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The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is inviting stakeholders to get involved in the next stage of the marine planning process for the North East, North West, South East and South West.

Workshops are running throughout February and March and will provide an ideal opportunity for stakeholders to check progress towards the development of marine plans in their area. The workshops will be supported by an opportunity to respond on-line.

The engagement will focus on:

- Draft marine plan area visions.
- Draft options to address issues in each marine plan area.

For more information on marine plan areas and to subscribe to marine planning follow the links below:

[North West](#)

[South East](#)

[South West](#)

[North East](#)

Consultation workshops are taking place on the following dates and locations:

Area	Location	Venue	Date
North West	Whitehaven	Beacon Portal	07/02/18
North West	Liverpool	Adelphi Hotel	08/02/18
South East	Chatham	Sun Pier House	21/02/18
South East	London	The Wesley Euston	22/02/18
South West	Newquay	The Headland Hotel	06/03/18
South West	Plymouth	Future Inn	07/03/18
South West	Weston-super-Mare	The Winter Gardens	08/03/18
North East	Seahouses	The Hub	20/03/18
North East	Newcastle	Copthorne Hotel	21/03/18
North East	Middlesbrough	Middlesbrough Football Club	22/03/18

You can [sign up](#) for the workshops now.

Further information

- There are 11 English marine plan areas, including inshore and offshore

areas. Each area will be covered by a marine plan by 2021 with a 20 year view of activities.

- Marine planning addresses the key issues for the marine area, including the coast, estuaries and tidal waters, as well as developments that impact on these areas. The plans will include a vision and objectives together with policies to achieve them.
- Marine plans are used by public authorities as part of the decision-making process for all new activities and developments in or affecting the marine area.
- Marine plans build on the requirements of the Marine and Coastal Access Act and the Marine Policy Statement.

About marine planning

MMO has produced a short animation called 'What is marine planning?' to explain marine planning.

[Video](#)

Find out more about [marine planning](#).