



THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Liner Hotel, Liverpool
2 July, 2014

BLUE GROWTH

**INTERNATIONAL
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Programme for the Day

Session 1: Setting the Scene

9.15	Coffee on Arrival
10.00	Welcome to Liverpool , Cllr Erica Kemp, Lord Mayor of Liverpool
10.10	Welcome Address Flo Clucas OBE, ISMF Chair
10.20	The EU's Blue Growth Agenda Matthew King, European Commission, DG MARE
10.40	Dublin Bay – Governance and Value Walter Foley, Dublin Regional Authority
11.00	Break
11.30	Commercial dispute resolution in the context of a new UK – Ireland relationship David Casement QC, British-Irish Commercial Bar Association
11.50	Panel Discussion
12.25	Lunch

Session 2: Blue Growth Workshops

13.25 Introduction to Workshops and the Irish Sea Rim Proposal

Phil Leigh, University of Central Lancashire

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C. Fisheries and Aquaculture

D. Blue Biotechnology

E. Marine and Coastal Recreation and Tourism

F. Coastal Protection and Adaptation

G. Monitoring and Surveillance

Session 3: ISMF Update and Next Steps

16.00 Update on ISMF Activities in 2013/14

Sue Kidd, University of Liverpool/ISMF Secretariat

16.10 Plans for ISMF Activities in 2014/15

Cllr Stuart Anderson, Conwy Borough Council and Vice Chair, ISMF

16.20 Concluding Remarks

Flo Clucas OBE, ISMF Chair

16.30 Close of Conference

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Irish Sea SWOT analysis

Which of the opportunities have most potential?

Are there other opportunities that we should consider/ include?

Where would transnational cooperation be most beneficial to realise the opportunities?

Workshop 1: 13.45 – 14.30 Workshop 2: 14.35 – 15.20



ISMF activities in 2013/14

Sue Kidd
University of Liverpool
ISMF Secretariat

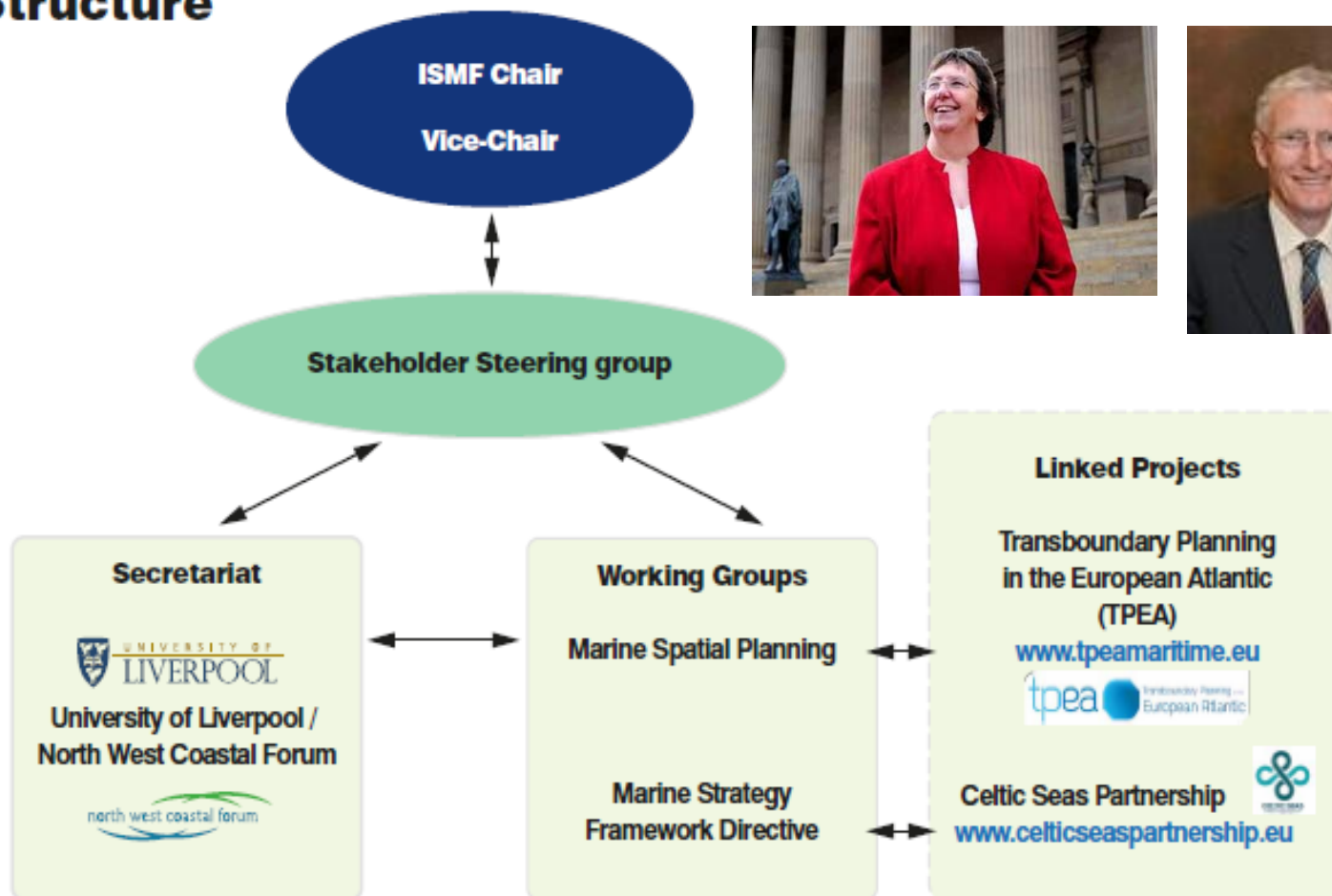
OBJECTIVES OF THE FORUM

- To provide a broad based forum for all Irish Sea users and provide an opportunity for voices to be heard
- To facilitate knowledge exchange and capacity building across all administrative areas and sectors about marine planning
- To facilitate sharing of data and information
- To encourage and maintain political support for transnational partnership working in support of marine planning, with the aim of promoting sustainable development in the Irish Sea region
- To facilitate a more coordinated, efficient planning process for transnational issues/projects and good working relationships among Irish Sea partners

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Developing the Forum's Operational Structure

Structure



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Stakeholder Steering Group

Anglo- NI Fish Producers Organisation
Atlantic Forum
Conway County Borough Council
Department of Environment, NI
Irish Federation of Sea Anglers
Irish Marine Federation
Isle of Man Government
Marine Conservation Northern Ireland
Marine Institute, Ireland
Marine Management Organisation
Marine Scotland
National Trust

Natural England
Natural Resources Wales
Northern Ireland Marine Task Force
NW Inshore Fisheries & Conservation
Authority
Oceanwise
Scottish Coastal Forum
Sea Fishing Northern Ireland
University of Liverpool
University of Ulster
+ UCLAN Irish Sea Rim
Welsh Government
WWF-UK

University of Liverpool

Secretariat

North West Coastal Forum

3 meetings

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Exploring Links with the Irish Sea Rim Initiative



Irish Sea Rim

Economic, Research & Innovation Zone



Project Prospectus

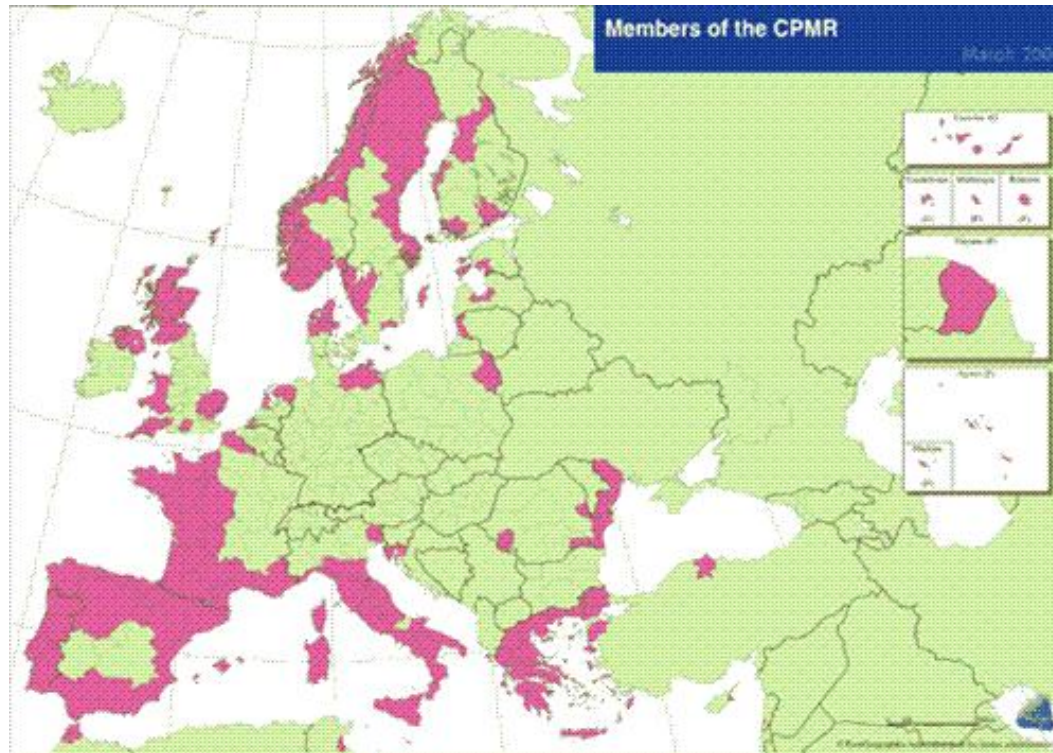
Dr. Phil Leigh

Autumn 2013



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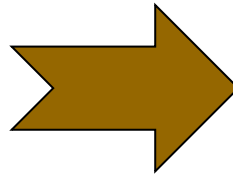
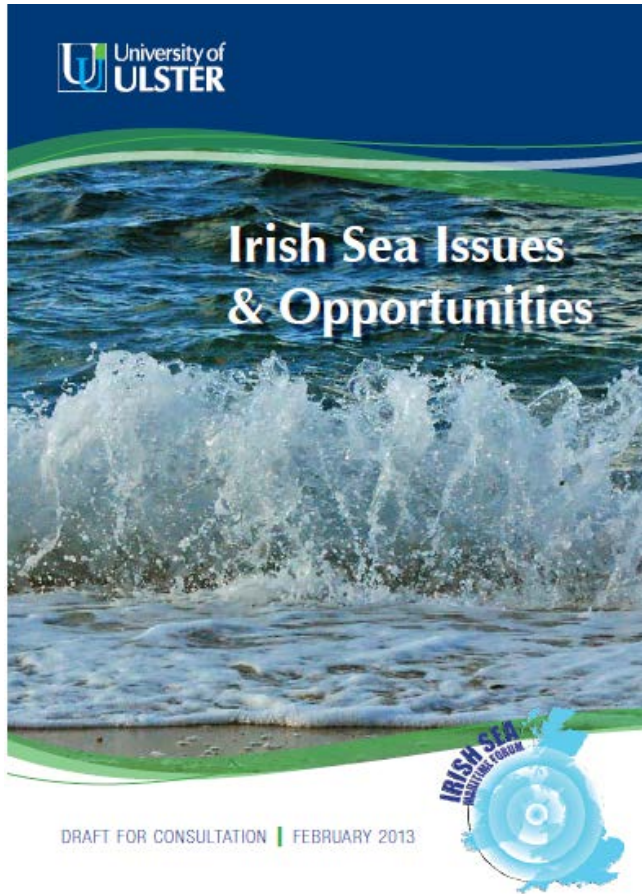
Exploring Links with European Partners



Réseau Transnational Atlantique
Red Transnacional Atlántica
Rede Transnacional Atlântica
Atlantic Transnational Network

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Blue Growth Report



Irish Sea & Blue Growth

- Outputs of Today's Discussions
- Draft Report
- Top 5 Blue Growth Opportunities
- Stakeholder Consultation
- Final Report

Distribution to EU and National Governments

Stakeholder Partner Café
Workshop January 2014

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Developing an understanding of the roles ISMF can play

Bringing Stakeholders Together



Sharing Ideas and Information



Airing Stakeholder Perspectives



Sparking New Alliances and Action



