

RAMSAR MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

Brief notes and action points from meeting held at La Société Jersiaise
29th March 2022

Present:	Marine Resources MR Ecrehous Residents Association ERA Minquiers Residents MIRA Jersey Seafaris JS BLUE Marine Foundation BM Jersey Marine Conservation JMC National Trust for Jersey NT Save our Shoreline SOS Earth Project Jersey EPJ Jersey Tour Guides JTG Jersey Kayak Adventures JKA Ports of Jersey POJ
Apologies:	Le Mourier LM Island Rib Voyages IRV

		Action
	Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting and Matters Arising	
	Minutes from this meeting will be circulated for approval following the meeting Matters Arising 1 Apologies 2 Approval of Minutes from previous meeting (circulated by MR 29 th Dec 2021) 3 RMA Chair update 4 Independent environmental regulator – vote and actions 5. Management Plan updates 6. Legislative review update 7. Signage update 8. Terms of reference review.	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting approved	

<p>3.</p>	<p>Chairperson Appointment</p> <p>A potential new chairperson has been identified who has interest in the position but, due to other commitments, is not able to fully consider the role at the moment. The candidate was in attendance at this meeting (and the previous sub-RMA meeting) and it is noted that there is strong support from within the RMA for the appointment of the candidate in question.</p> <p>Marine Resources will continue to chair the meeting until June as was previously agreed.</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Independent Environment regulator – vote outcome and actions</p> <p>Marine Resources presented the outcome of the vote to the members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 votes FOR • 2 votes AGAINST • 2 votes ABSTAIN <p>As the majority are in favour, it was agreed that the following action would be taken by Marine Resources at the earliest opportunity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A written communication will be sent to the Minister for the Environment, John Young to notify him that the RMA are in support the need for an independent environmental regulator • A written communication will also be sent to the incoming Minister for the Environment • A written communication will be sent to the Director General, for Infrastructure, Housing and the Environment (to provide assurance for the transition of government) <p>ERA reiterated that there was a difference between a) ratification of the SOS report that has been presented and b) support for an independent environmental regulator</p> <p>N.B. MR confirmed following the meeting that the vote split is actually 6:2:2 once the tour operators are grouped together as they only get one vote between them</p> <p>See appendix 1 for vote detail</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Management plan review and update.</p> <p>Update from Marine Resources on the progress made within the RMA Sub-committee. General acceptance of program of habitat and species monitoring discussed during the sub-committee working group</p> <p>Common Eel</p> <p>NT raised concerns over the storm gate valves as a flood prevention matter within Jersey’s reservoir system, and potential impact on the population of the common eel, which has a significant freshwater stage. NT are in discussion with Natural Environment</p>	<p>NT</p>

	<p>on this topic, but would like to establish baseline numbers and propose tracking this species through the SE RAMSAR Management plan.</p> <p>Sea search MR and JMC to meet to discuss the potential use of Sea search dive surveys across the sites and to establish whether there are existing data sets/baseline data for each site and whether they are suitable/could be used as a monitoring mechanism in the future for RAMSAR.</p> <p>Marine Litter Concerns raised about old gear, cable ties, rubber bands from aquaculture etc within RAMSAR area. JMC are launching the “70 for 70 countryside to coast incentive scheme” for the Queen’s Jubilee incentivising the public to bring 70 pieces of litter for a small reward. It was suggested that we should promote the use of washing machine filters (outflows capturing microplastics) – perhaps this could be an incentive, although could be too costly</p> <p>Education BLUE suggested they have a strong comms team/network and are happy to put MR in touch to talk through future comms strategy for RAMSAR. BLUE also suggested linking in with Visit Jersey who run scheduled social media campaigns with target audiences. EPJ suggested engaging with Digital Jersey for support and JKA suggest creating a hashtag that could be used to tag and promote RAMSAR work (key strap lines etc)</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>JMC</p> <p>BM</p>
6.	<p>Legislative Review update</p> <p>ERA updated that the Bedell & Cristin review was coming on well and was on track for late spring. MR suggested Bedell and Cristin join the June RMA to give a brief update</p>	ERA
7.	<p>Signage update</p> <p>Paternosters signage – MR to take forward and seek agreement/erect sign at Greve De Lecq. South East – MR to assist with Pictograms and will try and progress through the Sub-RMA meetings</p>	MR/ERA
8.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Thank you and best wishes A note of thanks from the RMA to Appin who is shortly leaving BLUE Marine Foundation for her contribution during the RMA meetings over the last year</p> <p>Waterfront reclamation site Concerns raised by SOSJ and EPJ about the Waterfront reclamation site and the SoJDC’s proposal to excavate and remove 233,000 cubic metres of toxic waste and transfer to La Gigoulade Quarry in St Peter’s. The main concerns being contamination entering the sea at the SE Coast Ramsar site waters for many years to come</p>	

	Next Meeting Tuesday 28 th June	
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APPENDIX 1

RMA vote - Are members in favour of recommending to the Minister of the Environment that an Independent environmental regulator be appointed.

Member	For	Against	Abstain
Jersey Kayak Adventures	x		
Go Sail	x		
Seafaris	x		
Island Rib Voyages	x		
Ecrehous Residents Assoc.		x	
Jersey Tour Glides Assoc.	x		
MIRA		x	
Earth Project Jersey	x		
SOS Jersey	x		
St Clements Parish	x		
Ports of Jersey			x
National Park Jersey	x		
Government of Jersey			x
Count	6	2	2