Offshore MCZ Stakeholder Workshop
Key Messages from Day 2
North Sea

- UK and non-UK fishing interest throughout the region
- Concerns about potential displacement & gear conflict
- Recent increase in Danish & Swedish sandeel fishing
- Alternative options suggested
Eastern Channel

- Lyme Bay Deeps proposal for White-Beaked Dolphin: the site will future-proof protection of species
- East Meridian/Inner Bank rMCZ: significant concerns from non-UK fishing & <15m data missing
- Reassurance that all industries will be considered equally
Western Channel & Celtic Seas

- South West Deeps East rMCZ is very important to French industry who suggested some new proposals
- Potential future cables in the area
- Clarity needed on proposals for Welsh Waters
Irish Sea

- All T3 options have high value to UK industry
- Displacement & gear conflict will be issue
- Queenie Corner is an *alternative*
- Support from eNGOs for all sites
- Western mud sites are important ecologically & economically
General points

- General support for conservation advice, noting some products are dated with newer products available
- Request for more detailed information on contribution of sites
- General support for all rMCZs from eNGOs
- Implication of ongoing management discussions for other sites on T3 options is unclear
Next steps

- JNCC will send out summary slides and maps
- Some further bilateral meetings are being planned
- Workshop report will include a summary and the detailed information provided in the breakout sessions
- Stakeholder comments will go to Defra with JNCC/Natural England scientific advice
- Seasketch will remain open with the forums and it can be used to provide data and site options
- Data can be submitted to JNCC via email – address on cards
- JNCC considering best option for further engagement in early 2017 on site proposals