

## Conference Schedule

**Day 1 - Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

**09:15 – 10:00** Registration and Coffee/Tea

***Welcome*** - Alderman Drew Thompson, Mayor

***Introduction*** - Prof. Andrew Cooper, Chairman Northern Ireland Coastal and Marine Forum

### **Session 1: Key Note Speaker(s)**

**Chair: Jeremy Gault (Coastal and Marine Resources Centre)**

**Nicole Schaefer** – European Commission, Maritime Policy Task Force  
*The Integrated EU Maritime Policy and Maritime Spatial Planning*

**Dr. Peter Heffernan** – Marine Institute  
*Atlantic Gateway – Ireland and the European Marine and Maritime Knowledge Economy*

### **Session 2: All Island Approach**

**Chair: Micheal O’Cinnéide (Marine Institute)**

**Barry McSweeney** – Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

*Research funding to support economic maritime sectors*

**Prof. Andrew Cooper** - Northern Ireland Coastal and Marine Forum / UU Coleraine  
*Coastal and Marine fora as planning tools*

**Dr Joe Breen** - Environment and Heritage Service  
*Cross border cooperation to mapping the marine environment*

***Sessions 1 and 2 Questions and Discussion***

**13:00 – 14:30** Lunch Break

### **Session 3: Emerging Economic Sectors**

**Chair: Alan McCulla (The Loughs Agency)**

**Cormac Gebruers** - Transas Group

*The Global Maritime Technology Market: Opportunities and Challenges for Ireland Inc.*

**Dr Michael F Murphy** - Aquaculture Initiative

*Aquaculture – Economic benefits in Northern Ireland and Border Counties*

**Maurice Smith** - Northern Ireland Electricity

*Experiences in sub-sea cabling*

Break

**Cathal O’Mahony** – Coastal and Marine Resources Centre  
*Marine Aggregates*

**David Knott** - Belfast Harbour Commissioners  
*Challenges facing the Ports industry*

***Session 3 Questions and Discussion***

**17.00** Close Day 1

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Day 2 - Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2008

09:00 – 9:30 Registration and Coffee/Tea

### Session 4: Spatial Planning - Coastal Development Chair: Kevin O'Connor (Donegal County Council)

**Andrew Hind** - Irish Planning Institute  
*Coastal development patterns*

**Prof. Julian Orford** - School of Geography, Archaeology and Palaeoecology,  
Queens University Belfast.

*A forward look at sea level and climate change: implications for the coast*

**Dr Geraint Ellis and Heather Ritchie** – School of Planning, Architecture and Civil  
Engineering, Queens University Belfast.

*The prospects for Marine Spatial Planning*

#### **Session 4 Questions and Discussion**

11:00 – 11:30 Break

### Session 5: The role of seabed data in support of coastal policy Chair: Ken Bradley (Department of Environment Northern Ireland)

**Koen Verbruggen** - Geological Survey of Ireland  
*INFOMAR Experience*

**Charles Green** -The Crown Estate  
*Data and Information for marine planning and management*

**Dr. Wes Forsythe** - University of Ulster; Centre for Maritime Archaeology  
*Maritime Archaeology – old problems and new opportunities*

**Dr. Matt Service** - Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute  
*Northern Ireland Habitat Mapping Research*

#### **Session 5 Questions and Discussion**

13:00 Conference Close