



PROGRAM: Zoom Event: Oct 7th 4 pm to 5.15 pm

Who Does What in the Coastal Zone and Marine Environment

Coastwatch citizen scientists are surveying right around the island of Ireland coast now. Some are coming across high value features they want to report and see protected, some come across issues or pollution incidents which need to be addressed. Questions directed to Coastwatch coordinators and stories of frustration trying to alert the right authority and find a way to get a quick reaction, highlight a real need for more clarity and information. This should lead to a simple guide of who is responsible for what where in the coastal zone and inshore waters and how to make contact and follow up on cases.

MARA the new **Maritime Area Regulatory Authority** has kindly agreed to give such an overview and answer questions in this first zoom session focussed on the Republic of Ireland. The next will focus on county councils and ABP as planning authorities in the 'near shore' zone, the third on other departments and key agencies. Finally we will look to Northern Ireland and the two cross border loughs.

We would like you to join if one or more of these aims resonate with you:

1. To better understand which body has what authority and responsibility in the coastal zone and near shore waters and get an overview of the new marine planning and management system.
2. To know where to get timely information and alerts for plans and applications in the marine and seashore area, or to help design such an information alert system drawing on established good practise on land.
3. To know how to report issues and findings in such a way that they can and will be followed up and how to be kept informed on action.
4. To explore a new way of better law compliance and enforcement with active informed citizen participation and citizen generated data.

TIME pm	PROGRAMME
3.45	Zoom opens - NB - questions can be put into the chat from zoom opening. You can give your name and anybody you represent or ask anonymously.
3.55	Welcome and golden rules – Bernie Connolly, Coastwatch
4.00	Introduction to the Coastwatch citizen information series, welcome and MARA speakers. <i>Karin Dubsy, Coastwatch coordinator</i>
4.05	An Overview: Who is now in charge of what where - from estuarine shores out to territorial waters. Local authority, MARA, DAFFM and state body roles are set out and an introduction to MARA's Maritime Usage Licenses <i>Dr. Alison McCarthy, Head of Maritime Usage Licensing, MARA</i>
4.15	Marine Area Consent (MAC) and DMAP. <i>Kate Clark, Head of Maritime Area Consents, MARA</i>
4.25	Compliance and Enforcement: who monitors, who enforces and building an issue reporting system. <i>Brendan Kissane, MARA Compliance, Enforcement and Revenue team</i>
4.45	Questions and Answers Please enter questions for MARA or the room in zoom chat. We will also take some from the floor. <i>Facilitators: Bernie Connolly and Karin Dubsy</i>
5.10	Thank you and next steps
5.15	END

Anyone joining who has no back ground knowledge about the new marine planning regime, or would like a quick refresher, here a link: <https://www.maritimeregulator.ie>