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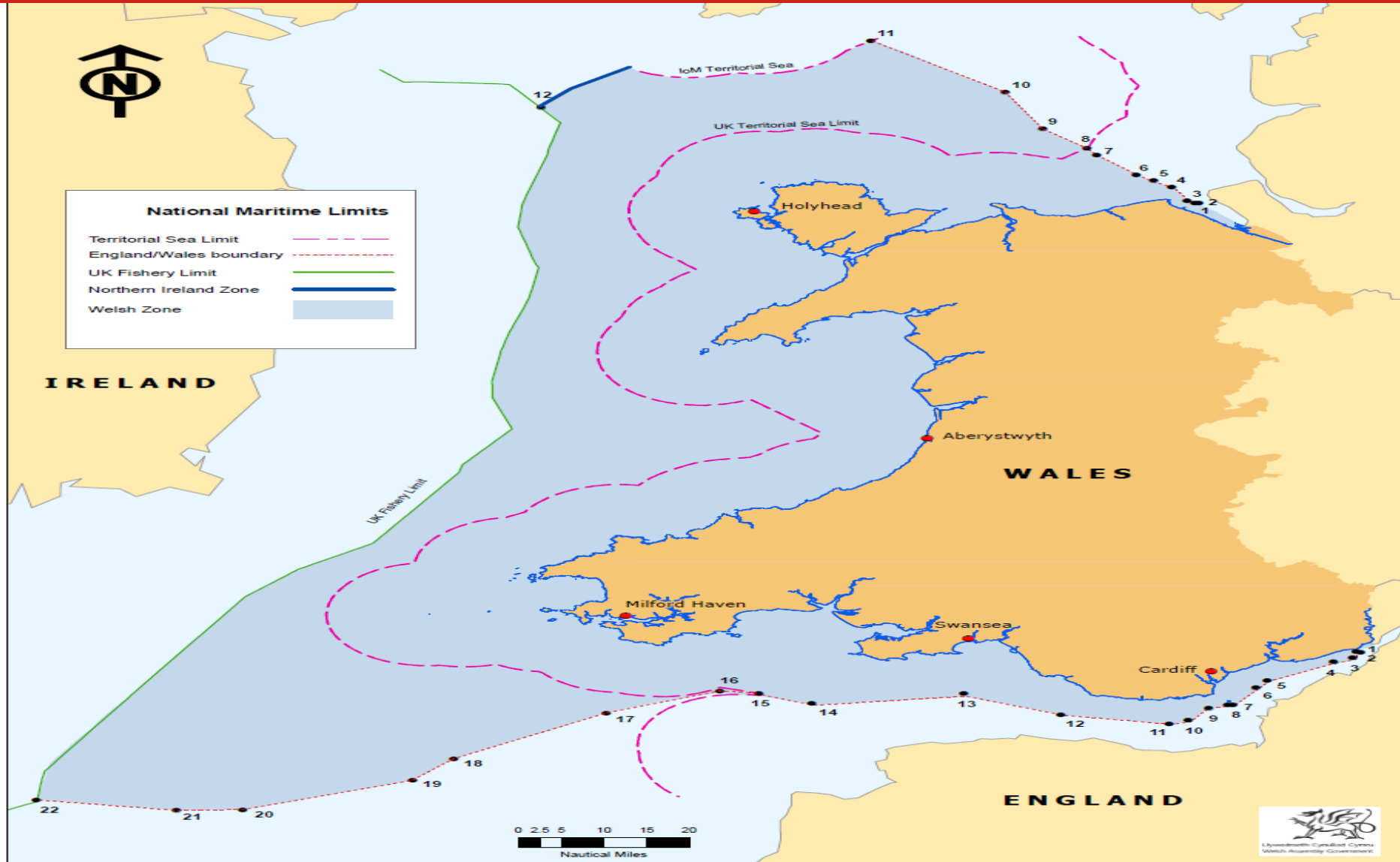
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Welsh Marine Plan Area



WG Consultation & Engagement

- The previous administration went out to consultation on our approach to marine planning in Feb 2011.
- The consultation was informed by a cross-cutting marine planning stakeholder group made up of WCMP members.
- Key commitments, messages and questions were:
 - commitment to national planning with spatial priorities by 2012/13.
 - Relatively open questions on the level sub-national planning
 - Open question on land/sea integration.
 - Open questions on evidence and data.
 - A proposed governance structure.
 - Commitment to openness, engagement and transparency.

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Responses

- Stakeholders were in broad agreement with the need for a national plan with spatial priorities.
- Stakeholders were split on the level of detailed sub-national planning.
- Several evidence gaps were suggested – Mobile species, sea bed mapping, socio-economic data.

New Administration

- The Minister has reaffirmed the approach but with a review of timings.
- He has also asked for the approach to be cleared by ministerial colleagues due to the cross cutting nature of the work.
- Since the Ministers announcements a further meeting of the WCMP marine planning group has been held to update and discuss next steps.
- There will be a further WG announcement, expected later this year/early next year, on revised timings and next steps.

Current/Planned Work

- Marine team working with all relevant WG policy areas to plan and map in detail what might be the different spatial priorities now and in the future for the Welsh marine area.
- As part of this exercise, map in more detail the evidence gaps and research needs.
- Consider how marine planning fits with other key WG initiatives such as the Natural Environment Framework (NEF).

Current/Planned Work

- Consider the role of existing coastal fora ie WCMP, SEP, PCF.
- Liaising closely with MMO and Marine Scotland on potential cross-border issues, cross cutting research and other opportunities and best practice in stakeholder engagement.
- Ongoing stakeholder engagement to inform and help develop all of the above.

Questions?

- Any questions please contact Al Storer who is happy to receive emails or telephone calls or ask via SEP

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