lights Ashore 2000 to 2020. Director roles in Navigation, Operations, Safety and Engineering.
- ▶ Director Galway Harbour Board, Nautical Institute Representative at International Maritime Organisation (IMO), Member RNLI Operations Committee.
- ▶ Former President of The Nautical Institute and The Irish Chamber of Shipping.

The Working Group

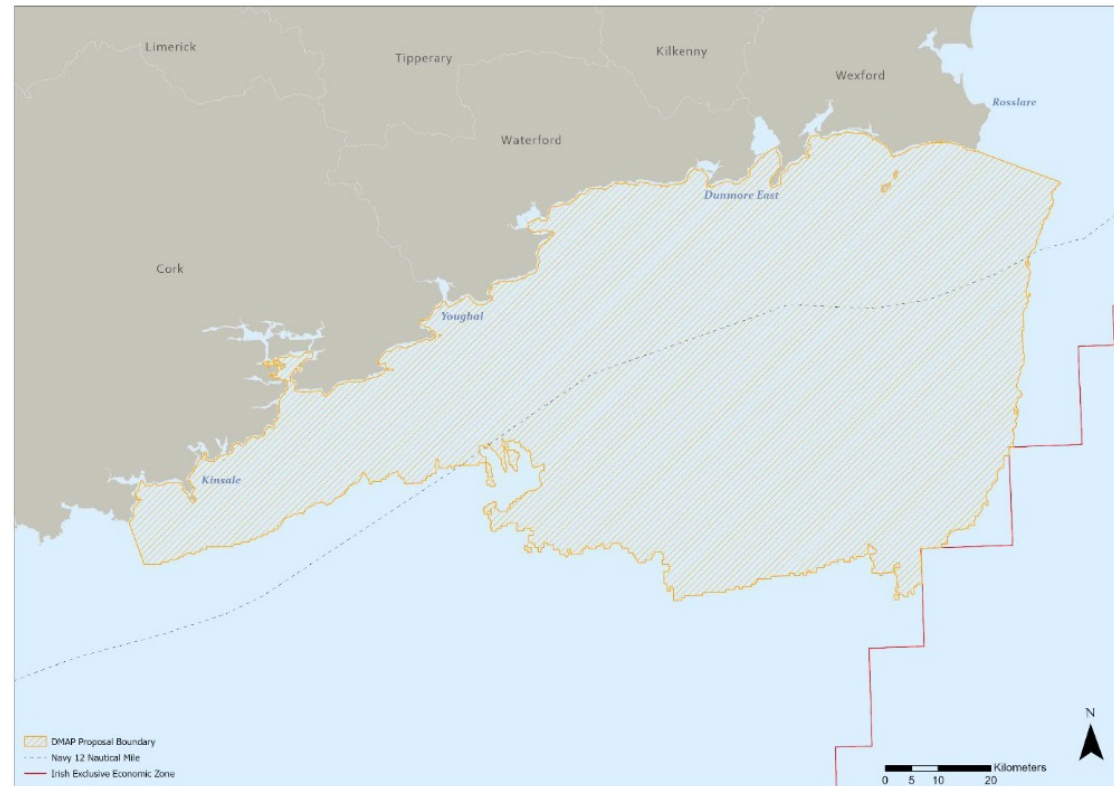
- Seafood-Offshore Renewable Energy Working Group – Established, within the context of the NMPF, by DHLG, DAFM and DECC.
- Purpose - Constructive engagement, promote best practice and safe operations, encourage liaison, publish a standard for communication for all foreseeable development types.
- Recommendations on future arrangements and prioritisation of next issues.
- Present Membership: 17 Seafood Sector Organisations; 4 ORE Developer Organisations; 3 Government Departments; 7 State Agencies, MARA as an observer from January 2024.

Present Status

- National ORE Targets: 5GW by 2030, 20GW by 2040; and at least 37GW by 2050
- MARA established and operational
- 6 Phase 1 Projects granted Maritime Area Consents in December 2022
- 4 of the 6 projects were successful in the ORESS1 Auction in
 - Dublin Array – 824 MW
 - Sceirde Rocks – 450 MW
 - North Irish Sea Array 500 MW
 - Codling Wind Park 1,300 MW
- 2 Projects were unsuccessful at ORESS1 (Oriel Wind Park and Arklow Bank) and are expected to seek alternative routes to market.

Present Status

- Future projects will be Plan Led.
- For ORE MARA will only consider applications for Licences or MAC within DMAP areas.
- The first DMAP proposal is on the South Coast for 900 MW.
- Development Zones will be identified within the DMAP.
- DECC are actively engaged in consultation on this DMAP.



Progress to Date

- Guidance on Engagement published and circulated
- Good engagement at Working Group meetings and Sub-Groups
- Very informative presentations leading to improved understanding of sectoral needs and relevant legislation
- Guidance on Dispute Resolution, Coexistence, and Commercial Operations on Fishing Vessels, at an advanced stage of preparation.



Sub-Group Activity

- Data Hub – Work completed, report considered, and being progressed.
- Impacts - Work completed, report considered, and being progressed.
- Activity - Work completed, report considered, and being progressed.
- Commercial Activity for Fishing Vessels – MSO have recently published Exam Directions which will allow this Sub-Group to complete its work.
- Dispute Resolution Mechanism – Good progress, Sub-Group still active.
- Coexistence and Related Issues - Good progress, Sub-Group still active.

Some Future Issues

- ▶ **Rollout.** The coming months will see the lodgement of the first planning applications and the commencement of the ABP process.
- ▶ **Engagement.** We have agreed guidance. However, engagement is a matter for continuous improvement.
- ▶ **Impacts:** We need a major project to determine the impacts, if any, of ORE activity on seafood activity.
- ▶ **Data Hub.** We need a major project to develop and manage an accessible data hub.
- ▶ **Marine Protected Areas.** MPA are not directly part of the Working Group mandate but will impact on Maritime Spatial Planning and therefore are of interest.

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