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The purpose of this one day workshop is to explore the role of stakeholders in making or breaking wave and tidal energy development in the Pentland Firth area. Realising the tidal and wave energy potential of the Pentland Firth area is a priority if Scotland is to meet its carbon reduction commitments, while it also offers important potential for economic development. However the interaction and overlap of all the activities in these areas is still not well understood. In addition the socio-economic impacts of marine energy devices are largely unclear. Building a better picture of baseline socio-economic conditions in the Pentland Firth area is now recognised as a priority for the development of a balanced and sustainable marine energy industry.

Recognising that conflicts will exist, Europe and member country governments have given priority to the development of Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) and to programmes such as MESMA (Monitoring and Evaluation of Spatially Managed Areas) to inform legislative and good practice development. The Pentland Firth area is one of several European case studies selected to guide MSP development.

The aim of this seminar is to bring together commercial developers, regulators and other stakeholders who have a direct interest in the Pentland Firth and consider:

- *What steps in the planning and development process require the engagement of stakeholders and why?*
- *Who should assess respective stakeholder interests and decide between them?*
- *How involved can stakeholders be at the operations stage?*

The seminar is targeted at marine energy stakeholders with a direct interest in the Pentland Firth. In particular we have invited key developers, other business interests, government agencies, local authorities, and relevant NGOs and CSOs. This is a unique opportunity for developers and stakeholders to identify key information requirements.

We hope that you can attend this important event. However if you are unable to attend please nominate someone else from your organisation who can take your place.

The workshop will take the form of themed sessions. An end of workshop report will be produced and disseminated to participants and other key decision makers.

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PROGRAMME

09.15	Registration and coffee
09.40	Introduction
10.00	Angela Hull, Professor of Spatial Planning, Heriot-Watt University – “Planning the Marine Environment: reconciling the interests of all users”
10.20	Geirr Haar, Advisor Business Development, Wind Energy and Marine Renewables, Statoil ASA – “Stakeholder analysis - a key tool for successful implementation”
10.40	Breakout briefing
10.50	Coffee
11.10	Breakout Session 1 - What steps in the planning process require the engagement of stakeholders and why?
11.50	Feedback
12.20	Lunch
13.10	Dr Pippa Goldschmidt, Marine Scotland – “The Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters marine spatial plan pilot”
13.30	Breakout Session 2 - Who should assess respective stakeholder interests and decide between them?
14.10	Coffee
14.30	Breakout Session 3 - How equal are stakeholders - is the process accessible and fair?
15.10	Feedback
15.50	Wrap up
16.00	Finish