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Subject: National Marine Planning Framework submission

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Re: National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF) submission

Date: 12/12/2018

A Chara,

I am making a submission as follows to the National Marine Planning Framework process:

1. *“Public and stakeholder participation is a strategically important aspect of the marine spatial planning process.”* (DHPLG, 2018, ‘National Marine Planning Framework Baseline Report’, Page 101). In light of this statement produced in the DHPLG’s document, could the Minister explain why stakeholders and members of public fortunate enough to have a day job, were effectively excluded from the various regional consultation public meetings/engagements regarding the NMPF, as these meetings were held during normal office hours during the week?
2. *“Evidence from monitoring of natural habitats and species in Ireland’s marine environment indicates that many habitats are not in good condition.”* (DHPLG, 2018, ‘National Marine Planning Framework Baseline Report’, Page 73). Will the Minister confirm that he/she will ensure that the State’s legal advisors will review and confirm that the NMPF will meet all the State’s obligations & be fully compliant with all international and national environmental legislation protecting our marine environment and observe the Precautionary Principle?
3. *“The success of any plan depends on its effective implementation.”* (DHPLG, 2018, ‘National Marine Planning Framework Baseline Report’, Page 99). Can the Minister confirm that the implementation of the NMPF will be fully compliant with all International and National environmental legislation, and will observe the Precautionary Principle?

4. In the interests of transparency, the names of all individuals involved in the preparation and implementation of the NMPF ought to be published, not just their rank/position within their relevant department.
5. Regarding the delivery of the state's Marine spatial planning goals, (Consultation Question 10, page 102), the appropriate hierarchy to support Ireland's marine plan is **the application of an ecosystem-based approach**, irrespective of whether a regional marine planning, a coastal zone or a bay approach is applied.
6. Regarding Consultation Question 11, page 102 of National Marine Planning Framework Baseline Report, the enforcement of compliance with all national and international legal obligations relating to the NMPF will ensure greater efficiencies in administration and governance.
7. Regarding Consultation Question 12, page 102, a thriving marine ecosystem will be the key indicator for measuring the success of the implementation of the NMPF.

Please acknowledge receipt of my submission.

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