

# **Marine Bill Licensing Reforms**

**Decision making in the coastal zone  
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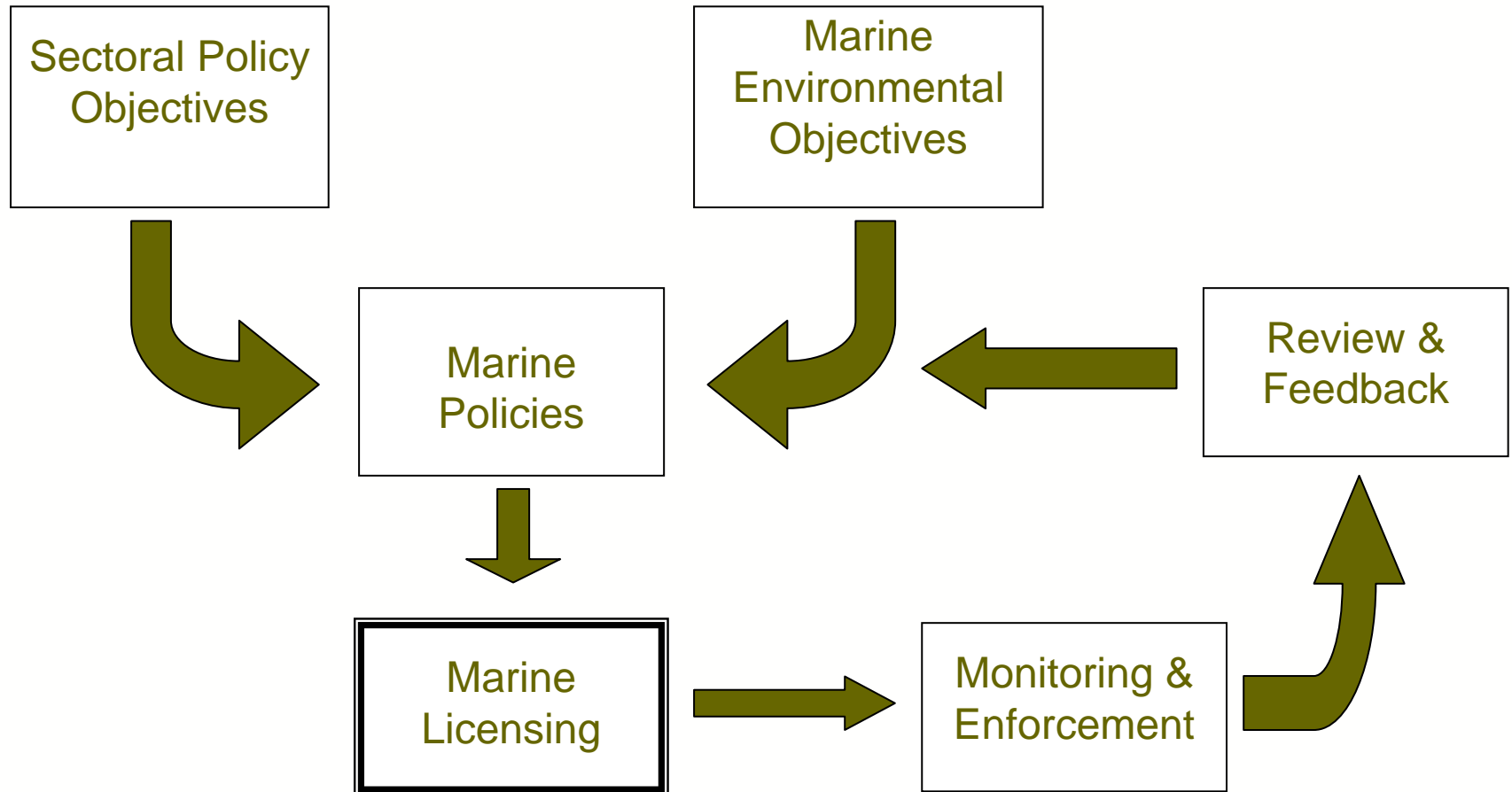
- Clean, healthy, safe, productive & biologically diverse oceans and seas
- High level marine objectives
  - Enable sustainable development
  - Allow reconciling priorities
  - Consultation in Spring 2008

- Marine Management Organisation
- Marine Planning
- Marine Nature Conservation
- Managing Marine Fisheries
- Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries
- Marine Licensing

# Improved licensing - it's an on-going process



# Translating policy into decision making



- Simplified legislation
- Streamlined consents
- Fewer bodies to deal with
- More holistic decision-making
- Increased transparency
- Proportionate & flexible enforcement

- Affects a number of marine consenting regimes
- Covers UK Offshore waters; England, Wales and NI territorial waters
- Does not cover
  - Oil and gas installations
  - Submarine pipelines
  - Exemptions

- Will cover all types of dredging
- Exemption for maintenance dredging
- Will not duplicate local harbour or port legislation

- Marine consent, with approval from the Environment Agency, will be able to include
  - flood management consents
  - land drainage consents

- MMO to issue HEO and HROS
- Harbour Orders will be able to grant
  - marine consent
  - land drainage consent
  - flood management consent
  - planning permission

- Infrastructure Planning Committee will issue licence
- MMO will act as marine advisor and enforcer
- IPC will have regard to marine spatial plans

- Licensed under Section 36 of Electricity Act
  - > 100MW, issued by IPC
  - < 100MW, Electricity Act consent to include marine consent
  - < 1MW, exempt

- The MMO will be able to:
  - Issue 3 new enforcement notices
  - Issue 2 new monetary administrative penalties
  - Suspend licences
- Right of appeal to independent tribunal

- Next steps are:
  - Draft Bill in Spring 2008
  - Pre-legislative Scrutiny
  - Parliament