

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON COASTAL MARINE SPATIAL  
PLANNING UPDATE

Staff Officer Mr. Kerry Griffin briefed the Habitat Committee (HC) on the marine planning section of the National Ocean Policy.

The HC noted that even though the new Regional Planning Bodies will not have regulatory authority, the planning framework will likely create a new level of consideration of habitat issues.

The HC also wishes to express its appreciation to the Council and staff for the determined efforts to see that fishing interests are represented on the Regional Planning Bodies, which is now the case.

The HC recommends that the Council establish a place on its website with easily accessible information about marine planning.

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