

Marine Management Organisation appoints new Chief Executive Officer

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Marine Management Organisation (MMO) Board has appointed Elysia McCaffrey as its next Chief Executive Officer.

Elysia will join MMO from the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA), where she is currently Chief Executive. With more than twenty years' experience across the public and civil service, Elysia held senior roles in the Government Equalities Office and the Cabinet Office before becoming Chief Executive of the GLAA. In that role she has led national efforts to protect vulnerable people from exploitation and tackle labour abuse.

MMO Chair, Les Philpott, said:

The Board and I are pleased to announce the appointment of Elysia McCaffrey as the next Chief Executive of MMO. Elysia brings a strong track record of leadership in public service with significant experience leading complex regulatory and operational organisations.

At a time when pressures on our seas continue to increase, MMO's role in balancing economic growth with the protection of the marine environment has never been more important. Elysia's leadership will be key to ensuring the organisation continues to deliver Government priorities and supports the development of a sustainable blue economy for the future.

On behalf of the full Board, I would also like to thank Michelle Willis for her dedicated service as Acting Chief Executive since September 2023. Over the past two and a half years, her leadership has strengthened the organisation and enhanced our response to the growing ambitions of our stakeholders and customers, including delivering on our government's policies.

Elysia said:

I am delighted to be joining MMO and look forward to building on the excellent progress the organisation has made in ensuring the health of our marine environment and the industries that depend upon it.

MMO plays a vital role in safeguarding England's waters while enabling sustainable activity across our marine sectors. I am excited to contribute to this important agenda, helping to ensure that our seas remain healthy, productive and resilient for generations to come.

Elysia will take up her post on 1 April 2026.

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