RAMSAR MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

Brief notes and action points from online meeting held on Microsoft Teams
9th February 2021

Present:	Marine Resources (MR), Jersey Seafari's (SF), Jersey Kayak Adventures (JKA), National Trust (NT), Societe Jeriaise (SJ), Ecrehous Residents Association (ERA), Matris Isle Residents Association (MIRA), Jersey Marine Conservation (JMC), Jersey Tour Guides Association (JTGA), Go Sail (GS), Island Rib Voyages (IRV) National Park Jersey (NPJ)
Apologies:	Parish of St Helier (POSH), Earth Project Jersey (EPJ).

		Action
1.	**Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting and Matters Arising**	
	Previous minutes approved. **Matters Arising** None	
2.	**Marine mammal guidance under the new Wildlife Law review** Megan (Marine Resources intern) presenting. Has drafted a guidance note to help marine users understand and remain in compliance with the new Wildlife Law with regards to marine mammals. This is the first draft and will be circulated to the RMA members for comment. - NB. Following the RMA Natural Resources offices advised of a new format, the guidance note will be updated before circulation to the RMA JKA Asked if the document could be circulated. MR explained it will stay within the RMA group initially whilst in early draft. JKA suggested this is a good document for the commercial group to look at. Megan will also be reviewing RAMSAR key species as part of the Management Plan review process.	MR
3.	**Seymore Tower Run** MR detailed the run now in its second year, explained this is primarily over mobile sand and compacted gravel areas. Mentioned to the group out of courtesy but does not consider it to carry significant risk to the Ramsar site. Details: 22nd March 10:30-13:30. Smaller numbers compared to 2020 event due to COVID. Max 40 participants. Route: Along foreshore then out to tower and back passing refuge, return along foreshore.	

4.	**Wise Course** JKA – 3-4 people have expressed interested in the course. Would like to move on to secure a date. JS – Would like to see if an online pre-record video would be possible with current circumstances. To cover basic information for those who would like it and a more in-depth certification process also being available. JKA explained this would be difficult if going though the official certification route – need for Q & A etc. Noted that having a specific course for local waters is more suitable. All in favour to set up a date to bring together thoughts and local issues to get this moving before 2021 boating season.	JKA
5.	**RMA Representative Director appointment to JNP Ltd** Brought to the group that a second Director can be brought in to represent the marine sector. NT – Wondering if a more flexible approach can be reached bringing in experts in specific areas who can fill in depending on the agenda item. NPJ - Would like to see a fixed position but with the opportunity to bring in guests expertise. JMC – Like to see education and how the JNP would extend into Jersey territorial waters. Put to the group to see if any members of RMA would like to be representatives. Voted to put towards Kevin McIlwee (JMC) from the group.	
6.	**A brief update on Brexit, the Granville Bay Agreement and the Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement (TECA)** GJ to send round updates.	**GJ**
7.	**RAMSAR management plan workstream update** MR discussed current workstreams through the RMA group. Volunteer still needed for the profile building/social media group section. MR – RAMSAR first needs to decide how visible it becomes before working out any comms. **Additional RAMSAR sites** **Wetland Areas** Bob Tompkins would like to see members thought on next steps. These areas have the potential to become part of the JNP which would give additional protection. **Seagrass Meadows** Extension to SE RAMSAR site proposed from JMC. Group agreed with both proposals via a vote.	
	Next Meetings	
	30th March 2021 10:00	