

News story: New appointments to Marine Management Organisation board

Defra Ministers have appointed Bill Dickson, Peter Judge and David Lyall to the Board of the Marine Management Organisation.

Board members provide non-executive leadership challenge and support to the executive through regular Board meetings, committees and groups.

The Marine Management Organisation is an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB) established in April 2010 and given powers under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. The MMO has a wide range of responsibilities, which include implementing plan-led marine management, licensing marine works and managing UK fishing fleet capacity and UK fisheries quotas.

All appointments to the Marine Management Organisation are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. The appointments comply with the Code of Practice of the Commissioner for Public Appointments.

There is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if significant) to be declared. All three appointees have declared that they have not taken part in any political activity in the past five years.

Marine Management Organisation Board members receive remuneration of £11,804 per annum based on a time commitment of 3 days per month.

Bill Dickson

Bill Dickson is currently Vice Chairman of the Broads Authority. Bill has spent most of his career abroad as a diplomat, latterly as part of the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group for the Handover of Hong Kong, HM Consul-General in Northern Iraq, and then HM Ambassador to Mongolia. Until recently he was Chief Executive of Independent (UK) Exports Ltd, Director of UK Operations at MongoliaNation, and a partner in International Export Partners.

Peter Judge

Peter Judge is currently the Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer) at the North East Combined Authority and, amongst other non-executive roles, is Non-Executive Chair of the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute. Prior to this, Peter was the HM Attorney General of the Falklands Islands and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

David Lyall

David Lyall is currently a Trustee at Action Foundation and is part of the Senior Leadership Team at City Church, Newcastle. David is on the board of North Star Housing Association. He is the former Chief Information Officer at HCA/Homes England.