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11 February 2010

**NOTES OF THE PORT OF PLYMOUTH MARINE LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2010 IN THE NBHQ CONFERENCE ROOM**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>User Group</b>
Cdr S Layland	Queen's Harbour Master - Chairman	MOD
Capt T Charlesworth	Cattewater Harbour Master	
Lt Cdr R Smith RN	Deputy Queen's Harbour Master	MOD
Mrs K Curry	Coastal Planning Co-ordinator	Plymouth City Council
Mr Mike Kester	Plymouth City Boat Master	Maritime Commerce
Mr C Moyse	Treasurer PPSA	Recreation
Cllr M Benson	Bere Ferrers Parish Council	Parish Councils
Mr T Hutchings	Maker with Rame Parish Church	
Mr Gavin Black	Natural England	Environment
Mr Dave Curno	RYA	Recreation
Mr J Hepburn	Maritime Plymouth	Maritime Commerce
Mr C Turner	Tamar Valley Protection Society	Land Conservation
Ms J Simpson	Minute Secretary	MOD

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion and Decisions</b>	<b>Action</b>
1. Introduction.	a. Cdr Layland welcomed those present and asked individuals to introduce themselves and to identify their parent organisation.	
2. Apologies for Absence.	a. Apologies for absence had been received from, Mr R Halliday (Duchy of Cornwall), Mr P Paterson (BMIF(SW)), Mr J Wiseman (Michelmores Hughes), Mr M North (HM Coastguard), Cllr I Kirk (Calstock Parish Council), Mr J Parlour (BSAC Plymouth) and Mr S Garner (National Trust).	
3. Notes of the previous meeting.	Mr J Parlour represents the British Sub Aqua Club (BSAC) and not the Diving Diseases Research Centre (DDRC).	
4. Matters arising.	Para 5(9) – DQHM attended the DDRC meeting to discuss diving safety and will give feedback later in the meeting.  Para 5(10) – CPC has had some further communication with the Duchy of Cornwall regarding fundus owner roles and as this is ongoing, it was decided to close the item for the time being.	
5. SAC Matters.	Report attached.	
6. TECF Delivery Plan.	See attached report from Mrs Kaja Curry, Coastal Planning Coordinator.	
7. Major Maritime Events 2010.	DQHM reported that the Water Events Diary for 2010 can be found on QHM's website <a href="http://www.ghmplymouth.org.uk">www.ghmplymouth.org.uk</a> , which	

	<p>includes all the regular yacht races that take place each year.</p> <p>Other events are:</p> <p>Zapcat Powerboat Racing – April 2010  Jester Challenge – 23 May 2010  OCRDA Powerboat Racing 26-27 June 2010  Round Britain &amp; Ireland race start – June 2010  The Blue Mile mass participation swimming event 3-4 July 2010  Plymouth Regatta and Classic Boats – 24-25 July  Breakwater Swim – 25 July 2010  Firework Competition – August 2010</p> <p>In addition to this the Powerboats are hoping to hold their event again this year, but so far have not secured a sponsor.</p>	
8. Diving Safety Meeting – Feedback	<p>DQHM reported on his meeting with the DDRRC and other diving organisations, Devon Sea Fisheries and EA to decide on a policy for reporting and clearing fishing nets to make the Port of Plymouth safe for diving. It was agreed that if a Diving Club member found a net they would report it to Longroom Port Control (LPC). LPC would then note the position and pass this information onto other Diving Organisations so that the area can be avoided. Once the net has been removed LPC would then inform everyone that the area was safe again.</p> <p>Nets that are removed should be handed to the EA for destruction.</p>	
10. Port Marine Safety Code Safety Management System	<p>a. <u>Navigation Aids</u>. QHM asked for comments on the range/suitability of marking danger areas in the port ie buoys and beacons. Discussion followed and Q asked for feedback by the end of the month.</p> <p>b. <u>New VTS reporting point</u> for vessels coming into either the Cattewater, Millbay or the Hamoaze will report passing Melampus buoy (towards the north part of Plymouth Sound). This is for vessels of over 25m in length. This is to enhance general situational awareness, particularly smaller craft coming out of Sutton Harbour and the Cattewater. Discussion followed on the use of Channel 14 and Channel 13.</p> <p>c. QHM reported that DQHM &amp; CPC are drafting a Water Users Guidance for small craft users, alongside this there will also be pilotage directions for the military, port guidance for commercial users and port guidance for fishing vessels. These will be done through the HALC.</p>	All
11. Any Other Business.	<p>a. Mr M Kester reported that the Cornwall Beach landing stage is unlit. Trinity House are in the process of renewing it. DQHM agreed to send out a Notice to Mariners.</p> <p>b. Cllr M Benson mentioned an incident last October where a RM landing craft collided with 2 yachts in thick fog. QHM explained that this was investigated by Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) and the MoD Police contacted the owners of both vessels giving them contact numbers so that they could apply for compensation. A control procedure has now been put in place for military vessels where by if the visibility is 400 yards or less they must</p>	DQHM

	<p>contact QHM for permission to continue.</p> <p>c. QHM reported that the Devonport Landing Craft Co-location Project is seeking to bring together all the Royal Marine landing craft from Poole and across from Turnchapel into Plymouth, probably Western Mill where they will undergo training in the top half of the Hamoaze. The development of this will include consultations and discussions with the PPMLC, TECF, landowners, and fundus owners etc to ensure that everyone is content. This is not expected until 2014.</p> <p>d. CPC has received a request from Mr Charles Bush, Mayflower Marina to join the PPMLC. At the moment there are 5 recreational representatives and 3 marine commerce therefore she wondered whether another recreational representative was required. Discussion followed on this and it was agreed that in principle it may be appropriate for the marinas to have a representative, but the marinas should agree who they would like to represent them. CPC to contact all marinas to see if they agree to being represented by Charles Bush.</p> <p>e. QHM reported that he had a meeting with the Chairman of the Yacht Haven who are setting up a Wakeboarding Group operating from Yacht Haven and plan to use the river Plym for their activities. They have also consulted Mr C Moyes and Capt T Charlesworth and other relevant authorities in order to protect the local area.</p>	CPC								
12. Dates of Next Meetings	<p>Dates of the forthcoming PPMLC and TECF meetings were published as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="438 1160 1193 1332"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="438 1160 853 1198"><u>PPMLC</u></th> <th data-bbox="853 1160 1193 1198"><u>TECF</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 1227 853 1265"><b>1400 on 10 June 10</b></td> <td data-bbox="853 1227 1193 1265">1015 on 11 March 2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 1265 853 1303"><b>1400 on 14 October 10</b></td> <td data-bbox="853 1265 1193 1303">1015 on 8 July 2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td data-bbox="853 1303 1193 1332">1015 on 11 Nov 2010</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>PPMLC</u>	<u>TECF</u>	<b>1400 on 10 June 10</b>	1015 on 11 March 2010	<b>1400 on 14 October 10</b>	1015 on 8 July 2010		1015 on 11 Nov 2010	
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## Report of TECF Coastal Planning Co-ordinator

### 1. Coordination of Management Framework for Tamar Estuaries

- TECF ran a workshop for DEFRA looking at marine planning in our area.
- Marine and Coastal Access Act passed November 2009.
- Consultations currently out on the marine plan areas – DEFRA are proposing inshore and offshore areas, Inshore will cover Hartland Point round to Berry Head.
- Finding Sanctuary's work continues to identify network of marine conservation zones in the South West. CPC sits on Devon group – next few months will be critical.

### 2. M2C European Interreg Project

- TECF was a partner in this English – French project looking at developing a joint approach to managing European marine sites. Unfortunately, the project was not successful in its bid for funding but was strongly advised to resubmit. Work is now on-going to address the issues raised and resubmit before summer.

### 3. Recreation Management

Hannah Govier, an MSc student at University of Plymouth, has completed her review of recreational boating on the Tamar Estuaries. As part of this she counted all the boats on the water and land. The key findings are given in the following table:

	1992	2009	Changes
Vessels kept on the water	2,700	2,916	+8%
Vessels kept on the land	656	796	+21%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>3,712</b>	<b>+11%</b>

(excludes dinghies)

However, this does not convey the whole picture. For example the number of berths in marinas has increased dramatically over the same period:

Marinas	1990	2009	Changes
Berths	1,046	1,708	+63%
Marina Moorings	935	2094	+123%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>3,802</b>	<b>+91%</b>

A fact sheet of the key findings will be produced and placed on the TECF website.

### 4. Pollution Management

- Dive Clean – The dates for 'Dive Clean' events off Devils Point have now been set as 9 May; 6 June; 18 July; 5 September. Seasearch are looking to do some

before and after monitoring to gauge the impact and it is hoped to do some work on additional sites also, principally off the Mountbatten Breakwater.

- Beach Cleans – a series of events will take place over the summer, with the help of a student on placement from the University of Plymouth.

## **5. Education & Awareness**

- Blue Mile event scheduled for 3 – 4 July 2010, with focus of water events on the water from Mayflower Steps to West Hoe, with event village to be located in West Hoe Park.

## **6. Planning Issues**

- Work on planning applications is now picking up as well as the ongoing other work:
  - Coordinated Investigation by the licensing authorities into an unlicensed marina development at Southdown near Millbrook, Cornwall.
  - Millbay proposals: planning application submitted, as has FEPA / CPA for dredging works in basin.
  - Bostons / Baileys Yard: revised application recently refused – due to go to appeal early March. Decision on whether enforcement on slipways still awaited from Plymouth City Council
  - QAB Dredge: Maintenance dredge to reinstate berths to take place.
  - Yachthaven Dry Store: work going ahead on marine works (dredging and assoc works). Licenses in place.
  - Liphill Quay in West Devon – revised options being put forward.
  - Cargreen – MFA licence application recently been submitted.
  - Application for housing and slipway at Cremyll, at the old oil store.
  - Enforcement action being undertaken on unlicensed jetty at Warleigh, on the Tavy.
  - Mayflower Marina, Plymouth; replacement of pontoons and pilings.
- WS Atkins have started the work on the Plymouth Port Plan. This is a piece of work to understand the City's port function through the collection of a robust evidence base, which can then subsequently be used to shape future policy decisions which will be of particular significance to all marine and port-related businesses in Plymouth. They are currently consulting with the port operators and are due to finish the work by April 2010.
- Coastal Development Guidance: the draft has been produced and been consulted and the document is currently being finalised. It will include very general information in the printed document, with further details available on the website. This work is to be assisted by a graduate placement from the University of Plymouth.

## **7. Water Transportation / Recreation**

- Tamar Valley AONB are due to start work on the Upper Tamar Ferry Links project, subject to funding being secured from local area networks. If successful this will help make the ferry services more sustainable in the longer term.
- QHM / Cattewater Harbour Authority // TECF / Natural England are working on a new 'Water users Guide' leaflet for the Plymouth Sound and Tamar Estuaries, to be ready for Easter 2010.

## 8. Communications

- Three newsletters have now been produced and circulated and are proving a valuable tool to disseminate information to all the PPMLC stakeholders. **Any items for the newsletter to Kaja Curry.**

## 9. Priorities for 2010 – 2012

- We are now half way through the Management Plan period and so a 'Mid Term Review' has been undertaken. This has reviewed progress of delivering the Tamar Estuaries Management Plan for 2006-12. The priorities for the final two years of the existing Management Plan have been identified as:
  - TECF: Secure funding for post 2012 & update Management Plan.
  - Coastal Development: Complete guidance and develop central database for all coastal works.
  - Planning: Support Cornwall in the production of their LDF.
  - Recreation Management: Complete revision of Recreation Management Plan, including leaflet & audit of slipways.
  - Water-based Recreational Transport: Deliver improvement plan.
  - Port Commerce: Complete Plymouth Port Plan.
  - Water Quality & Public Awareness: Run series of clean-up events.
  - Recreation & Public Awareness: Links to Blue Mile, Stepping Stones to Nature and Blue Sound projects.
  - Policy & Strategic: Shaping implementation of emerging water management agenda & marine / coastal management.
  - Sharing information: Continue to produce newsletter & update website.

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**Tamar Estuaries Consultative Forum**  
**February 2010**

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**SAC Matters**

- The formal consultation on the network of possible SACs is due to close 26 February 2010.
- In 2010-11 the Prawle Point to Plymouth Sound and Eddystone Reefs pSAC is likely to be the focus for a pilot study assessing different management measures in collaboration with relevant authorities and stakeholders.
- DEFRA are now using the recent risk reviews of existing SACs and asking that implementation plans that include all issues (be they high risk or low risk) for each site be prepared.

**Casework -**

- See Coastal Planning Co-ordinator's summary of recent casework.
- Mill Bay Docks – EIA
- Cattedown Wharves dredge – FEPA licence
- Crooked Spaniards – EIA screening
- Redlands, Newton Ferrers – FEPA and planning permission
- Continuing enforcement action at Southdown marina and Warleigh Barton
- Retrospective planning application at Southdown marina.

**Monitoring –**

- Diving survey of eelgrass beds at Cawsand, Drakes Island, and mouth of Yealm (Red Cove and Cellars Cove) for monitoring the quality of the meadows took place in July. Report has been delayed and now expected end of February.
- Intertidal survey of Yealm planned for 2010 subject to funding.

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