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**Minister for Housing and Urban Development**

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### Submission to: **National Marine Planning Framework Baseline Report**

Dear Minister

Bray Harbour Joint Development Committee (BHJDC) believes that Bray Harbour and its hinterland is an important location with huge potential for the development of marine leisure activities, the marine leisure industry and supporting ancillary services for the following reasons:

Bray has a long tradition in marine leisure: Regattas in Bray date back to 1840s, Seaside holidaying of late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, coastal cruising 1930s/40s. Modern times national/international sailing, fishing and rowing events

9 clubs with 2000 members are currently located in Bray Harbour. On average 800-900 people use the harbour weekly (see appendix 1)

Easy access to the uncrowded safe waters from Dalkey Island to Wicklow

With little expenditure Bray Harbour can be:

- A visiting location of choice for boats from Dublin area East coast and Wales.
- A very active port of call for coastal cruise boats
- A centre for development of the Marine leisure industry

Bray Municipal District Council has approved a project of €1million to provide protection from the East/Northeast for the harbour and improved facilities (see appendix 1)

Attractive tourism interconnectivity possibilities by sea and land into County Wicklow and Dublin

Big market for Pay for Play Marine Leisure in the greater Dublin area that has easy access to Bray

Strong and growing capability in skills and capacity to service marine leisure activities and a developing marine leisure industry

There is a significant amount of undeveloped land adjacent to the north of Bray harbour.

Good working relationships between Local Authority and Bray Harbour Joint Development Committee (represents all harbour users & four Reps from Wicklow CoCo)

J J O'Dwyer



**Chair, Bray Harbour Joint Development Committee**

