

**North Sea Stakeholder Conference**  
**“Working Together to Manage the Marine Resources of the North Sea Region”**  
**17/18 March 2010**  
**The Assembly Halls, Fenkle Street, Newcastle**  
**Draft Programme**

**Objective:** : The conference provides an important opportunity for dialogue between all users of the sea and aims to develop mechanisms for continued engagement between all users of the North Sea.

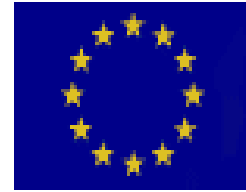
**13.00** Welcome and introduction – **Lord Sewel** – Conference Chairman

**High level perspectives**

- 13.10 North Sea Regions Co-operating - **Gunn Marit Helgesen**, County Mayor, Telemark, President North Sea Commission
- 13.20 Keynote Address – Integrated Marine Management from a UK perspective  
**Huw Irranca-Davies MP** – UK Minister for the Marine and Natural Resource(confirmed)
- 13.45 EU Commission DG MARE – Integrated Maritime Policy- beyond the blue book (confirmed)
- 14.10 EU Parliament –
- 14.35 Challenges for the Energy field – **Terje Riis-Johansen**, Minister of Petroleum and Energy Norway (tbc)
- 15.00 Coffee

**Integrated solutions**

- 15.30 Marine Spatial Planning – **Haitze Siemers**, Head of Unit Maritime Policy for the North Sea, Baltic Sea and landlocked countries DG MARE
15. 40 **CFP and Integration:**  
Fisheries Perspective – **Ian Gatt** President , SFF/FLTC  
Member State Perspective - **Ole Poulsen**, Denmark  
ICES Perspective – **Poul Degnbol**
- 16.10 Governance and the role of stakeholders in integrated marine policies - North Sea RAC – **Hugo Andersson**, Chair of The NSRAC (confirmed)
- 16.20 Maritime Co-operation through shared culture – **Mr. Per Jessing**, Chairman European Maritime Heritage
- 16.40 Panel Discussion – **Niels Wichmann**, Managing Director Danish Fishermen’s Association
- 17.10 Closing Remarks – **Lord Sewel**
- 19.00 **Dinner** – Hosted by DEFRA



## Day Two - AM

9.0 Opening – Chairman, **Lord Sewel**

### Sectoral Perspectives & Integration

9.10 Marine Spatial Planning – **Pim Visser**, NSRAC Spatial Planning Working group

9.35 The Future of Oil & Gas Sector in the North Sea – **Paul Dymond**,  
Operation Manager, Oil & Gas UK

10.00 Promoting Marine Renewables as part of an integrated approach to  
Marine Spatial Planning: Scottish approach: **Mike Neilson**, Director,  
Marine Scotland

10.25 Offshore Wind Energy – **Chris Westra**, General Manager WE@Sea

10.50 Sustainable Shipping - **Capt. Sibrand Hassing**, Senior Policy Advisor,  
Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management, Netherlands.  
DG Civil Aviation and Maritime Affairs

11.15 **Coffee**

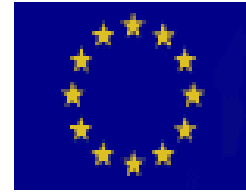
11.45 North Sea Clean Ships Action Plan – **Tom-Christer Nilsen**, NSCMRG  
Energy Spokesperson

12.00 Conservation Challenges for the North Sea – WWF ??

12.20 **Panel Discussion** – Chair, **Darius Campbell**, Head of Marine Strategy &  
Evidence Division, UK Government

12.55 Introduction to afternoon session – Conference Convener, **Ann Bell**,  
Director & Executive Secretary NSRAC/NSC Marine Resources Advisor

13.00 **Lunch**



## Day Two PM

### 14.00 Parallel Sessions

- **The Integration of Fishing with other activities**  
*Chairman, **Ernesto.Penas-Lado**, Director North Sea, Baltic Sea & Non-Coastal States, DG MARE*  
*Rapporteur, **Richard Pullen**, DEFRA*  
*Presentation – Fisheries Legacy Trust*
- **Sustainable Development of Marine Resources & Developing the economic potential of the North Sea Region through new industries and jobs – support the restructuring of economies and development of supply chains**  
*Chairman, **Christian Byrith**, Interreg North Sea Programme*  
*Rapporteur – **Martin Brebner**, Aberdeenshire Council*  
*Presentation- FOREWIND??*
- **Sustainable Shipping and Ports**  
*Chairman. **Sandy Cluness**, Convener Shetland Islands Council/Vice President North Sea Commission?*  
*Rapporteur -*  
*Presentation – **Mr. Arvid Guthed**, Port of Goteborg*
- **Integrated planning and management of maritime human activities. Focusing on cumulative effects and maritime safety.**  
*Chair –*  
*Rapporteur – **David Palmer**, Marine Planning and Policy, Scottish Government.*  
*Presentation-**Martin Pastoor**, Director of Wageningen UR, Centre for Marine Policy .*

**16.0** Feedback from **Parallel Sessions**

**16.30** **Panel discussion – Huw Irranca Davies** UK Minister for the Marine and Natural Environment

17.00 Summing up & conclusions – Rapporteur, **Professor A. Hawkins**

17.30 Closing remarks – Chairman – **Lord Sewel**