

UK Accepts Marine Policy Statement

The UK Government, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Assembly Government and the Northern Ireland Executive have adopted the Marine Policy Statement, which aims to help achieve a shared UK vision for 'clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse oceans and seas'.

The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) has been involved in this policy process and legislative initiative. RICS has maintained its policy and technical stance during all of these various marine initiatives from the Marine (and Coastal Access) Act 2009 to the foundation of the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). RICS has always maintained that the marine and coastal environments need to be viewed holistically and as an integral part of the UK rather than something separate from 'land' based processes and economic policy.

The Marine Policy Statement (MPS) will enable an appropriate and consistent approach to marine planning across UK waters, and ensure the sustainable use of marine resources and strategic management of marine activities from renewable energy to nature conservation, fishing, recreation and tourism. The *Land Journal* (Feb 2011 issue) featured an in-depth article from Crown Estate on their new GIS based marine planning tool MaRS.

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