

Wales Blue Carbon Forum

Agenda

4/5 March 2026 @ Marine Centre Wales, Menai Bridge

Wednesday 4th March

Time	Day 1 – Emissions and Evidence	Who
12:00	Arrival. Lunch/Coffee/tea/	
13:00	Welcome – including introduction to steering group and agenda	Chair – Hilary Kennedy
	Intro to building, housekeeping, etc	Martin Skov, Bangor Uni.
13:15	Introduction to the meeting purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the blue carbon proposal set out in Net Zero Wales (proposal 36) Propose actions for Welsh Government’s future blue carbon policies 	Caryn Le Roux, Welsh Government
Session 1	Emission and Mitigation	
13:35	GHG Emissions – the Roadmap to Inclusion of Saltmarsh in the UK GHGI (<i>with Qs after</i>)	Annette Burden, CEH
14:00	Other potential blue carbon habitats, and the barriers to and potential for their inclusion (<i>with Qs after</i>)	Hilary Kennedy
14:15	Open discussion of the process for future inclusion in the carbon budget, and what else can be done to mitigate for climate change and contribute to decarbonisation.	Caryn to facilitate
14:45	Break	
Session 2	Evidence	
15:00	The Evidence Base – the UK Blue Carbon Evidence Partnership Evidence Needs Statement (ENS) and register (<i>including time for discussion/Qs after</i>)	Karen Robinson, NRW
15:30	Flash talks (5 minutes max each) that address the ENS or otherwise add to our evidence base (<i>Qs at the end of the session</i>) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Amber Thomasson, Bangor University, seabed carbon work PhD. Tom Rippieth, Bangor University Seasonal stratification and carbon fluxes to the atmosphere. Caitlin Taylor-Robinson, Bangor University: Just how ‘green’ is the grass on the other side? Emma Ward, Bangor University, Assessing error from sampling and analytical processes for seagrass sediment carbon stock best practice. Rhys Bowen, North Wales Wildlife Trust, Seagrass project/ocean rescue and Ocean literacy work. Richard Lucas, Aberystwyth University, Living Wales: Introducing a new taxonomy for underwater environments. 	Martin Skov, Bangor University
16:15	Visit to labs and tour of the Prince Madog Research Vessel	Martin, Cait and Mercedes
17:00	Poster Exhibition	
19:30	Group Meal at Italian for those who have booked this option	Restaurant: Torna a Surriento, Bangor pier, LL57 2SW

Thursday 5th March

Time	Day 2 – Impacts and Actions	Who
9:00	Arrival. Coffee/tea	
9:30	Welcome back, housekeeping, quick recap on yesterday and introduction to the day	Chair - Annette Burden
Session 3	Impacts	
9:45	Key Impacts and Pressures (<i>with Qs after</i>)	Karen
10:00	Open Discussion- what else do we need to know about the impacts on blue carbon or any other evidence?	Caryn to facilitate
Session 4	Actions	
10:30	Actions – where do we go from here?	Caryn
10:45	Break	
11:00	National Seagrass and Saltmarsh Action Plans and Blue Carbon (<i>with Qs after</i>)	Rhys Bowen, North Wales Wildlife Trust/Saltmarsh Network Wales and Carl Gough, Seagrass Network Wales
11:25	Flash talks (5 minutes max each) linked to impacts, pressures and/or actions (<i>with all Qs at the end of the session</i>) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maria Hayden-Hughes, Bangor University: <i>Connecting Conwy: From Oyster Reefs to Seascapes</i> 3. Caryn Le Roux, Welsh Government, MARINE Fund Cymru. 4. Annette Burden, CEH, Saltmarsh Code. 	Martin
11:45	Breakout Groups – capturing next steps	Caryn
12:30	Open session for forum member updates	Annette
12:45	End meeting (AOB, etc) followed by Lunch	Annette

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