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National Marine Planning Framework

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Department Housing, Planning & Local Government:

National Marine Planning Framework

- Long term planning framework for how we use, protect, enjoy seas – out to 2040;
- Parallel to National Planning Framework;
- Sector by sector elaboration of guiding objectives and planning policies (aquaculture through to waste water)
- Critical basis for future decision making by marine decisions makers - obliged to implement NMPF;
- Mechanism for spatial designation (e.g. ORE zones, Marine Protected Areas)



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Land planning system in Ireland has three main parts:

1. Forward planning (NPF, RSES, CDPs, LAPs);
2. Development Management (systems for dealing with individual proposed developments);
3. Enforcement (to tackle unauthorised development and / or ensure forward planning and development management decisions are properly applied).

Whereas marine planning....

1. No forward planning framework;
2. Multiple development management systems operating under various agencies or Ministers, reflecting a diverse range of activities;
3. Multiple enforcement regimes.

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What is Marine Spatial Planning?

A process that brings together multiple users of the ocean to make informed and coordinated decisions about how to use marine resources sustainably.



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Maritime Area – spatial limits and components



- High Water Mark (HWM) – coastal boundary
 - Maritime boundary of LA functional area – Local Govt Act
 - Seaward limit of forward planning powers – P&D Act
 - Landward limit for MSP and Foreshore Act
 - Ownership of the foreshore from HWM to 12nm – MPER
- Territorial Seas – HWM to 12nm
- EEZ – 12nm up to 200nm
- Continental Shelf – 200nm+
- Maritime Jurisdiction Bill



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Who is involved?

Marine Planning and Development Team

Responsibilities include:

- NMPF
- Foreshore Consenting



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Who is involved?

As well as the Marine Planning Team:

- Multi-sectoral advisory group chaired by Minister English
- Marine Legislation Steering Group: Cross-departmental group chaired by the Department of the Taoiseach
- Scientific and Technical support from the Marine Institute
- SEA and AA undertaken with RPS



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Overarching Government Policy

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Marine Planning Policy
Statement

Planning Policy Statement

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Regional

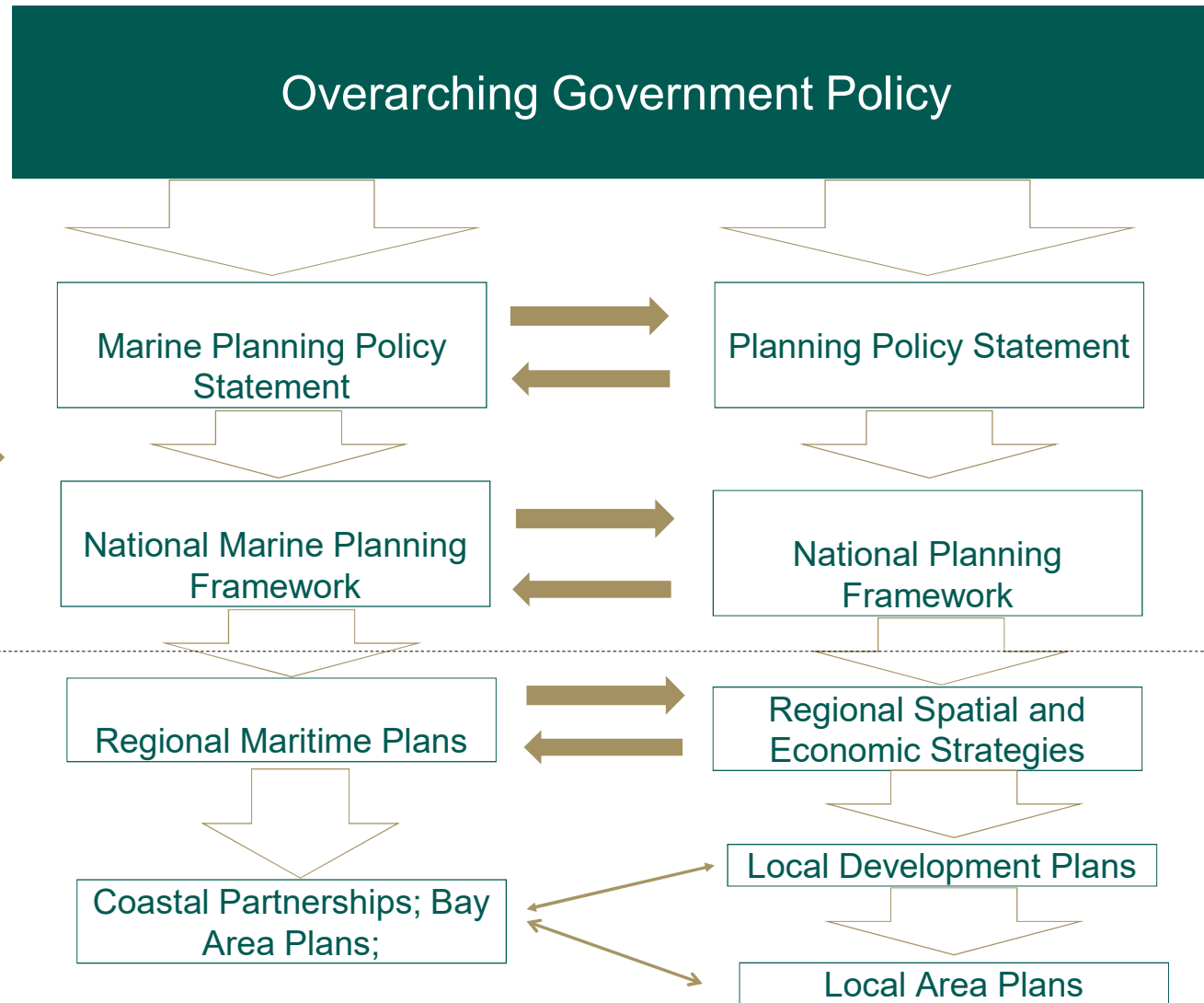
Regional Maritime Plans

Regional Spatial and
Economic Strategies

Coastal Partnerships; Bay
Area Plans;

Local Development Plans

Local Area Plans



Overarching Marine Planning Policies

- Applicable to all proposals in the maritime area
- Grouped according to overarching theme or forward planning pillar (social, environmental and economic), and listed under specific headings
- Contextualised, explained and justified individually
- Represent the characteristics against which impacts of proposals will be considered
- Numbered and presented separately, and cross-referenced to other relevant policies
- Supplemented by the sector specific policies in sectoral chapters in the plan



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Overarching Marine Planning Policies (contd.)



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Environmental	Social	Economic
Air Quality	Access	Co-existence
Biodiversity	Heritage	Infrastructure
Climate Action	Island Communities	
Cumulative Impacts	Seascape and Landscape	
Disturbance	Societal Benefits	
Habitats		
Marine Protected Areas		
Marine Waste and Litter		
Noise		



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Sector/Activity Marine Planning Policies



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Aquaculture➤ Defence and Security➤ Energy – Carbon Capture and Storage➤ Energy – Offshore Gas Storage➤ Energy – Transmission➤ Energy – Petroleum➤ Energy – Offshore Renewable Energy➤ Fisheries | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Marine Aggregates and Mining➤ Ports, Harbours and Shipping➤ Safety at Sea➤ Seaweed Harvesting➤ Sport and Recreation➤ Telecommunications➤ Tourism➤ Waste Water Treatment and Disposal |
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Sector/Activity Marine Planning Policies

Example –Tourism:

Objective

- Position Ireland as a world class sustainable coastal and marine tourism destination through the sustainable development of coastal and marine recreation activities and industries in Ireland



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Sector/Activity Marine Planning Policies

Tourism Planning Policy 1 (of 3)

Proposals supporting, promoting or facilitating sustainable tourism and recreation activities where appropriate, particularly where this creates diversification or additional utilization of related facilities beyond typical usage patterns, should be supported.



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Marine Planning Policies – Supporting Text

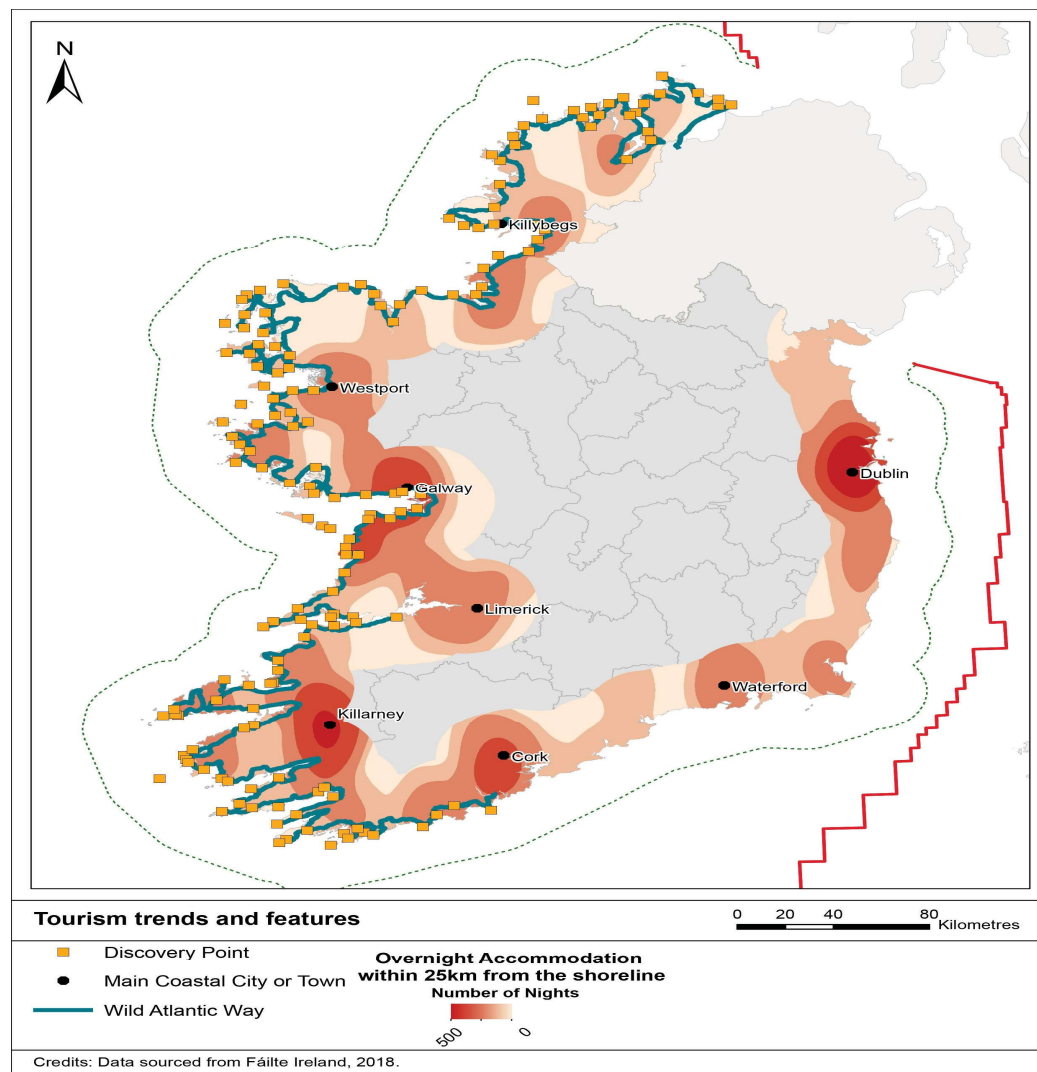
- Each policy to be accompanied by supporting material, including:
- Background to the policy – local, national, European and international context
- Cross-referencing to other relevant policies
- Map(s) including spatial information about the state of activities and identifying where a policy applies e.g. port and harbour jurisdictions
- Interpretation notes for terms or approaches that may be policy specific
- Signposts to important references and / or sources of information e.g. Water Services Policy Statement 2018-2025; People, Place and Policy: Growing Tourism to 2025; NPF.
- Suggestions of who the policy might be of particular interest to



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NMPF – Supporting Projects

- Development of Statutory Marine Planning Guidelines
- Development of Offshore Wind Guidelines
- Marine Planning through local authorities
 - *Regional/Local/Coastal partnerships*
 - *Nearshore/remapping of high water mark (project with MSP, Foreshore, Local Authorities, OSi and Chief Boundary Surveyor)*
- MyPlan for the Marine
- Visualisation Test
- Education programmes for local authority planners
- Education programme for citizens



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NMPF – Next Steps

- Draft NMPF approved by Cabinet in October and launched by Minister English 12 Nov
- Launch of Marine Planning Policy Statement
- SEA/AA/NIS published in parallel
- Consultation ending 28 Feb 2020!!!
- Regional Events in Nov-Dec-Jan



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NMPF – Next Steps

- Regional Events
- Galway – Connacht Hotel – 02 December
 - *2pm and 6pm*
- Tralee – Meadowlands Hotel – 10 December
 - *2pm and 6pm*
- Other events in Killybegs, Bantry, Dungarvan, Wexford, Wicklow and Dublin



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