

Seafood – Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Working Group

The Seafood Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Working Group, within the context of the National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF), was established to facilitate discussion on matters arising from the interaction of the seafood and offshore renewable energy industries, to promote and share best practice, and to encourage liaison with other sectors in the marine environment.

Role of the Working Group

- Facilitate discussion on matters arising from the interaction of the seafood and offshore renewable energy industries.
- Promote and share best practice and encourage liaison with other sectors in the marine environment.
- Develop a Guidance Document as a standard for communication between the Seafood and ORE sectors at all stages of the development lifecycle.

As one of the immediate objectives of the Seafood - ORE Working Group, a *Summary Guide for Seafood - ORE Engagement in Ireland* was published in July 2023. The Working Group, chaired by Captain Robert McCabe, was established in May 2022 to facilitate discussion on matters arising from the interaction of the seafood and offshore renewable energy industries, to promote and share best practice, and to encourage liaison with other sectors in the marine environment.

The Working Group comprises representatives of the Irish seafood organisations, including IFA Aquaculture, and also representatives from renewable energy groups (see Annex 1 below for a list of organisations). The Summary Guide is the output from the series of meetings of the Working Group over the first year of its work and provides ORE projects and seafood stakeholders with guidance on how to engage and co-exist in a meaningful and constructive manner throughout the lifecycle of an ORE Project.

Link to the full document and Annex are available here <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b99c5-seafoodore-engagement-in-ireland-a-summary-guide/>