

Offshore Marine Protected Areas Management Officer (2010/09)

Permanent appointment. Starting salary £25,838 pa

Based in Peterborough.

JNCC has been working since 2000 to identify a series of Special Areas of Conservation for marine habitats and species in UK offshore waters, to complement the SACs already in place for UK inshore waters. The UK SAC network is now nearing completion, and work on developing appropriate advice on management of activities in offshore sites is gathering pace.

Emerging legislation from UK Government and the Devolved Administrations will result in an expansion of the network of MPAs over the next few years to include important national sites. JNCC is collaborating with the Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies, Defra and the Devolved Administrations on projects that will identify possible locations in offshore waters to enable them to fulfil their international and national commitments to establish a network of MPAs.

This post will work with JNCC's marine industries advisers in Aberdeen and Marine Protected Areas staff in Peterborough on developing advice on the management of marine industry activities that might affect MPAs including SACs, including the preparation of Conservation Objectives and impact assessments for offshore MPAs.

You'll be providing technical advice within JNCC's Marine Protected Sites team of eleven staff, and liaising with colleagues internally in JNCC as well as in Government, Devolved Administrations, regulators and conservation agencies at a UK and European level.

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The closing date for applications is 8 am, 8th March 2010. NB CVs submitted without the necessary application form will not be considered