

# JNCC MARINE NATURA 2000 PROJECT GROUP MINUTES

## ELEVENTH MEETING 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2006

11:00 – 15:00 JNCC, MONKSTONE HOUSE

### FINAL MINUTES

#### Present (around table):

Jan Pentreath (JP) (Chair) - Joint Committee  
Malcolm Vincent (MV) - JNCC  
Charlotte Johnston (CJ) – JNCC  
Viv Blyth-Skyrme (VB-S) – JNCC  
Annabelle Aish (AA) - JNCC  
Jim Reid (JR) - JNCC  
Andy Webb (AW) - JNCC  
Helen Baker (HB) - JNCC  
Nigel Buxton (NB) - SNH  
Wyn Jones (WJ) - JNCC  
Peter Clement (PC) – EN

Simon Brockington (SB) – EN  
Kate Jennings (KJ) – EN  
Louise Burton (LB) – EN  
Ben James (BJ) – SNH  
Ian Enlander (IE) - EHS

#### By video-link:

Mandy McMath (MM) – CCW  
Catherine Gray (CG) - CCW  
Kirsten Ramsay (KR) - CCW

#### Apologies:

Adam Cole-King – CCW  
David Connor - JNCC  
Jen Ashworth – EN  
John Baxter - SNH  
Joe Breen - EHS  
Allan Drewitt - EN  
Sian Whitehead – CCW  
Ben Dean - SNH

Sarah Wood – CCW  
Jo Myers - Defra  
Howard Platt – DoENI  
Dan Laffoley - EN  
Paul Gilliland - EN  
Kate Bull - EN  
Ian Bainbridge - Scottish Executive  
Mark Tasker - JNCC

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

JP welcomed the attendees. Apologies were noted as above.

#### 2. Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Marine Natura Project Group meeting 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 05 and matters arising

Minutes from the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed by the project group. One amendment to item 8.1 was noted (The “3,000km figure for range of breeding guillemots” was corrected to “MCC 3000km<sup>2</sup> used range for breeding guillemots”). HB commented that decision-making with regard to SPAs was not adequately reflected in the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. This was noted for future minutes, but no corrections to these minutes were received. Action Points from the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting have either been discharged or will be addressed/carried forward at this meeting under appropriate agenda items (see below). Due to misunderstandings over the ‘carrying over’ of Action Points, a new series of numbered Action Points will be listed for this meeting.

Action points from 10 <sup>th</sup> Project Group meeting		Status
10.1	JBr & JB to comment on list of Natura sites towards OSPAR network	completed
10.2	CJ to update timetable for SACs	carried forward
10.3	MT to distribute SCANS II map	completed
10.4	AW to circulate draft Comm paper on colony extension guidance	completed

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10.5	Project Group to comment on timetable & funding for SPA work	carried forward
10.6	Project Group to comment on draft Comm paper on SPA process	completed

### 3. EU and UK Marine working groups

#### 3.1 Update on work for the EU Marine Expert Group. Guidelines on implementation of Marine Natura 2000 in Europe: summary of progress

CJ informed the group that little progress had been made on these guidelines since the last MN2K PG meeting in Sept 05. An EU Marine Expert Group meeting had been due in Jan 06, but the outcomes of this meeting were not yet known. The group recalled that the Commission had recommended a scientific review of the definition of Annex I 'Sandbanks slightly covered by seawater all the time'. Agreement had not been reached within the Marine Expert Group or Habitats Committee as to how this definition should be modified. In the meantime, the definition outlined in the interpretation manual of European Habitats (1999) is still applicable. No further information had been received on potential changes to the Annexes to the Habitats Directive.

#### 3.2 Update on Habitats regulations

CJ advised the group that the Offshore Habitat Regulations were still imminent. A consultation document on these regulations is due in March 06, and the target date for the introduction of the Regulations is currently Sept 06. The Marine Bill Regulations are expected to be in place in October 06, with a public consultation on the Marine Bill anticipated in Feb 06. The forthcoming Marine Bill is expected to determine new legislation governing MPA designation and address any shortfalls in the UK's contribution to the OSPAR MPA network.

#### 3.3 Summary of the current position on Favourable Conservation Status

WJ reported that the European Commission had produced a Framework Document on the reporting of Favourable Conservation Status (FCS), which had been approved by the Habitats Committee in April 05. The group was informed that, in line with the Habitats Directive (Art. 17), Member States will need to report on FCS in 2007. The suggested parameters for reporting will be discussed by the Scientific Working Group in two weeks' time. A workshop was held in the UK on 9th Feb 06 to consider what these parameters (for both habitats and species) might be. The group was reminded that there were 150 habitats and species to report upon (both within and outside SACs), and that the information requirements of this exercise were substantial. As such, more active agency involvement in this process was encouraged at the project group meeting. The group was advised that a separate assessment of FCS for marine species and habitats was likely to be necessary, given the incomplete implementation Marine Natura 2000 in Europe.

#### 3.4 Report on Natura and Ramsar Steering Committee & UK Marine Sub-Group

The group was informed that the UK Marine sub-group had not met since the last (10<sup>th</sup>) MN2K Project Group meeting. A Natura and Ramsar Steering Committee meeting had been scheduled in February 06, though this was supplanted by a meeting of the Natura Ramsar Forum on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 06. No revised date for the Steering Committee meeting has been provided. Issues requiring discussion by this Committee include i) progress with the UK's contribution to the OSPAR MPA network and ii) developing a timetable for offshore MN2K site selection/designation.

### 4. Selection of SACs for Annex I habitat interest features

#### 4.1 Update on 2005 survey programme for inshore habitat SACs

**English Nature:** SB informed the group of EN's survey programme developments since the publication of the BMT Cordah report (Dec 05). This report focused on 7/8 areas of search (including the Outer Wash, Thames Estuary and Lyme Bay), which EN aims to survey over the next 18 months with assistance from environmental consultants. A package of work has been developed which would take these areas of search from the drafting process through to consultation (and include the collation of

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information needed for Regulation 33 advice). It was noted that there were several areas where EN and JNCC's work will overlap, and opportunities for collaboration were touched upon. The group was informed that SB and LB were working on the technical specification for this tender.

**SNH:** BJ provided details of SNH's survey programme for habitat SACs. The group was informed that the 2006/07 work programme has been reduced. Planned work included mapping the Sound of Barra, monitoring in Loch Sunart, mapping and monitoring work in Luce Bay, and an impact study of scallop dredging in the Firth of Lorn. A full list of survey sites is available from BJ.

**CCW:** KR informed the group that questions regarding SAC monitoring should be addressed to Bill Sanderson. In terms of the identification of new SACs, survey work was underway in NW Anglesey. This (potential) site has been identified on the basis of its reef habitat, though cetaceans may also be qualifying features (see item 5.1). The group discussed scope for the identification of an offshore SAC in this area.

**EHS:** IE summarised progress made in NI: assessment and monitoring work was continuing at Rathlin Island, and broad-scale mapping of maerl beds off the Antrim coast and the Dundrum sandbank complex had been undertaken.

### 4.2 Summary of progress and planned work towards the completion of SAC site selection for Annex I Habitats in offshore waters

VB-S introduced the backing paper MN2KPG11\_3\_JNCCHabs.doc and advised the group that 8 sites (plus one subsumed) had already been submitted to Defra for consideration. Two further offshore areas are likely to be considered for recommendation to JNCC Committee in 2006: Blackstones Bank and Rockall Bank. It was highlighted that Blackstones Bank and possibly Rockall Bank (depending on the location of the interest feature in relation to jurisdictional boundaries) would need to be progressed jointly with SNH. JNCC outlined the following as priority areas for survey (and/or further data analysis) in 2006/07: the Irish Sea (sandbank and pinnacles/mounds), the Eastern English Channel (reef) and North Anglesey (reef). The group discussed stakeholder interaction in relation to offshore sites. The group went on to consider how JNCC's remit and resources to undertake consultation on designation (or management) of offshore SACs may change with the introduction of the offshore Habitats Regulations. The group was informed of the recent discovery of extensive areas of *Sabellaria spinulosa* in the southern North Sea. This could be a potential Annex I reef; further data analysis was required before this can be confirmed. The group agreed to update the list of Areas of Search for SACs in the UK, to avoid duplication between inshore and offshore habitats (some subtypes of sandbanks and reefs occur in both offshore waters and inshore waters, and several AoS straddle the 12nm boundary). It was acknowledged that the European Commission have indicated that marine SAC identification should be completed by 2008.

**AP 11.1** VB-S to i) send out updated map from Report 325 showing labelled areas of search and ii) add S North Sea *Sabellaria spinulosa* potential reef area of search to Table 2 of MN2KPG11\_3\_JNCCHabs.doc and re-circulate

**AP 11.2** Agencies to provide input to MN2KPG11\_3\_JNCCHabs.doc on prospective areas of search (to VB-S). CJ/VB-S to revise list of areas of search (following Agencies' input) by the next PG meeting (May)

### 4.3 Consideration of completion of UK SAC series for Annex I and II marine features

AA introduced backing paper MN2KPG11\_4\_UKHabitat.doc, and gave a presentation clarifying (and further developing) the objectives of the above paper. The group was reminded that the focus of this paper was on those marine habitats i) for which there is a reserve on the Atlantic biogeographic region list of SACs ii) which are found both in inshore and offshore waters: namely Annex I Reefs and Sandbanks. However, the proposed approach *may* be useful in the assessment of FCS of other marine habitats. The group was asked to consider: which Reef/Sandbank sub-features are formally recognised by the Agencies and ii) which EUNIS biotopes these sub-features correspond to. The group commented on the applicability of this approach to inshore SAC features. Overall, it was concluded that a more

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pragmatic approach to sub-type categorisation, rather than one based on a biotope classification, might be more feasible. The group agreed to consider the former version of this backing paper, and attend a meeting to devise a common workable scheme to assist in assessing representativity for sandbanks and reefs across the whole UK at a sub-feature level.

**AP 11.3 AA to circulate Interest features/sub-features presentation and former version of UKHabitat.doc paper to PG (for information)**

**AP 11.4 AA to organise a meeting amongst relevant specialists (SB, LB, BJ, KR, JBr) on how to take forward the MN2KPG11\_4\_UKHabitat.doc paper**

### **4.4 Information item: Presentation of revised Offshore SAC Proformas**

CJ informed the group that EN had previously commented on the structure and content of the offshore dSAC proformas (specifically on the conservation objectives and sensitivity/vulnerability assessments) These and other comments are being integrated and will be circulated to the Project Group in due course.

## **5. Selection of SACs for Annex II species**

### **5.1 Update on progress with cetacean and seal research**

MM reported that CCW had analysed cetacean data to inform the selection potential SACs in Welsh inshore waters. Areas provisionally graded at A, B and C (Global assessment grade) for cetacean presence might be put, depending on whether Government supported further SAC designation in Wales. Potential sites, including Strumble Head, NW Anglesey and Cardigan Bay were discussed by the project group. It was agreed that any new data on populations of harbour porpoise in Cardigan Bay would have to be submitted to the JNC Committee in support of a (potential) dSAC proposal. The group was informed that a bottlenose dolphin monitoring officer had been appointed at Cardigan Bay (starting in March and managed by Seawatch). CCW will also be undertaking grey seal tracking work (photo id.) and continuing harbour porpoise surveys/monitoring around the Welsh coast. BJ outlined SNH's cetacean and pinniped research. With regard to seals, this included: grey seal diet analysis in NW Scotland; common seal monitoring (conducted by SMRU); a seal tracking project; a Moray Firth seal-salmon interaction study; research on seal 'scrammers' and a variety of other smaller studies (eg. on salmon bottle necks). Cetacean research has focused on: Bottlenose dolphins (Paul Thomson) across the whole of Scotland (including photo id, aerial surveys); two-year study of BND status in the Moray Firth; BND biopsy and strandings work at St Andrews University; and a marine wildlife watching code. Scans II survey data have been collated, but results of analysis unlikely to be ready by April 06.

**AP 11.5 MT to keep group updated with results of SCANS II survey**

## **6. The UK's contribution to Natura 2000 in the marine environment**

### **6.1 Update on MN2KPG11\_5\_Timetable.doc**

CJ introduced backing paper MN2KPG11\_5\_Timetable.doc. The group was asked to update this paper before each Project Group meeting to highlight both JNCC and Agency plans for forthcoming papers, and decisions relating to the site selection and approval process. The group was informed that discussions between JNCC and SNH on the progression of the Blackstones Bank site were ongoing.

**AP 11.6 Agencies to provide input to MN2KPG11\_5\_Timetable.doc on habitat and species SACs, and SPAs. AA to revise and re-circulate updated version of document to Project Group**

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## 7. OSPAR

CJ advised the group that the MPA network element of OSPAR was now being led by the Scottish Executive (David Mallon) on behalf of Defra. Progress on the OSPAR MPA network was discussed at the last OSPAR MPA UK meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December 05.

### **AP 11.7 CJ to re-circulate meeting minutes from OSPAR MPA UK meeting in Dec 05**

#### **7.1 UK contribution of SACs to the OSPAR MPA network: Phase I by 2005**

CJ introduced backing paper MN2KPG11\_2\_OSPARN2K.doc, which had been submitted to the project group as an information item. This paper documents decisions regarding which N2K sites were submitted to OSPAR as part of the UK's initial contribution to the MPA network. 72 N2K sites were reviewed, and 56 of these were submitted to the OSPAR Commission. CJ reminded the group that this was essentially a double-badging exercise. Omitted sites included i) those consisting only of narrow inter-tidal areas ii) lagoonal sites. The group was informed that the inclusion of lagoons in OSPAR MPAs was still under review; the outcome would depend on future clarification of the landward boundary of the OSPAR Maritime Area (and Contracting Parties interpretation of this boundary). The group was asked for information on management plans/measures in place for these 56 sites, to contribute to an OSPAR implementation report (JNCC will circulate a form for the Agencies to complete).

#### **7.2 Discussion on OSPAR MPA coastal boundaries and their potential correspondence with EMS boundaries**

CJ advised the group that the OSPAR Maritime area extends from marine waters to internal waters up to the freshwater limit. In submitting Natura sites to OSPAR, a cut-off is required to separate the marine elements of those Natura sites from terrestrial areas. The group was advised that the marine components of Natura sites submitted to OSPAR should ideally correspond to those parts managed as European marine sites, rather than creating alternative non-statutory boundaries. The Agencies were therefore asked for GIS polygon data for these 56 European marine sites by October 2006, for onward transmission to OSPAR. It was acknowledged that the landward limit for these sites may vary between agency (depending on whether HAT, MHW or MHWS were used).

### **AP 11.8 Agencies to send AA European marine site boundaries (of 56 sites UK submitted to OSPAR) as GIS files.**

#### **7.3 Report from MASH 05 and ICG-MPAs Jan 06**

CJ informed the group that, at the Nov 05 MASH meeting, discussions focused on the initial submission of OSPAR MPAs to the network by contracting parties. The OSPAR Initial List of Threatened and Declining species and habitats and management measures for these (including MPAs) was also considered. The group was notified that relevant papers were available through the OSPAR website (and could also be provided by CJ).

#### **7.4 Update from EN on OSPAR Management effectiveness of MPAs work**

SB advised the group that EN (Jen Ashworth) had been developing a 'Management Effectiveness Scorecard' based on a World Bank model. The group discussed the need to give local marine site managers more control over their sites, and considered EN's proposal for a UK-wide assessment of the efficacy of N2K site management schemes.

### **AP 11.9 SB to send SNH (BJ), EHS (JBr) and CCW (KR) a copy of EN's MPA management effectiveness scorecard (to be completed by the Agencies if possible)**

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## **7.5 OSPAR Initial List of Threatened and/or declining habitats/species for which area based protection is appropriate**

CJ introduced backing paper MN2KPG11\_1\_OSPART&D.doc. Apologies were given for the delay in the circulation of this paper to the project group. CJ advised the group that this draft paper considered OSPAR Stage 1 ecological criteria (presence of OSPAR threatened or declining species and habitats/biotopes) for the selection of OSPAR MPAs. This paper has been developed to feed into Phase II of the UK's contribution to the OSPAR MPA network. The group was informed that Agency assistance was required to identify i) which of the 'OSPAR Threatened and Declining species and habitats' are found in UK waters; and ii) of these, which are declining and/or threatened in UK waters (with supporting evidence). JNCC will then consider which of these species and habitats can be conserved through marine protected areas. More generic comments on the paper were also welcomed.

### **AP 11.10 Agencies to provide comments to AA & CJ on MN2KPG11\_1\_OSPART&D.doc (particularly with regard to Tables 4 and 5)**

## **7.6 Process for consideration of additional OSPAR MPAs by 2010**

CJ informed the group that JNCC will shortly produce a plan for the completion of the UK contribution to the OSPAR MPA network by 2010.

## **8. Seaward extensions to seabird breeding colony SPAs**

The group was informed of feedback from Committee (Dec 05 Committee meeting) on the selection of trans-boundary N2K sites (i.e. those partially within offshore waters and partially within inshore waters). It was agreed by Committee that, if a site is 90% or more within territorial waters, the relevant Agency will take the lead in its submission. Where a site is 90% or more in offshore waters, JNCC will take the lead in its submission. If the site lies 'between' these divisions, the Agency in question and JNCC will work together on the submission of the site to Defra. In relation to seabird colony extensions, Committee accepted the 4km minimum guideline for extensions of Manx Shearwater breeding colonies (unless evidence suggests this should be greater). JNCC had also identified those species for which generic guidelines on breeding colony extensions would not be appropriate: namely shags, red-throated divers, and terns. Seaward extensions of colonies of these seabird species should be undertaken on a site-by-site basis.

### **8.1 Update on 2006 survey programme, breeding colony SPA extensions and red throated diver work**

An update on SPA survey work was provided by JNCC. JNCC have been collecting field data in the Northern Isles over the last few years (including direct observations, flight lines, feeding trips and radio tracking) and have modelled feeding areas for red throated divers. This model was presented by Ben Dean at a recent SPAR meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Feb). The group also discussed the need to consider expert judgement in the selection of suitable sites for these species.

## **9. Inshore aggregations of waterbirds**

### **9.1 Update on survey and analysis (focus on Moray Firth inshore aggregation analysis)**

AW notified the group that JNCC were awaiting the results of an analysis on boundary delineation for the Moray Firth site. This area supports qualifying numbers of red throated and great northern divers, though a boundary has yet to be determined. The 'krigging' methodology proved inappropriate at this site, due the nature of the aggregations. An alternative method, 'home range analysis', is now being applied. A report documenting the outcomes of this analysis should be available by early March 06. The project group was advised that the maps produced from the two methods were comparable, and that home range analysis would only be used when the method of choice (krigging) was not practicable. JR notified the group that JNCC was conducting a 'home range analysis' in Liverpool Bay to establish whether similar results would be obtained from both methods. The group asked that the respective

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benefits and limitations of the two methods be clearly documented. The group was notified that additional data to inform SPA selection would be collected in winter 2006 in the Thames Estuary and the Greater Wash area.

## 10. Aggregations away from the coast

### 10.1 Update on analysis

JR confirmed that there was no progress to report on the analysis of seabird aggregations away from the coast.

## 11. Timetable of work and process for classification of marine SPAs

### 11.1 Proposed costs and schedule for completion of fieldwork, analyses and advice in relation to Marine SPAs

JR introduced backing paper MN2KPG11\_6\_SPATimetablev3.doc. This had been revised in response to comments by the Scottish Executive: specifically, policy drivers were now included. The group was informed that the main thrust of the paper was the division of fieldwork and analysis costs for marine SPA selection amongst the countries of the UK. It was noted that this paper was a proposal, to be discussed further and modified. The group considered the relative financial contributions of each country towards different elements of the work. CCW queried whether there were any policy alternatives to those outlined in the paper. It was acknowledged that highlighting these alternatives in the report might provide a stronger case for Welsh financial support. Some concerns over potential contributions were raised by SNH, given the substantial funding SEERAD had already provided for survey work in inshore waters. The group noted that EHS had made a commitment as far as their budget allowed. The group discussed Agency preference for funding specific actions, rather than generic surveying work. JNCC and the Agencies agreed on the need to establish priorities, and identify the course of action which would provide the greatest value for money, using this draft project outline and associated potential funding as a basis. The group considered the merit of a separate meeting to review the survey timetable and associated budget. The group went on to discuss anticipated Defra funding for surveys of offshore aggregations of seabirds; developing a methodology for assessing these offshore aggregations was a key JNCC priority. Budgets for inshore and offshore survey work were discussed in more detail.

## 12. The UK's contribution to Natura 2000 in the marine environment

### 12.1 Update on MN2KPG11\_5\_Timetable.doc

MV, in reference to MN2KPG11\_5\_Timetable.doc, asked that a process and timetable be developed to progress the Thames estuary and Wash sites through the Project Group, to agency Councils and ultimately to Joint Committee. Once agreed, this process could be followed for subsequent sites. The group considered the suggestion that both areas be progressed at the same time, to allow a definitive boundary between the two sites to be delineated. It was concluded that MN2KPG11\_5\_Timetable.doc needed to be updated in light of these discussions.

## 13. Papers to groups

### 13.1 Papers to the Joint Nature Conservation Committee in 2006

The group noted JNCC's plans to submit an update paper to Committee on progress with SPA selection in September 06, and an equivalent paper on SAC selection in December 06 (including site recommendations for Blackstones Bank and Rockall Bank if possible). With respect to Liverpool Bay, the group was informed that an informal consultation process would begin in April 06; the formal consultation process is likely to be initiated in Oct 06.

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## 14. Any other business

### 14.1 Review of UK Marine SACs website

AA reminded the group that the UK marine SACs website was out-of-date. While some parts of the site contained useful sources of information on marine SACs, other elements (including maps of the site network) needed additional text clarifying that the SAC network had since been extended. The group agreed that the website needed updating in the short term. In the longer term, more substantial modifications would depend on funding availability. JNCC had already identified aspects of the website that need updating and will act on this where appropriate, following Agency feedback.

### 14.2 UK Marine SAC management plan database

JNCC proposed developing a spreadsheet/database containing management status information for all European marine sites. This proposal stemmed from obligations to provide information on site management to various fora (including OSPAR). The spreadsheet would be updated regularly, and could be made publicly available. Project group members agreed that this would be a positive step and a learning experience for the Agencies (as each country's sites are managed somewhat differently). It was clarified that this database would hold basic information on site management status, though more detail could be added at a later date.

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### Summary of action points from 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of Marine Natura Project Group

Action point number	Action	Action by	Action on
11.1	VB-S to i) send out updated map from Report 325 showing labelled areas of search and ii) add southern North Sea potential Sabellaria reef area of search to Table 2 of MN2KPG11_3_JNCCHabs.doc and re-circulate (Agenda item 4.2)	17th Feb 06	VB-S
11.2	Agencies to provide input to MN2KPG11_3_JNCCHabs.doc on prospective areas of search (to VB-S).  CJ/VB-S to revise list of areas of search (following Agencies' input) by the next PG meeting (May) (Agenda item 4.2)	12th April 06  May 06	All SAC members  CJ/VB-S
11.3	AA to circulate Interest features/sub-features presentation and former version of UKHabitat.doc paper to PG (for information) (Agenda item 4.3)	10th Feb 06	AA
11.4	AA to organise a meeting amongst relevant specialists (SB, LB, BJ, KR, JBr) on how to take forward the MN2KPG11_4_UKHabitat.doc paper (Agenda item 4.3)	16th Feb 06	AA
11.5	MT to convey results of SCANS II survey to Project Group (Agenda item 5)	May 06	MT
11.6	Agencies to provide input to MN2KPG11_5_Timetable.doc on habitat and species SACs, and SPAs.  AA to revise and re-circulate updated version of document to Project Group (Agenda item 6)	16th Feb 06  23rd Feb 06	All SAC members and SPA members  AA
11.7	CJ to re-circulate meeting minutes from OSPAR MPA UK meeting (Agenda item 3.4)	16th Feb 06	CJ
11.8	Agencies to send AA European Marine Site boundaries (of 56 sites UK submitted to OSPAR) as GIS files. If there are any problems with this deadline, contact AA (Agenda item 7.2)	30th April 06	All SAC members
11.9	SB to send SNH (BJ), EHS (JBr) and CCW (KR) a copy of EN's MPA management effectiveness scorecard (to be completed by the Agencies if possible) (Agenda item 7.4)	16th Feb 06	SB
11.10	Agencies to provide comments to AA & CJ on MN2KPG11_1_OSPART&D.doc (particularly with regard to Tables 4 and 5) (Agenda item 7.5)	2nd March 06	All SAC members and SPA members
11.11	AW to circulate report on Inshore Aggregations of Waterbirds in the Moray Firth to Project Group (Agenda item 9)	10th March 06	AW

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11.12	JR to provide Project Group with an update paper on marine SPA classification work, as a draft of a paper to Committee for Sept 06 (Agenda item 11)	May 06	JR
11.13	AA to follow up with Agencies re the potential re-invigoration of the UK Marine SACs website (Agenda item 14)	8th March 06	AA
11.14	AA to follow up with Agencies re the potential creation of a simple UK European marine site management plan database (Agenda item 14)	8th March 06	AA