

**19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011**  
**The KC Stadium, Hull**

**Large Group Meeting**  
**MEETING REPORT**



## 1. INTRODUCTION

This is the report of the Large Group Meeting that was held at the KC Stadium in Hull on July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2011. This was the second meeting of this scale, the first being held in February 2010, and was open to all members of the Net Gain regional stakeholder group (RSG).

The overall format for the meeting was developed by Net Gain and incorporated feedback offered by participants at earlier RSG meetings.

The Large Group Meeting running order was:

- **Welcome and introductions**
- **Presentations by Net Gain on progress to date and feedback received**
- **Final review of site recommendations**
- **Management measures- group work and discussion**
- **Management measures- review of discussion**
- **Overview of next steps**

## 2. Objectives and Activities

The purpose of this two day meeting was to reach a position of final position of sign off for the final recommendations for MCZs and reference areas in the Net Gain project area. The Net Gain presentations provided a retrospective view of the work completed to date by the RSG, followed by an assessment of the draft final recommendations in terms of achievement of the ENG targets and feedback provided by the Science Advisory Panel and the stakeholders.

A review of the full suite of sites to be included in the final report was then undertaken, as well as some discussion on additional features which may improve the ecological value of the network.

A review of the draft conservation objectives was also undertaken, as well as presentations and discussions on management implications in rMCZs and reference areas. The Net Gain team presented on the progress that has been made with the project following the quality assurance check that has been undertaken by the Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies (SNCBs) to help inform these discussions.

The RSG then completed group work to identify, where possible, preferred management measures at each site. These discussions and all of the outputs of the meeting will help to inform the Net Gain Impact Assessment.

**Copies of all presentations that were delivered in the meeting can be found in the appendix.**



## DAY 1



Joanna Redhead introduced the order of the day, reminding the group of the agreed ways of working and thanking them all for their attendance.

Following brief introductions around the table we moved onto the presentations that comprised a large part of the first day.

### **Item 2: What we have achieved**

Joanna presented a brief overview of-

- The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> iterations – journey made by the RSG since the project launch in 2009
- The draft final recommendations
- The extent of how the ENG targets have been met and where the shortfalls occur

### **Item 3: Feedback received**

Steve Barnard presented on the following:

- Feedback received from the SAP
- Feedback received from the RSG

At this time, the RSG were asked to record any points that they wished to be clarified during the day, which Joanna Redhead later answered point by point. These questions and the answers given can be found in the appendix.

### **Item 4: Review of final sites**

This activity comprised a 'carousel' activity in small groups. Details of each site were displayed separately, with a member of the Net Gain team on hand to explain the location, features, and any points of additional ecological importance at the site. The outcomes of regional hub discussions on conservation objectives at each site were also displayed. Each small group then had the opportunity to ask any questions that they may have, and to vote on a name for each site.

The results of the naming exercise can be found in the appendix.

## Day 1: cont.

Joanna Redhead answered the points of clarification as collated from requests by the RSG (see appendix).

### **Item 5: Site features**

Group confirmed the features that have been recommended for designation within each rMCZ and rRA.

Working in groups, the RSG discussed sites that they have worked on, confirmed that which features were being put forward and discussed the reasons why any features that may be present were not recommended.

Each group worked with a member of the Net Gain team and all comments that were made at the group tables were recorded for inclusion in the Net Gain final recommendations report.

### **Item 5: Levels of support**

Remaining in groups, the RSG completed an exercise that was designed to record the current levels of support for each site in terms of the following:

**Consensus:** The level of consensus around the table on putting the site in question forward for designation

**Contention:** The level of contention amongst the stakeholders at the table surrounding the recommendation for each site

**Confidence:** The level of confidence amongst the group in the underlying datasets that were used to underpin site selection and designation

Any outstanding comments and concerns of the group members were recorded at this stage for inclusion in the final recommendations report.



## DAY 2



### **Item 1: Conservation Objectives**

Net Gain team delivered a presentation on conservation objectives (see appendix) which covered the following:

- What is meant by a conservation objective
- What is implied by the terms 'maintain' and 'recover'
- The quality assurance work that has been completed by JNCC and Natural England to help inform the conservation objectives
- Which rMCZ sites are currently set to 'recover'
- What management implications may be
- Intended focus of the group work to be undertaken on these elements

### **Item 2: Management measures in sites**

Net Gain team delivered a presentation on management measures in sites (see appendix) which covered the following:

- What work has been completed on management measures in sites prior to the meeting
- What information is required on management measures for the Impact Assessment
- Options for management measures
- Intended focus on the group work to be undertaken on these elements

### **Group work**

The RSG worked in small groups according to their areas of interest and the work that the areas that they had played an active role in discussing.

Each group worked through relevant sites and discussed the following:

- Features set to recover at each site
- Any activities that may require additional management
- Management options available

- Recommendations for management options
- Any additional comments on the site

After spending some time on this exercise, all groups had an opportunity to review the thoughts and discussions from the other tables. Any additional comments and views were then recorded to ensure that all of the stakeholders present had an opportunity to record their feedback on each site within their hub area.

Group work then continued, expanding to those sites where the conservation objectives are currently set to 'maintain'. Comments and feedback was recorded on options for wider management and which management options would be most appropriate at each site.

These discussions were then reviewed and the Net Gain team clarified how this information will be used to inform the Impact Assessment.

### **Item 3: Next Stages**

Joanna Redhead then presented to the group on the next stages of the project, the timeline, the future plans for the Net Gain team, future communications channels and how stakeholders will be able to continue to give their valuable feedback to the project.

Chair of the StAP, Trevor Jameson, then closed the meeting, thanking stakeholders for their hard work, time and commitment

## PARTICIPANTS

The list below includes all the delegates who were present at the meeting. We have also included those who sent apologies; they also will be receiving this report.

Attended Day 1	Attended Day 2	First name	Last name	Sector	Organisation
✓	✓	Trevor	Baker	Offshore renewables	RWE npower renewables
		Peter	Barham	Seabed User and Developer Group	
✓	✓	Sophie	Barrell	Offshore renewables	Forewind
✓	✓	Tom	Blasdale	JNCC	
		Michael	Bould	Commercial fishing	
✓	✓	Linda	Bourne	MOD	
✓	✓	Sally	Bradley	MMO	
✓	✓	Emma	Brown	Natural England	
✓	✓	Daryl	Burdon	IECS: Hull University	
✓	✓	Alex	Caveen	Newcastle University	
✓	✓	Sine	Christiansen	Offshore renewables	DONG Energy
✓	✓	Bob	Coates	Commercial fishing	
✓	✓	Helen	Craven	The Wildlife Trusts	
✓	✓	Kirk	Crimlisk	Commercial fishing	
✓	✓	Katie	Critchley	Environment Agency	
✓	✓	Marcus	Cross	Offshore renewables	Scottish Power Renewables
	✓	Tania	Davey	Humber INCA	
✓	✓	Andries	de Boer	Intl.commercial fishing (NL)	VisNed
✓	✓	Andrew	Finlay	The Crown Estate	
		Paul	Garnett	Commercial fishing	
		Robert	Garnett	Commercial fishing	
✓	✓	Jon	Green	Northumberland IFCA	
✓		Andy	Hammon	English Heritage	
✓	✓	Rachel	Hanbury	MMO	
✓	✓	Mike	Hardy	Northumberland IFCA	
✓	✓	Kit	Hawkins	Offshore renewables	Centrica Renewable Energy Ltd
✓	✓	Neal	Hill	Royal Yachting Association	

✓	✓	Roger	Hipwell	Commercial fishing	Orford & District Inshore Fishermen's Assoc.
✓	✓	John	Hiskett	Norfolk Wildlife Trust	
✓	✓	Tony	Hogg	Recreational sea angling	
		Paul	Huteson	Commercial fishing	
✓	✓	Gordon	Jackson	Recreational sea angling	
✓	✓	Trevor	Jameson	StAP Chairman	
✓		Chris	Jenner	Offshore renewables	Mainstream Renewables
✓	✓	Ana	Jesus	JNCC	
✓	✓	Tom	Jeynes	Associated British Ports	
		Iain	Johnston	Port of Felixstowe	
		Kevin	Jonas	Commercial fishing / processing	
✓	✓	Mike	Jones	RSPB	
✓	✓	Martin	Kitching	Northern Experience Wildlife Tours	
✓	✓	Paul	Lane	North East IFCA	
✓	✓	Aisling	Lannin	Natural England	
✓	✓	Paul	Learoyd	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	
	✓	Maeve	Lee	Durham Heritage Coast	
		John	Lee	Commercial fishing	
		Vic	Leppington	Commercial fishing	
✓	✓	Steve	Low	Northumberland Wildlife Trust	
✓	✓	Jan	Lupton	MMO	
		Dan	Major	Commercial fishing	
✓	✓	Tom	Manning		
		Darren	Mariott		
		Ian	Martin	Commercial fishing	Lincs Coast Fishermen's Association
✓	✓	Neil	Robinson	MMO	
✓	✓	Jill	McCormick	Environment Agency	
✓	✓	Cliff	Morrison	Seafood Processing	Food & Drink Federation
✓	✓	Robin	Neale	Recreational sea angling	Angling Trust (Yorkshire)
		Peter	Nicholson	Royal Yachting Association	

✓		Ian	Paterson	Natural England	
		Adam	Pharaoh	Offshore renewables	Galloper windfarm
	✓	Maria	Phipps	The Wash and North Norfolk European Marine Site	
		Jeremy	Pickles	East Yorkshire County Council	
		Evelyn	Pizzolla	DECC	
✓		Nigel	Proctor	Recreational sea angling	Angling Trust
✓	✓	Helen	Quayle	RSPB	
✓	✓	Bill	Rigby	Marinet	
✓	✓	Sandy	Ritchie	Commercial fishing	Anglo-Scottish Fishermen's Association
✓	✓	Dale	Rodmell	NFFO: Commercial fishing	National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations
✓	✓	David	Scrowston	Tata: Communications	
✓	✓	Jim	Stephenson	Commercial fishing	
		Graham	Singleton	BMAPA: Marine aggregates	CEMEX UK Marine
✓	✓	Kirsten	Smith	North Sea Wildlife Trusts	North Sea Coastal & Inland Wildlife Trusts
✓		Jez	Sooben	MMO	
✓		Ben	Southerland	Commercial fishing	
✓	✓	Rob	Spray	Marine Conservation Society	
✓	✓	Doug	Stewart	Gardline: Environmental consultancy	
✓	✓	David	Swift	Recreational sea angling	
✓		Jenny	Thomas	Cleveland Potash	
		Ruth	Thurstan	British Sub Aqua Club	
✓	✓	Jaap	van der Vis	Intl.commercial fishing (NL)	VisNed
✓	✓	Antony	Viera	Intl.commercial fishing (Fr)	CRPMEM Nord Pas de Calais / Picardie
✓	✓	Pim	Visser	Intl.commercial fishing (NL)	VisNed
		Philip	Walsh	NUTFA: Commercial fishing	
✓		Tim	Watson	Marinet	
✓	✓	Les	Weller	Recreational sea angling	Amble Sea Angling Club & Northern Federation of Sea Angling Societies
✓	✓	Ralph	West	Commercial fishing	Overstrand Parish Council &

					Shoreline Management Committee
✓	✓	Steven	Williamson	Commercial fishing / processing	Lynn Shellfish
✓	✓	Jessica	Woo	Eastern IFCA	

In addition to the invited Hub RSG members, the following members of Net Gain staff were present:

- Joanna Redhead – Project Manager
- Trevor Jameson – Chair, Stakeholder Advisory Panel
- Steve Barnard – Stakeholder Manager
- Dani Sewell – PR & Communications Manager
- Melanie Vaughan – GIS Planner
- Helen Malcolm – Project Support Officer
- Pete Hansell – Liaison Officer
- Ian Rowe – Senior Liaison Officer
- Maire Williams – Project Economist
- James Lawson – GIS and Data Officer
- Katerina Wojtaszekova – GIS and Data Officer
- Dan Davis – Liaison Officer



## APPENDIX 1



### **Net Gain presentations**

The following pages show the slides that accompanied the presentations delivered by the Net Gain team at the Large Group Meeting

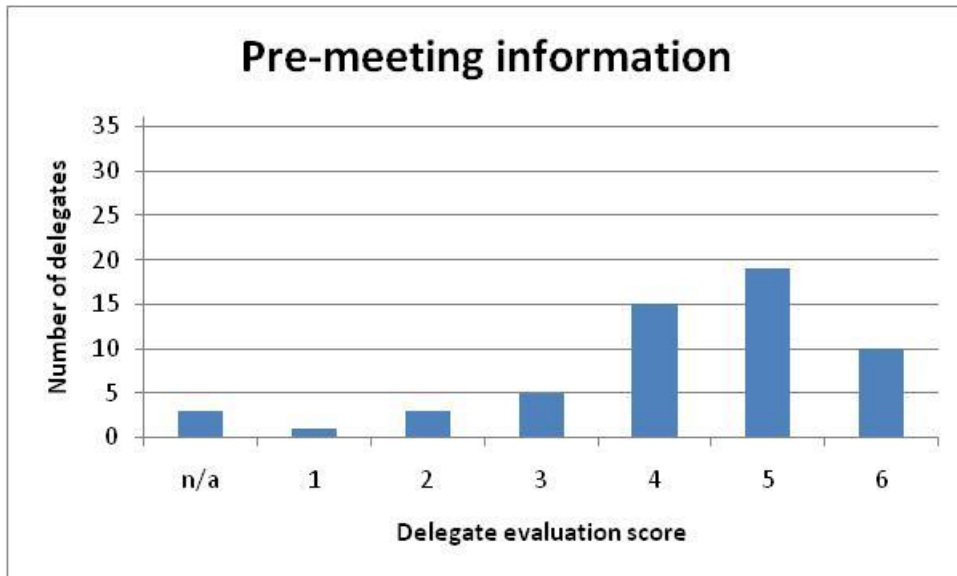
## APPENDIX 2

### Feedback & evaluation

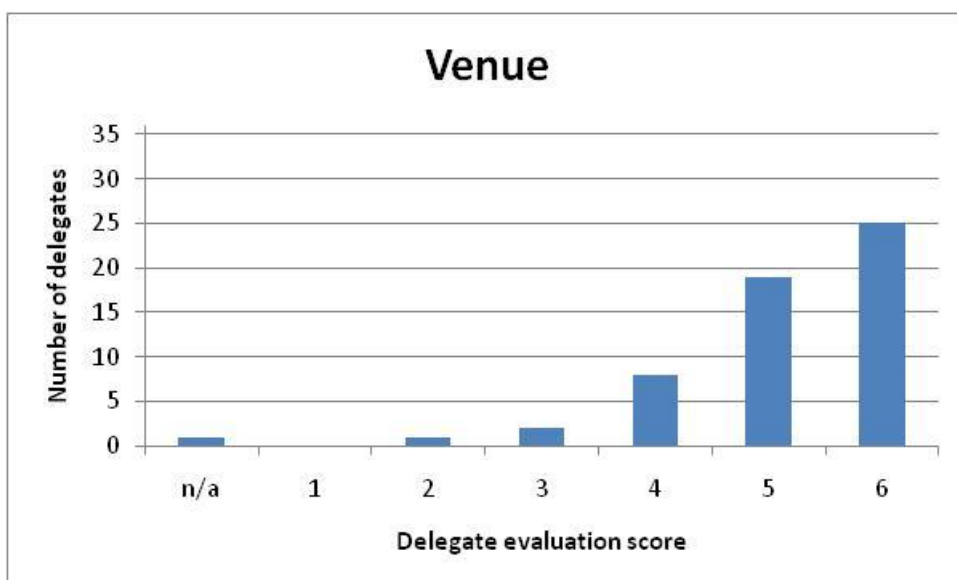
The following figures show the results of the feedback/evaluation questionnaires that were completed by RSG members following the meeting. Where specific comments were received these are presented under the relevant figure (the comment is preceded by the score that was given by the respondent).

Each question/section was rated on a scale of 1 to 6, where 1 was 'poor' and 6 was 'excellent', and feedback was requested in a number of areas:

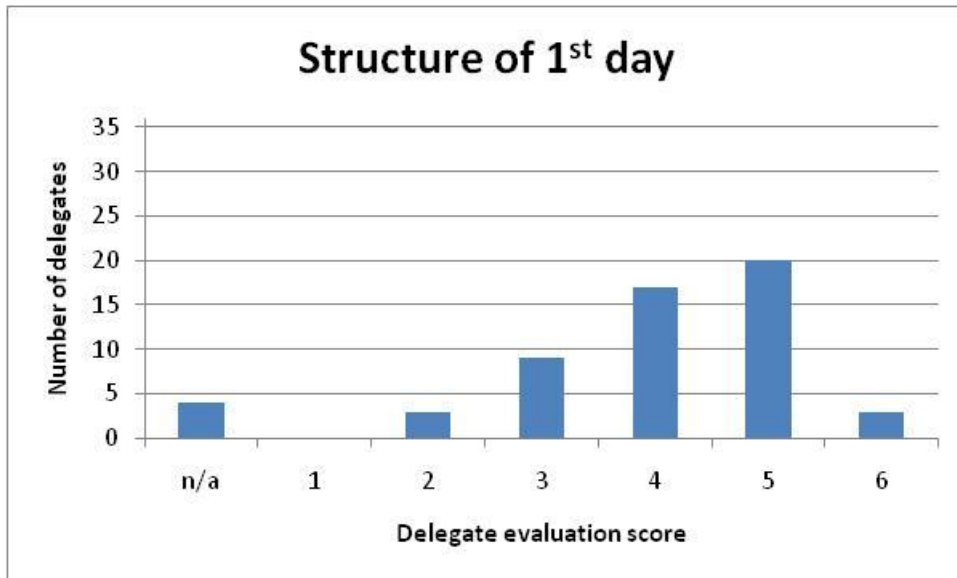
- Pre-meeting information
- Venue
- Structure of 1<sup>st</sup> day
- Structure of 2<sup>nd</sup> day
- Explanation of tasks
- Quality of resources
- Clarity on progress made to date
- Progress made on the day
- Collaborative group working
- Opportunity to discuss your sector's views
- Net Gain support on the day
- Clarity on next steps to be taken
- How well was the meeting run overall?



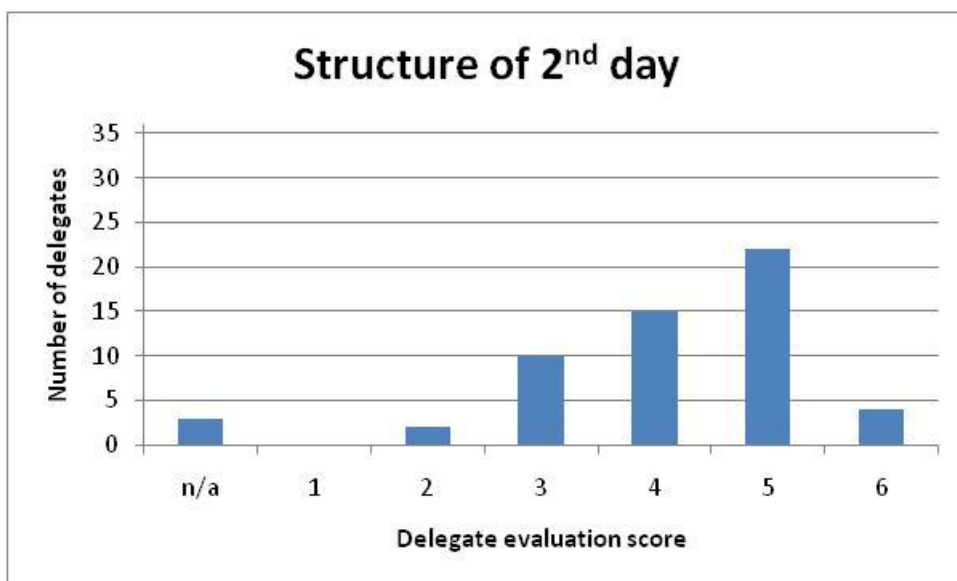
- (-) Didn't receive any.
- (1) Did not receive a pack.
- (2) Could do with being sent out a lot earlier for train & accommodation booking & by email where possible to save paper and print doublesided where possible.
- (2) Often too late due to the team being too busy organising meetings and project. Facilitator did this for the other teams.
- (3) It would have been useful to see the programme in advance.
- (4) Agenda could have been supplied earlier.
- (4) Could have been sent sooner.
- (5) Information very good but only received it a week before the meeting.
- (5) Legend of abbreviations would have helped.
- (6) A very good final event for the RSG meetings to confirm progress made at previous meetings and allow for solutions to outstanding issues.



- (4) Room good - location difficult to get to.
- (4) Would have been 6 but Hull is difficult to get to.
- (5) Live south of the Humber.

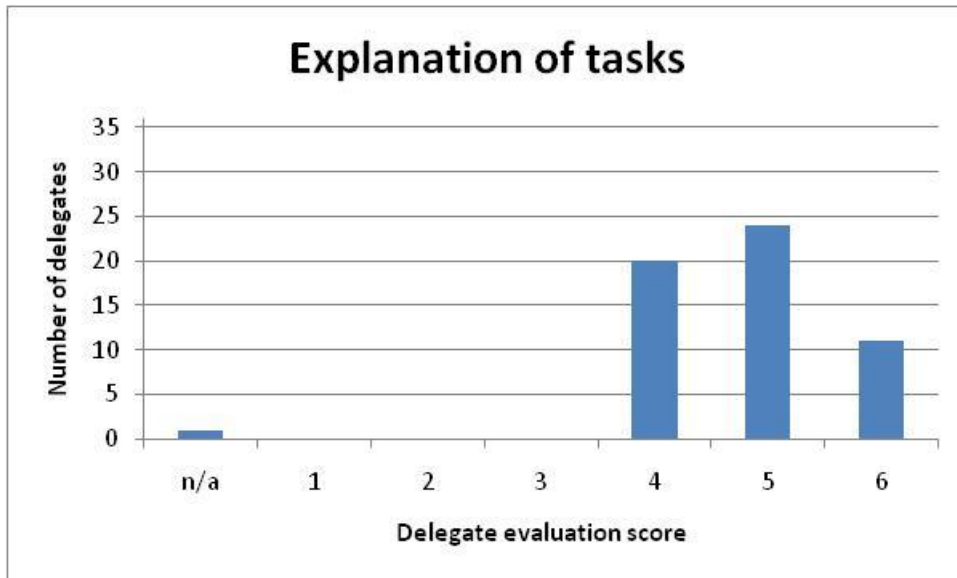


- (-) Could have been condensed, know a lot of it already. Good to have all feedback presented.
- (-) Did not attend.
- (-) Site naming is a poor task for wide group and too much time spent.
- (2) Felt a little bit pointless - going over old ground.
- (2) Not much progress as all boundary fixed - day would have been enough.
- (2) Slow.
- (3) Could have been completed with a long day rather than two.
- (3) Could have been half a day.
- (3) Covered ground from regional hubs.
- (4) Some of the tasks seemed not to be best use of time e.g introductions and board work.
- (4) Too many breaks - would have been better to condense it.
- (5) A lot of repeat comments.

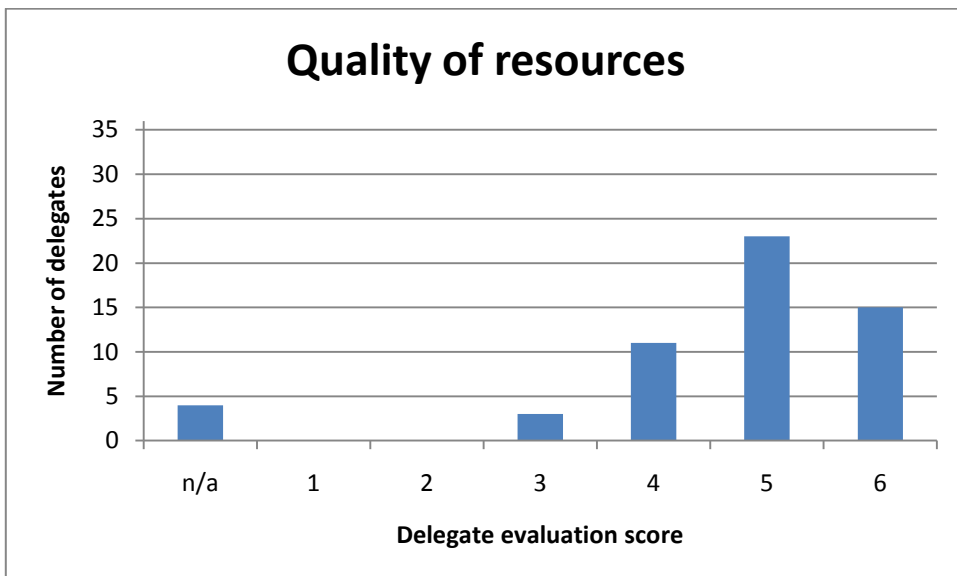


- (-) No provision for stakeholder who work across hubs.
- (2) Slow.
- (3) As above.

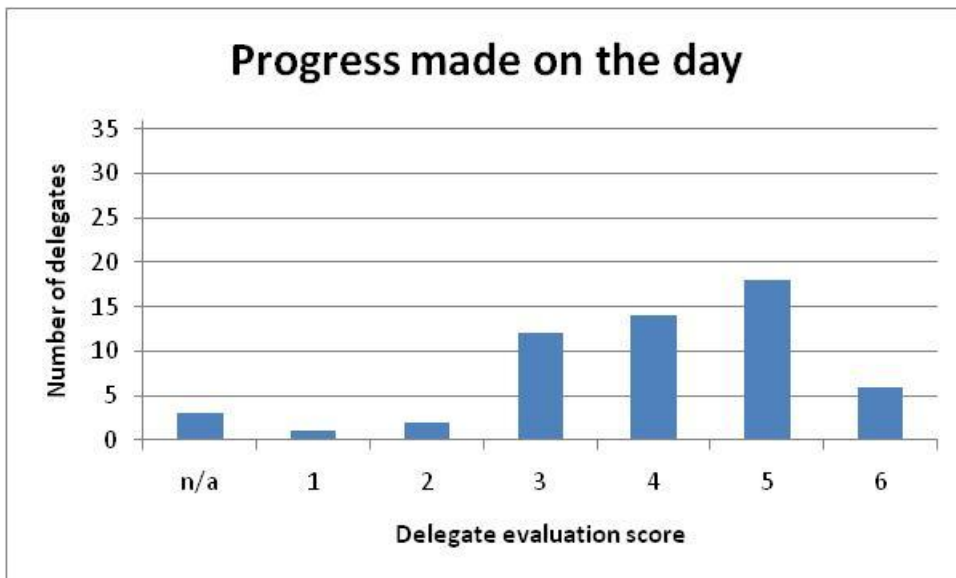
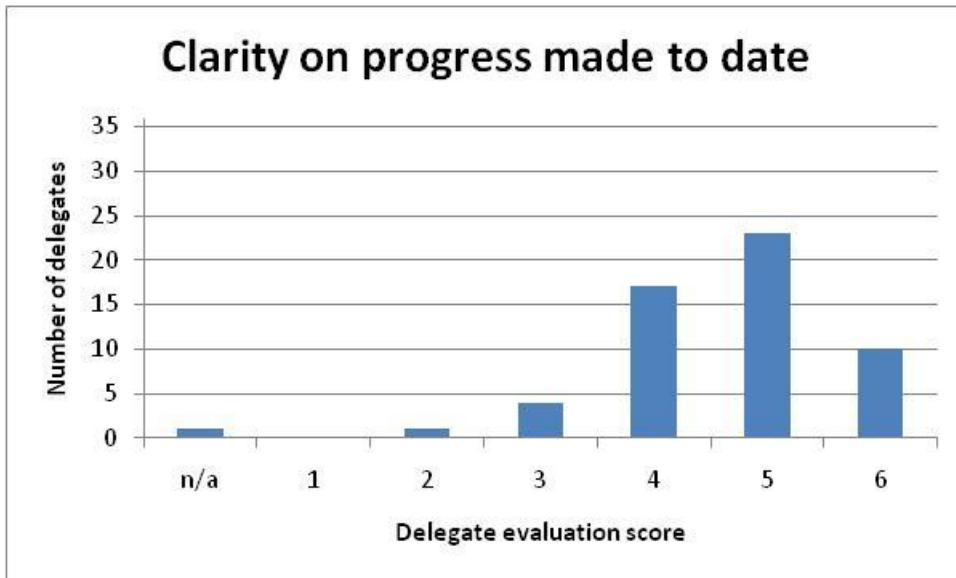
- (3) Could have been half a day.
- (3) Covered ground from regional hubs.
- (4) As above.
- (4) Better - but only relevant for fishing and recreation.
- (5) Could have been done in half a day.



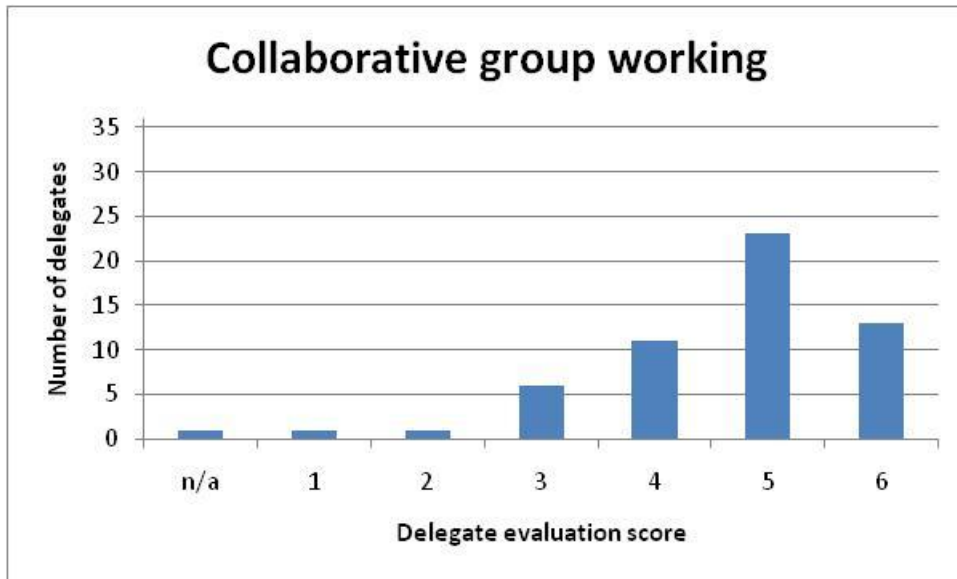
(-) Confusion over management approaches compared to levels of restriction.



- (-) Clarification using GIS not possible - apparently.
- (4) Admiral & OS maps of areas could have helped to establish local content.
- (6) The condensed books of MCZs are good.



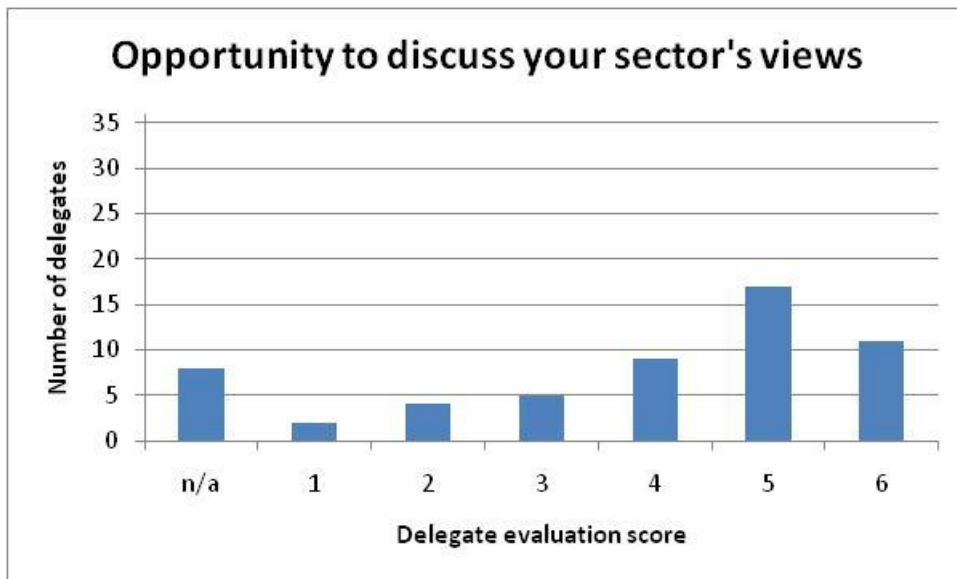
- (1) I gained very little from the two days and most topics discussed had already been discussed in detail. Only usefulness was in informed discussion with other sectors. I accept that it was necessary to round off the project but it took up a lot of stakeholder time.
- (3) Could have fitted more in the day!
- (3) No plenary - frustrating.



(-) Not possible to cover all

(1) Difficult to explain why you have some concerns with a site when you represent the only one activity on this site. Of course other activities can agree and think its a good site, they do not have interest! Moreover its quite surprising to see an observer from Natural England talking about offshore site.

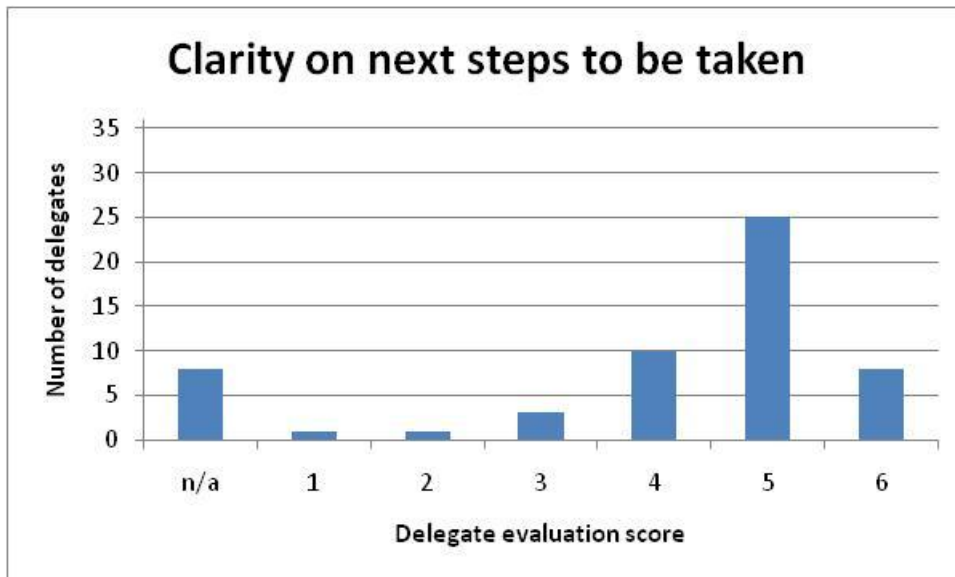
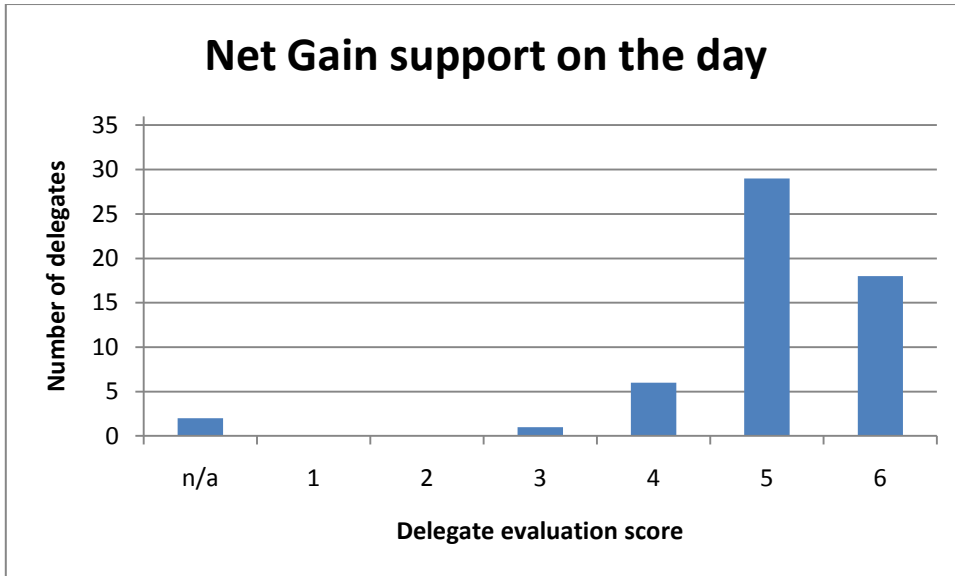
(3) Missed plenary discussions (on purpose)



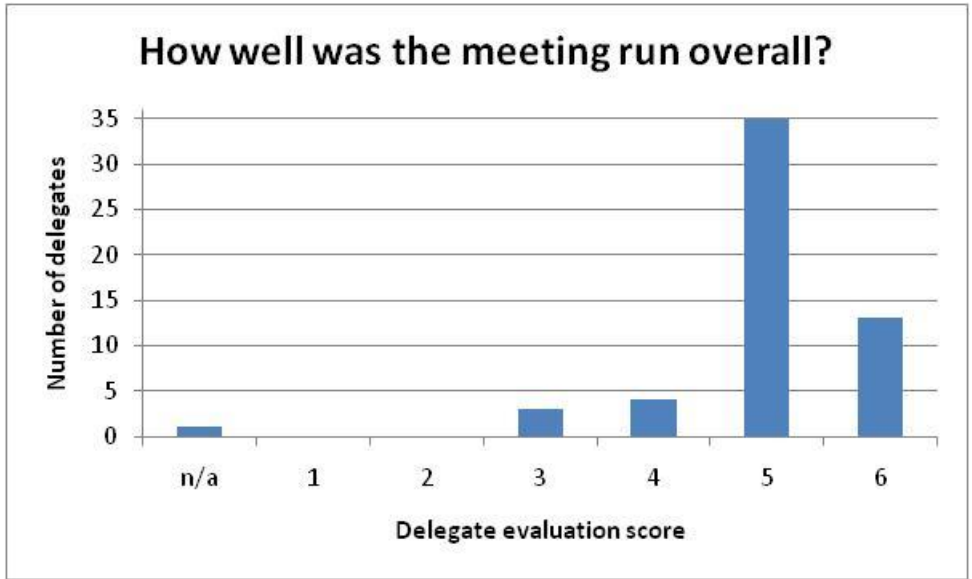
(1) Always poor to discuss ecological view

(2) Far too few fisheries reps.

(2) No plenary.



- (-) Had to leave before this.
- (-) Had to leave early to catch train.
- (-) Ok but concerns on how IA scenarios are derived.
- (4) Lack of clarity not Net Gains fault.



- (4) Slow.
- (6) 6+ !