



Regional Marine Planning Forum 2026

Strong Foundations, Shared Future



Wednesday, 28th October, Falcon Scott Suite, Discovery Quay, Dundee

Hosted by the Tay and Forth Estuary Forum, on behalf of the RMPF

10:00	Welcome & Introduction <i>Professor Rob Duck, Tay Estuary Forum Chair</i>
10:10	Marine Directorate Welcome & Meet the Partnerships <i>Ruairidh Anderson, Marine Directorate</i>
10:20	Session 1: Raising the Bar for Societal Engagement <i>(Chair Dr Laura Booth, Tay Estuary Forum)</i>
Presentations by	<p>Scottish Ocean Literacy Coalition: Where can Partnerships play a role? <i>Ollie Slater, Scottish Ocean Literacy Coalition</i></p> <p>Engaging and Amplifying the Youth Perspective in Marine Planning <i>Udara Nagodavithana, Young Sea Changers Scotland</i></p> <p>Engagement to Stewardship: A Bioregional Approach to Watershed Restoration <i>Clare Cooper, Bioregioning Tayside</i></p>
	Q&A
11:15-11:35	Break
11:35	Session 2: Sustainable Systems in Planning and Practice <i>(Chair Dr Chris Leakey, NatureScot)</i>
Presentations by	<p>Water Resilient Dundee <i>Andrew Reid, Dundee City Council & Dominic McBennett, Scottish Water</i></p> <p>Regional Management & Monitoring of Marine Invasives - Opportunities & Challenges <i>Dr Rebecca Giesler, University of the Highlands & Islands, Shetland</i></p> <p>Implementing Climate-Smart Marine Spatial Plans- The MSPACE Project <i>Daniel Morris, Orkney Marine Planning Partnership</i></p>
	Q&A
12:30-13:30	Buffet Lunch (posters and exhibits)
13:30	Session 3: Panel Discussion: Lessons learned by the Scottish Local Coastal Partnerships and Marine Planning Partnerships <i>(Chair Ruairidh Anderson, Marine Directorate)</i>
Presentation by	Benefits of Coastal Partnerships across the UK- Survey Results <i>Dr Natasha Bradshaw, Coastal Partnerships Network</i>
Panel Discussion	Panel Q&A: <i>Chris Cutts, Clyde MPP; James Green, Orkney MPP; Jenna Cains, Solway Firth Partnership, Dr Natasha Bradshaw, Coastal Partnerships Network</i>
14:30-15:30	Session 4: Interactive Exhibits - Key Issues and Engagement Opportunities <i>(Tea & Coffee served in parallel)</i>
15:30-16:00	Reflections & Close <i>Ruairidh Anderson, Marine Directorate</i>

Exhibit Stations (Terra Nova Suite)

Marine Litter	Moray Firth Coastal Partnership & East Grampian Coastal Partnership
State of the Coast	East Grampian Coastal Partnership
Marine Spatial Planning Game	Orkney Marine Planning Partnership
Marine Planning	Marine Directorate
Regional Research	Tay and Forth Estuary Fora
Clyde Marine Plan Consultation	Clyde Marine Planning Partnership
Solway Firth	Solway Firth Partnership
Marine Restoration	Shetland & Orkney Marine Planning Partnerships

- Venue directions available [here](#)
- Venue accessibility guide available [here](#)
- Attendance is free, but please note advance registration is required, via Eventbrite, where you can also notify the organiser of any dietary requirements: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/regional-marine-planning-forum-2026-tickets-1999359754848?aff=oddtcreator>

Participants are welcome to engage with the Partnerships either in person or at their exhibit tables during coffee and lunch breaks. Exhibit stations will be left in place all day and form the central contact points where you will find the latest information on how to join LCP/ MPP mailing lists, learn more about their initiatives, input to upcoming consultations and to offer feedback.

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