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Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Consultation on the updated Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to the DPD

Thank you for inviting the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) to comment on the above consultation.

The MMO has reviewed the consultation document and whilst we have no specific comments to submit we would like to draw to your attention the work and remit of the MMO as you may wish to be aware of this.

As the marine planning authority for England the MMO is responsible for preparing marine plans for English inshore and offshore waters. At its landward extent, a marine plan will apply up to the mean high water springs mark, which includes the tidal extent of any rivers. As marine plan boundaries extend up to the level of the mean high water spring mark there will be an overlap with terrestrial plans which generally extend to the mean low water springs mark. In our duty to take all reasonable steps to ensure compatibility with existing development plans, which apply down to the low water mark, we are seeking to identify the 'marine relevance' of applicable plan policies. The MMO began planning for the East area in April 2011 and the next round of planning will begin in 2013 in the South plan area. Until such time as a marine plan is in place for the North West plan area we advise local authorities to refer to the Marine Policy Statement for guidance on any planning activity that includes a section of coastline or tidal river. All public authorities taking authorisation or enforcement decisions that affect or might affect the UK marine area must do so in accordance with the UK Marine Policy Statement unless relevant considerations indicate otherwise. We would advise that reference to the MPS is made alongside the NPPF in introduction section 1, please see the following link for more information

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2011/03/18/marine-policy-statement/>

The MMO is also responsible for issuing marine licences under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. A marine licence may be needed for activities involving a deposit or removal of a substance or object below the mean high water springs mark or in any tidal river to the extent of the tidal influence. Any works may also require consideration under The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended) and early consultation with the MMO is advised. We would suggest that reference to this be made within planning documents to ensure that necessary regulatory requirements are covered. We would encourage applicants to engage early with the MMO alongside any application for planning consent to ensure that the consenting process is as efficient as possible.

If you have any questions or need any further information please just let me know. More information on the role of the MMO can be found on our website www.marinemanagement.org.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Atkinson', is centered on a light blue rectangular background.

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