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A round up of the latest news from Net Gain  
The North Sea Marine Conservation Zones Project



Surfers at Saltburn

The Net Gain Project has been set up to identify and recommend potential sites for Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) in the English North Sea. The Net Gain process is different from other similar projects in that it aims to involve all those who have an interest in the North Sea and its future from the start, from large scale fisheries and aggregates to divers and wildlife enthusiasts.

Net Gain is pleased to announce that the Humber Industry Nature Conservation Association (HINCA) have officially taken over from the Yorkshire and Humber Seafood Group as the administrative hosts of the Net Gain project.

The Humber INCA is a 'not for profit' company that serves its members and the community by working to integrate nature conservation into business activities in a practical way so that both business and the environment benefit. It is a partnership bringing together industry, local authorities, environmental regulators and nature conservation organisations.

Darren Clarke, Conservation Manager at the Humber INCA said: "Humber INCA is pleased and privileged to be supporting Net Gain. This is an exciting project, safeguarding and protecting of our marine resources, and ties in well with our work on and around the Humber"



Angler at Spurn Point

## Peter Ryder meets with Stakeholder Advisory Panel

We were delighted when Peter Ryder, Chair of the Science Advisory Panel, attended the last meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Panel (StAP) in York. This gave the members of the StAP the opportunity to pass on questions and feedback from their sectors and obtain key information that will be central the progress made towards the second iteration. It was a very productive meeting, and has set a really positive tone for the project as we move forward.

Full lists of the members of the Stakeholder Advisory Panel as well as minutes and agendas from all meetings to date are available on the Stakeholder Engagement Chart section of our website. This section of the website also contains all the up to date information available on the Science Advisory Panel and Regional Hubs.

## Net Gain goes international!

We have received our first data from an international stakeholder. The Danish sand eel and seine net fisheries activity data for the Net Gain Project area has been received, due in no small part to the international stakeholder engagement work completed by our Senior Liaison Officer, Ian Rowe in Denmark and The Netherlands. We looking forward to building on these relationships as the project moves forward.

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The North Sea Marine Conservation Zones Project



Dani Sewell,  
PR and Communications Manager

## 60 seconds with... Dani Sewell PR & Communications Manager

### What does your day to day job entail?

I am based in the Hull team along with 9 other members of our team. On a typical day I will be checking on the website to ensure it's up to date, working closely with our web designers and our Stakeholder Manager, Steve Barnard to make sure that our stakeholders have access to the information that they need. I will also be responding to media enquiries, writing and distributing press releases and liaising with media professionals throughout our project area to ensure that they are kept informed about Net Gain.

### What is your favourite part of working for the Net Gain Project?

Since starting at Net Gain I have met so many people from different sectors and walks of life, from whom I have learned a great deal. That would have to be my favourite part of the job; no two days are the same and there are always new people engaging with the project who bring their own perspectives and expert knowledge to the process.

### Where have you previously worked?

After completing my BA in English Lit and Film Studies at the University of Hull, I started work at a PR, Marketing and Events Consultancy. Here I worked for a range of clients, learning the ropes in key aspects of the industry including reputation management, media relations and large scale event management. After 3 years there, I joined the Yorkshire and Humber Seafood Group as PR and Communications Manager. This organisation supported the fishing industry through a range of activities including funding, training and events.

### How do you unwind at the weekend?

I prefer to be busy, so finding a weekend where I'm not travelling somewhere to see friends or attending something is a rare thing. However, when I am at home, nothing beats the Sunday Papers with a croissant or catching up with Strictly Come Dancing!

# October Hubs look ahead to second iteration

Our next round of Regional Hub meetings will take us to the end of October and will be the third time that our Hub members have come together to tackle the planning work required to meet our targets. The last round of meetings saw some excellent collaborative work and outputs, with a first progress report submitted to the Science Advisory Panel in June.

If you would like to know more about what the Net Gain Project submitted for the first iteration, please visit the Stakeholder Engagement Chart on our website where you can find all of the information and documents from Net Gain meetings.

Your Hub representatives would like to hear from you. Following this round of meetings, your sector representatives will have maps that show the proposed site recommendations. We are looking for as much feedback as possible on these sites so that we can take this into account as we move forward. Lists of our Regional Hub members are available on our website, or please contact Dani Sewell in our office on **01482 382007** who will pass on any details you need.



Stakeholders at the regional Hubs

# Last call for data!

Net Gain and the three other regional MCZ projects are appealing to as many sea users as possible to submit their data so that it can be included in the regional profile of maps and information. The Net Gain regional profile has been built up since the project launched last October.

We have had some great support from stakeholders encouraging others to get involved with the Net Gain Project. Dave Swift, who represents recreational sea anglers on our Yorkshire and Humber hubs said:

*"For representatives from the recreational angling sector to make the best possible contributions in the planning meetings, it is vital that as much data as possible is on the table. We are about to enter the next round of planning meetings. From now until June next year it is crucial that we are well equipped with the best available information at our fingertips to make their voices heard in these meetings."*



Coastline at Seaham

Your representatives would be pleased to hear from anyone who wishes to know more about our role in the MCZ Project and will do their best to answer all queries or point you in the right direction. We would also advise you to visit the online mapping system: [www.mczmapping.org](http://www.mczmapping.org) and upload your data"

Joanna Redhead, Project Manager of the Net Gain Project said: "Our team only has a short amount of time to input new data from sea users. We don't want anyone to miss out on this important opportunity to have their say on decisions which could have an impact on a whole range of waterborne activities. The information that we collect holds the key to the success of our regional hub meetings, where sea users come together to ensure that the best possible outcomes are achieved. The deadline is fast approaching, but there is still time to make your voice heard."



Rock pools at Staithes

If you would like more information about the Net Gain Project or wish to be removed from our database, please don't hesitate to contact our team:

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