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14 October 2010

NOTES OF THE PORT OF PLYMOUTH MARINE LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 10 JUNE 2010 IN THE NBHQ CONFERENCE ROOM

Present	Representing	User Group
Cdr S Layland	Queen's Harbour Master - Chairman	MOD
Mrs K Curry	Coastal Planning Co-ordinator	Plymouth City Council
Mr G Baker	Plymouth Marine Laboratory	Scientific Research
Mr M Sarsen	Plymouth City Council	
Cllr M Benson	Bere Ferrers Parish Council	Parish Councils
Mr M Kester	Plymouth City Boatmaster	Moorings
Mr R Halliday	Duchy of Cornwall	Fundus Owner
Mr C Turner	Tamar Protection Society	Landscape Conservation
Mr P Patterson	British Marine Federation - SW	Marine Commerce
Mr R Vanstone	MDP Marine Unit	Crime Abatement
Capt T Charlesworth	Cattewater Harbour Master	Marine Commerce
Mr P Bromley	Fisheries Manager	Fisheries
Miss H Towers	Natural England	Nature Conservation
Mr D Curno	RYA	Recreation
Mr P Nicholas	Archaeology & Rame Peninsula Trust	Marine Archaeology
Mr J Hepburn	Maritime Plymouth	Marine Commerce
Mr C Bush	Mayflower Marina	Marinas Representative
Ms J Simpson	Minute Secretary	MOD

Item	Discussion and Decisions	Action
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 Lt Cdr R Smith (DQHM), Mr S Holley (National Trust), Mr C Moyse (PPSA), Mr A Hutchings (MRPC) and Cllr M Yates (CPC).	
3. Presentation on Invasive Species in the Tamar Estuary	Mr Guy Baker from the MBA / Plymouth Marine Science Partnership gave a presentation on Invasive Non-native Species in the Tamar Estuary. Mr Baker explained what the non-native species were, how they were being transported to our shores, the damage they cause to the environment and what the relevant authorities are doing to try to eradicate them and what actions individuals can do. Full presentation appended.	
4. Notes of the previous meeting.	The notes of the previous meeting held on 10 June 2010 were accepted with the exception of the numbering in section 11.	
5. Matters arising.	Para 1. QHM and CPC sent out a letter and questionnaire to review the membership of the PPMLC, which proved successful and QHM thanked everyone for responding and attending the	

	<p>meeting.</p> <p>Para 4.11d. QHM welcomed Mr Charles Bush to his first PPMLC as the representatives for the marinas in the Plymouth area.</p> <p>Para 11b. Mr Moyse received confirmation from the PCC confirming that Blagdon's Meadow is now classed as an SSSI.</p> <p>Para 11f. Cllr Benson reported that the sunken yacht off Cargreen has now been removed.</p> <p>Para 11i. At the previous meeting it was reported that two unauthorised divers had been found in the Devil's Point area and as they were not associated with a club they were unaware that they had to inform Longroom Port Control (LRPC) before they go diving. In order to avoid this in the future it was suggested that information for divers could be made available in the places where they fill up their air tanks giving the LRPC telephone number. DQHM to arrange this.</p> <p>Para 11j. CPC reported that Plymouth City Council are the owners of the disused railway bridge supports at the entrance to Hooe Lake.</p>	DQHM
6. SAC Matters.	See attached report from Miss Helena Towers at Annex A.	
7. TECF Delivery Plan.	<p>a. See attached report from Mrs Kaja Curry, Coastal Planning Coordinator at Annex B.</p> <p>b. Mr Charlesworth asked for information about the water treatment plant in Prince Rock that broke down in August. CPC reported that when it broke down it highlighted that the PCC did not have in place a plan to inform the right people that there was a problem with the water quality. A new water pollution plan is proposed to inform people of problems in the future, on similar lines to the Oil Spill directive. Discussion followed on this and it was decided to ask South West Water for an incident report. CPC mentioned that the Port Health Authority, a function hosted by Plymouth City Council, used to have a representative on the PPMLC but that he has now retired, CPC will enquire if someone else would like to take his place.</p> <p>c. Cllr Benson mentioned pollution management and the fact that there has been a lot of plastic waste washing up on Weir Quay. Discussion followed on the measures that are being taken by various authorities to monitor and minimise this problem. QHM agreed to mention this at the next TECF.</p>	CPC QHM
8. Dockyard Port Marine Safety	QHM highlighted that the new Dockyard Port Marine Safety document has been put onto the QHM website. This is issue number two and takes into account the changes in the different kinds of legislation and structures within the Ministry of Defence and does not significantly change the way in which we carry out our business.	
9. Dredging	The next dockyard dredge will be in December which is fully licensed. The MMO are still in the process of consultation over their review of disposal at the Rame Head Disposal Site and	

	there is a consultation event on 19 October. More information can be found on the MMO website.	
10. Estuary Work Projects	<p>a. The Royal Albert Bridge refurbishment programme starts in October and will last for two years. The bridge will be wrapped in plastic while the work is carried out. To ensure that railway traffic can continue, the supply of the equipment required for the work will be by the river and a pontoon will be constructed on the eastern side. This means there will be additional activity on the water and the Harbour Authority Liaison Committee will be working to ensure that those sub-contractors employed to move the equipment around are complying with the relevant work boat codes.</p> <p>b. In October Landulph will be having a new Emergency Generator. As this is a 151 ton generator it will come into the Port of Plymouth by sea and then be offloaded at some point and then transported by road to Landulph. Possible sites for offloading are Millbay, the Dockyard, Saltash and Cargreen.</p> <p>c. Capt Charlesworth reported that they may be dredging in the Cattewater in the next 10 days, if a dredger is available.</p>	
11. Any Other Business.	<p>a. Mr Nicholas mentioned that the Tamar Valley Trust are taking over the licence of Wacker Quay and may be Looking to undertake some access improvement works in the future.</p> <p>b. Mr Curno mentioned that a Student National Sailing Event will be taking place in November which will involve approx. 200 boats. LRPC have already been informed.</p> <p>c. Mr Bromley reported that Plymouth has just been awarded the Top Fishing Port by weight for 2010.</p> <p>d. Mr Paterson asked where he could find tidal data, as the websites he usually looks at have not been updated. CPC suggested he looked at the Coastal Observatory sites and QHM said he would look into it for him.</p> <p>e. Mr Turner mentioned that he was representing the Tamar Protection Society and not the Tamar <u>Valley</u> Protection Society.</p> <p>f. Mr Halliday reported that he had received a letter from Mr Jones with regard to the scallop farm off Jennycliffe stating that he was not renewing his licence and that he had removed all of the tackle from the area.</p> <p>g. Mr Halliday reported that The Gillaroo, a 70 ft boat, is on its way to Falmouth for restoration. As it is having difficulties getting there, Mr Halliday wanted the PPMLC to be aware that it may wish to call into Plymouth on the way. Capt Charlesworth said he would inform the MCA.</p> <p>h. Mr Baker announced that he will be taking over from Dr A Linley in representing the Plymouth Marine Science Partnerships in the future.</p>	<p>QHM</p> <p>CHC</p>

<p>12. Dates of Next Meetings</p>	<p>Dates of the forthcoming PPMLC and TECF meetings were published as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="440 304 544 338"><u>PPMLC</u></th> <th data-bbox="876 304 959 338"><u>TECF</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 371 794 405">1400 on 17 February 2011</td> <td data-bbox="876 371 1246 405">1015 on 11 November 2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 407 735 441">1400 on 9 June 2011</td> <td data-bbox="876 407 1187 441">1015 on 10 March 2011</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 443 783 477">1400 on 13 October 2011</td> <td data-bbox="876 443 1158 477">1015 on 14 July 2011</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Cdr Layland pointed out that the next PPMLC will be one week later than previously advertised, as he will be leaving the QHM department before the next meeting and his relief will be joining on 7 February 2011. He then thanked everyone for all their support over the three years that he has been the Chair of the PPMLC and Cllr Benson, on behalf of the PPMLC, said that they had appreciated his Chairmanship.</p>	<u>PPMLC</u>	<u>TECF</u>	1400 on 17 February 2011	1015 on 11 November 2010	1400 on 9 June 2011	1015 on 10 March 2011	1400 on 13 October 2011	1015 on 14 July 2011	
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SAC Matters

- Prawle Point to Plymouth Sound & Eddystone is now a cSAC and was submitted to EC on 20th August 2010.
- Prawle Point to Start Point area to be reconsulted on (formal consultation started on 20th August, and will end on 12th Nov).
- Conservation measures have not yet been defined, but activities that do not damage the reef are unlikely to be restricted.
- Anticipate that there will be one management group / scheme for the whole of this cSAC (which should also include the Prawle Point to Start Point pSAC once designated).

Casework

- See Coastal Planning Co-ordinator's summary of recent casework, proposed developments NE have been consulted on include:
 - Howards Quay – resubmitted planning application, pending decision.
 - Covehead – no objection to latest application, waiting for habitat report.
 - Kingfisher Quay – very satisfied with outcome so far with regards to mitigation. MMO licences completed, going through final stages of planning permission.
 - DLCCP – EIA expected very soon.
 - Southdown marina – MMO and Cornwall Council pursuing prosecution/enforcement. NE supporting.
 - Native oyster dredging – Tamar to be removed from directive and Lynher boundary to be changed.

Monitoring

- Contract for intertidal survey of Lynher Estuary awarded to Ecospan. Survey has been carried out, awaiting report.
- Contract to be awarded for survey of Tamar and Tavy.
- Intertidal survey of upper Yealm intertidal mudflats carried out by NE staff in May 2010. Rocky shore survey of mouth of Yealm in July 2010 Condition deemed favourable. Data available by end of 2010.

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Report of TECF Coastal Planning Co-ordinator
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1. Coordination of Management Framework for Tamar Estuaries

- Work is still underway to secure funding for TECF for the period 2011 – 2014. Needless to say the situation is proving somewhat challenging given the current constraints on the public and private purse. However, TECF continues to demonstrate best practice in sustainably managing the estuary.
- **Marine and Coastal Access Act:** Consultations are just coming to an end on the planning and licensing processes. TECF has had a major part in shaping much of the guidance and is heartened to see that much of what has been suggested has been included. The marine plan areas have now been agreed and we are now awaiting an announcement on which marine plan area will be the first to be completed.
- **Sea Fisheries Management:** This month sees the launch of the shadow authority charged with managing the inshore sea fisheries and conservation body (known as the Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority). The new body will run in tandem with the existing Devon Sea Fisheries Committee until March when the DSFC will wind-up. For the Tamar, the boundary between the Cornwall IFCA and the Devon and Severn IFCA will be right down the middle of the Tamar and out into the Sound passing through the west end of the Breakwater via the Breakwater Light. However, on an operational level, it is anticipated that some kind of management arrangement will be made which will see the Devon and Severn IFCA taking on much of the work in the estuary.
- **Cornwall Council** are currently putting together a Marine Strategy for the whole of the county. This is the first time such a document has been produced and a first draft is expected early in the new year.

2. Finding Sanctuary

The Government has committed to put in place an ecologically coherent network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) by 2012 to include:

- Existing Natura 2000 sites such as Plymouth Sound and Estuaries
- New candidate SACs and SPAs including the Prawle Point to Plymouth Sound and Eddystone site
- New national MPAs to be called Marine Conservation Zones in England.

Finding Sanctuary has been charged with identifying the MCZs for the South West of England and over the last 4 years they have been working with a wide range of stakeholders to identify potential sites. Sites must be put forward to JNCC and Natural England by 2011, so work is currently underway to focus in on what they call 'building blocks'.

With the Plymouth Sound and Tamar Estuaries already being a protected area through its designation as a Natura 2000 site, it is unlikely that further designations will be applied **unless** Finding Sanctuary's Scientific Advisory Group recommend that key estuaries are also designated as MCZs. We will know by November 2010 if this is to be the case.

The nearest inshore Building Blocks are Whitsand Bay (excluding the disposal site), two in Looe Bay and otherwise just off Salcombe.

3. Recreation Management

- **Plymouth Waterways – a guide for small craft:** This leaflet was printed in July 2010 and since then has been flying off the shelves. 10,000 were printed and well over half have now been circulated to chandlers, yacht clubs and marinas. So far, it has been extremely well received.
- **Fisheries Leaflet:** Text for the fisheries leaflet is now complete and the designers are currently working on this leaflet. Photos are being sought and if anyone has any good quality recreational angling photos, then could they please contact Kaja Curry, Coastal Planning Coordinator.
- **Bathing Beaches:** The Bathing Water Directive is being revised and will introduce some major changes to the way that designated beaches are managed and monitored. In Plymouth Sound area we have 4 designated bathing beaches at Cawsand, Kingsand, East and West Hoe, Bovisand and Wembury. Within the process, there may be an opportunity to designate further beaches as bathing beaches. If you would be interested in this process please contact Kaja Curry, (kaja.curry@plymouth.gov.uk)

4. Pollution Management

- **Beach Cleanups –** there are now a range of people taking part in beach clean ups on a fairly regular basis. Groundwork have teamed up with Plymouth Parks Services to take out teams of unemployed to clean up coastal sites. Also, Blue Sound, the marine awareness project, has also been undertaking Beach Clean Ups as part of their work. Smaller community-led events continue to take place eg Oreston was the site for one such event. For these events TECF provides support in terms of consents, waste collection and risk assessments.
- **The underwater clean-up off the Hoe** was done by Plymouth Sound BSAC as part of the Blue Mile event. waters off West Hoe in advance of the Blue Mile event with the work being undertaken by the Plymouth Sound BSAC club.
- **Hoe Lake:** concerns have been expressed regarding poor water quality in Hooe Lake and possible impacts on schools use. Discussions have now taken place with Environmental Services, Environment Agency, South West Water and Education Department. The monitoring carried out to date does not show any persistent problems but more work is to be carried out. It has been agreed to produce a leaflet on minimising risk to water users.

5. Education & Awareness

- **Blue Mile:** over the first weekend in July, hundreds of people took part in activities on the water and thousands came through the event village. TECF had a presence in the environment tent alongside the University of Plymouth, Marine Biological Association, Blue Sound Project and the National Marine Aquarium.
- **Blue Sound:** this initiative is now well under way working to connect more people with the marine environment of Plymouth Sound and Estuaries with a focus on deprived communities. The project is led by the Marine Biological Association and has employed Rebecca House as the project officer.

A full programme of events has just been published which includes:

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A range of activities for 11 – 19 year olds, which includes fortnightly / monthly sessions, mostly early evening sessions held on Wednesdays at the Stonehouse Youth Project. Sessions include setting up the website and Facebook, creating a snorkel guide, sustainable angling sessions and related films. In the summer events will focus on undertaking snorkel safaris and surveys working up to a celebration event to be held at the Museum.

A range of activities for 20 – 25 year olds, similar to those for the younger age group but focused on slightly older group. The group will also undertake beach cleans, and some practical experiments on water quality. Events take place either in The Zone on Union Street or at the MBA on Citadel Hill. Further details from rebhou@mba.ac.uk

6. Planning & Marine Licensing Issues

- Work on planning applications has included:
 - The consultation period has just closed for Howards Quay Marina, a new marina in the Plym. The development will also require marine licenses which will need to be secured prior to development.
 - Baylys Slipway – the appellant is currently appealing against the enforcement actions.
 - Inner Millbay: - Dredging is now completed. The tender has been let to operate the new marina.
 - Weston Mill Lake – applications are expected soon for two unrelated developments in Weston Mill Lake: one a defence related proposal including a pontoon and slipway and two a proposed incinerator.
 - Jupiter Point – the proposal to move Brecon and put in new pontoons has now been scaled right back.
 - Gunnislake Fisheries: work is now going ahead with works to reinstate the banks of a small island to the south of Gunnislake Weir. The issues regarding the spawning sites of Allis shad have now been resolved.
 - Ref No PA10/05990 for Spaniards Inn: Construction of new two storey extension comprising 4 self contained holiday accommodation units (demolition of existing two storey and single storey extensions), construction of 4 self contained holiday accommodation units within existing car park and construction of pontoon and decking areas. **Closes 23rd October 2010**
 - Cornwall Council are currently consulting on their validation list for planning applications. TECF will be making representations for them to include marine issues in the process. Details are available from Comments are to be received 3rd December 2010 and the information is available from <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=22558> .
- The Plymouth Port Plan evidence base has now been completed by WS Atkins and is now available on the website; <http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/homepage/environmentandplanning/planning/planningpolicy/ldf/ldfbackgroundreports/portofplymouthstudy.htm>

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7. Water Transportation / Recreation

Cornwall Council has now drafted the section on water transport with a view to include it in both the Cornwall and Plymouth Local Transport Plan. This is to ensure that the matter of water based transportation is properly reflected in the LTPs and to identify priority areas for future work which reflect the findings from previous work.

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