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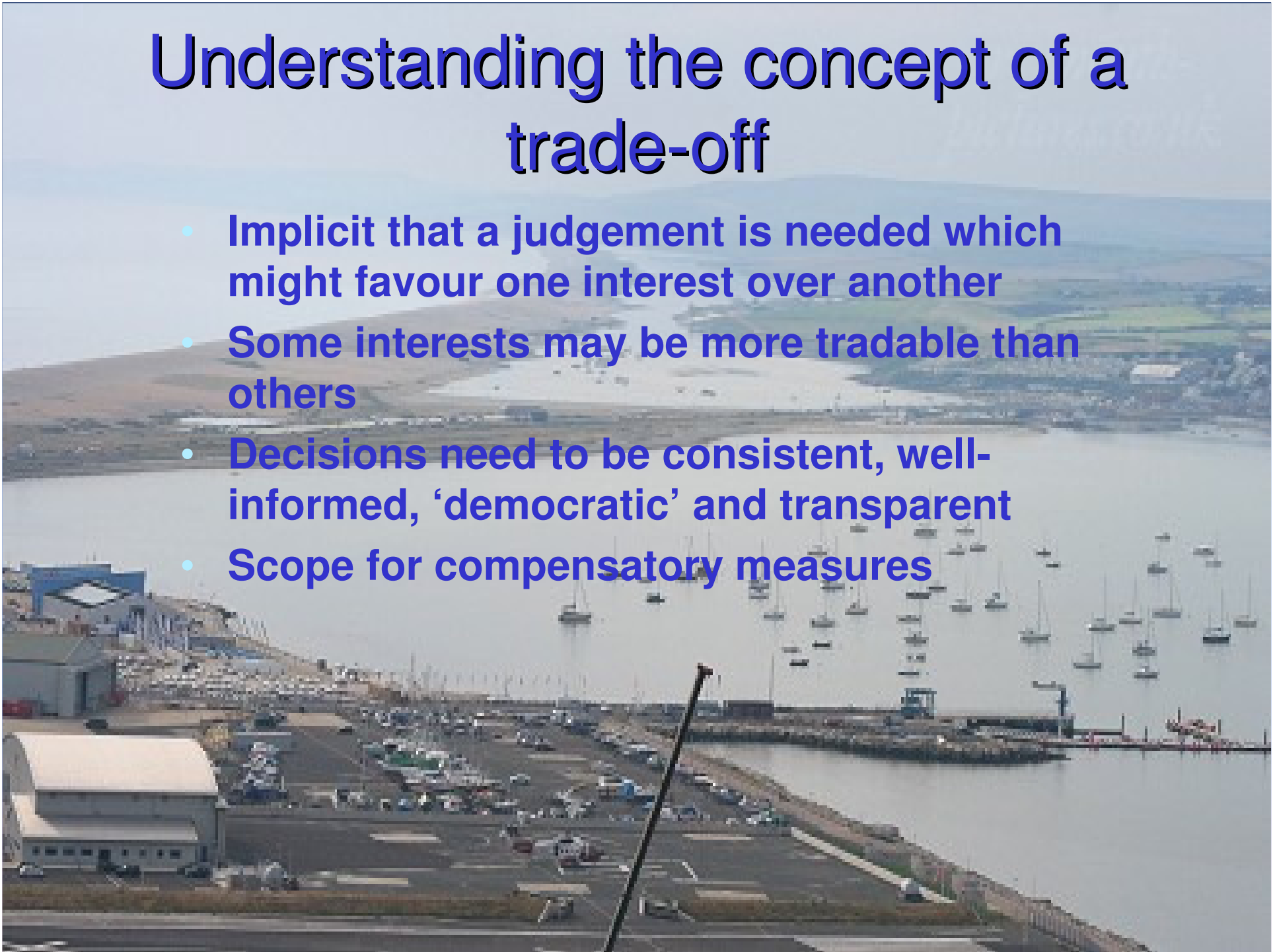
Trade-offs in Marine Planning – Introduction to Workshop

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Understanding the concept of a trade-off

- **Implicit that a judgement is needed which might favour one interest over another**
- **Some interests may be more tradable than others**
- **Decisions need to be consistent, well-informed, 'democratic' and transparent**
- **Scope for compensatory measures**



The Terrestrial Planning System: the Basic Principles

- A policy framework steers development
 - National / sub-national / local
- Statutory process: legal definition of ‘development’
- Development needs planning permission
- Must be in accordance with development plan unless **material considerations** indicate otherwise
- Bear in mind the era of austerity, emerging localism agenda and local enterprise partnerships:
- may influence the weight attributable to social and economic interests



Valuing Assets

- Development and activities have impacts
 - both good and bad
- There are very few ‘absolutes’:
consideration of merits and materiality
- Making a judgement about trade-offs
requires an understanding of an asset’s
value as well as that of the ‘competing’
activity



Local Development Frameworks: the process

Identify key issues facing the plan area

Formal consultation

Select preferred options

Informal consultation

Prepare pre-submission draft plan

Pre-submission consultation

Formal consultation

Submit plan to Secretary of State

Notify & advertise

Examination in Public

Present evidence

Inspector's report

Notify & advertise

Adopt plan

Notify & advertise

Sustainability Appraisal

Soundness: justified; effective; and consistent with national policy



Understanding the assets



- Vision and strategy of the area - direction of travel
- A good evidence base is crucial – scope & baseline
- Consulting with key interest groups helps to understand how assets are valued
- Need to determine the material status of assets – are constraints absolute or tradable?
- Can conflicts or impacts be avoided?
- If not, can they be mitigated?
- Is the process for valuing and considering assets inclusive and transparent?
- Use established techniques

Informed and inclusive decision-making

- Need to demonstrate that sustainable development is at the heart of terrestrial and marine planning
- Front-loading of consultation: identifies the key issues and challenges early on
- Options emerge on the basis of robust evidence
- The planning system is used to taking account of a complex array of views and interests
- Well-established consultation databases
- Sustainability Appraisal is the key mechanism for assessing environmental, social and economic impacts of terrestrial plans



Sustainability Appraisal – the principles

- Integral to terrestrial plan making
- Informs vision, strategy and policy options
- Scoping and baseline to flag up considerations
- Use techniques to quantify impacts
- Monitoring – indicators and targets
- Identification of measures needed to overcome, offset or mitigate impacts
- Plan needs to demonstrate it has been influenced by the appraisal



The Workshops

- Purpose is to get your views on how planners can make decision about trade-offs and priorities
- Use of a Case Study to prompt discussion
- Q1: How do you think planners can make decisions as to which sector(s) gets priority?
 - Identify any tools or techniques together with their advantages/disadvantages
 - Should each sector be given a weighting?
 - If so, how is this determined?
 - How do you decide which factors are more important?
 - Should past and future trends be taken into account?
 - Is it possible to make these decisions in the marine environment?
- Q2: What happens if some planning recommendations are unacceptable to a particular sector, and how can any negative socio-economic impacts be resolved?
 - What sort of trade-offs or mitigation would be acceptable?



Organisation of the workshops

- Table groups
- Facilitation & scribing
- Feedback
- Timing

