

## **Terms of Reference for the Alderney Marine Forum**

### **Purpose of the Alderney Marine Forum:**

- To provide a neutral communication platform for discussion of all matters related to the sustainable use and conservation of Alderney's marine resources.
- To lead the development and implementation of a Marine Plan to support the long term sustainable use and conservation of Alderney's marine resources and the communities that rely upon, and enjoy them.
- To enhance the coordination between marine sectors, activities and interests in Alderney to support mutually beneficial outcomes for the sustainable use and conservation of Alderney's marine resources and the communities that rely upon, and enjoy them.
- To provide active leadership to promote the importance of the sustainable use and conservation of Alderney's marine resources in island-wide policy- and law-making.

### **Membership of the Alderney Marine Forum:**

- Membership is open to any organisation or person with a recognised direct interest, responsibility or role in the sustainable use and conservation of Alderney's marine resources.
- It is expected that all members of the Forum support the purpose of the Forum. Any Forum member that does not support the purpose of the Forum may, at the Chair's discretion, be asked to leave the Forum.
- Any States members attending a Forum meeting should do so in a non-political capacity.

### **Accountability:**

- The Alderney Marine Forum is directly accountable to the people of Alderney and to the States of Alderney.
- All members of the Alderney Marine Forum are equally accountable for the work of the Forum.

### **Review:**

- The Terms of Reference of the Alderney Marine Forum will be reviewed every two years or when deemed appropriate by members of the Forum.

### **Ways of working:**

- The Alderney Marine Forum is a neutral body that facilitates the sustainable use and conservation of Alderney's marine resources through sharing information and supporting improved coordination between people and organisations with an interest in Alderney's marine resources.
- The Alderney Marine Forum will not adopt a political or campaigning stance.
- All outputs from the Alderney Marine Forum will be developed by consensus.

### **Meetings:**

- Forum meetings will be held at least every three months (or more frequently as agreed by Forum members).
- Forum meetings will be chaired independently by a member of the Forum.
- The Forum chair will be selected by the Forum for a term of two years.
- An open call for agenda items will be issued ahead of every Alderney Marine Forum meeting.
- All members of the Forum can suggest agenda items for discussion.

**Sharing of information and resources:**

- The Alderney Marine Forum will operate openly and transparently.
- All documents related to the work of the Alderney Marine Forum, including minutes of meetings and reports, will be freely available via the Alderney Marine Forum website.