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**NOTES OF THE PORT OF PLYMOUTH MARINE LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 JUNE 2007 IN THE MARINE SKILLS
CENTRE PACIFIC CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present	Representing	User Group
Lt Cdr N Trathen RN	Deputy Queen's Harbour Master, Chairman	MOD
Sgt P Cawrse	MDP Marine Unit	Crime Abatement
Mr A Rye	Plymouth Federation of Sea Anglers	Recreation
Mr D Curno	Royal Yachting Association	Recreation
Mr M Read	University of Plymouth	Maritime Archaeology
Mr P Patterson	BMIF(SW)	Maritime Commerce
Mr J Hepburn	Maritime Plymouth	Maritime Commerce
Mr B Turner	Tamar Protection Society	Nature Conservation
Ms M Nightingale	Plymouth City Council	TECF
Captain T Charlesworth	Cattewater Harbour Commission	Marine Commerce
Dr A Linley	Plymouth Marine Laboratory	Research
Mr A Hutchings	Maker with Rame Parish Council	Parish Councils
Cllr M Benson	Bere Ferrers Parish Council	Parish Councils
Mr C Richards Mr C Moyse	PPSA	Recreation
Mrs S Last	Minute Secretary	

Item	Discussion and Decisions	Action
1. Introduction.	1. Lt Cdr Trathen welcomed those present and asked individuals to introduce themselves and to identify their parent organisation.	
2. Apologies for Absence.	1. Apologies for absence had been received from Cdr Hugo, QHM, Mr Wiseman (Duchy Estates), Mr Tyler and Miss Heape Natural England and Mr Muelenar (National Trust).	

<p>6. TECF Management Plan.</p>	<p>1. The Coastal Officer updated the four main work strands being undertaken in the current year:</p> <p>a. <u>Upper Tamar Management</u>. A working group had been established to examine the broad spectrum of issues. The challenge would be to establish a balance between the differing aspirations for the upper reaches.</p> <p>b. <u>Dredging Protocols</u>. An outline project definition for the maintenance dredging protocols study had been drawn up. Key stakeholders had been identified and funding streams were being investigated.</p> <p>c. <u>Coastal Planning</u>. Work stemming from the Coastal Planning Study was being taken forward. Elements concerning marine and shoreline development had been incorporated into PCC core policy document and Local Development Framework. The next stage would be the development and adoption of a Supplementary Planning Document. PCC were leading, but it was hoped that other local authorities could contribute and follow a similar process to achieve planning coherency across the Estuary.</p> <p>d. <u>Marine Protected Areas</u>. Considerable interest had been registered into the generation of an MPA within the SAC. At an initial working group it was agreed to adjust the terminology to “Marine Conservation Zone”, aligning with that in the proposed Marine Bill. Early engagement with the local community and all stakeholders was needed to provide accurate and un-biased information to all, so as not to repeat past missed opportunities and lose public support.</p>	
<p>7. PPMLC Terms of Reference and Representation.</p>	<p>1. Lt Cdr Trathen passed out copies of the proposed revised PPMLC Terms of Reference. The document was discussed in detail and with two minor amendments it was unanimously agreed. (Proposer: Captain Charlesworth, Seconder: Mr Curno). Copy of the approved document attached.</p> <p>2. Representation and dissemination of information were discussed at length. It was eventually agreed that PPMLC representatives should remain sensitive to their wider constituents and ensure that any relevant items were brought to the committee either for discussion, resolution or passing up to TECF. It was vital to maintain accessibility and lines of communication in order to serve all the port users and interest groups.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>8. Review of Dockyard Port of</p>	<p>1. The revision had been scrutinised by MOD legal team and the consultation process was about to begin. DQ</p>	

	<p>Planning Application process. CO said that such instances would be used in the case being made for PCC to re-instate enforcement officers. Pass to TECF for action.</p> <p>4. <u>MOD Marine Units</u>. Mr Patterson (British Marine Federation) wished to record his appreciation of the continuing vigilance of MOD Police Marine Units in more remote river areas.</p> <p>5. <u>Marine Archaeological Update</u>. Mr Read confirmed that the Plymouth University surveys on Coronation and Cattewater protected wrecks were revealing exciting results. English Heritage intended to hold a Conference during September 2007 to publicise findings.</p> <p>6. <u>PPMLC Members' List</u>. Cllr Benson requested representatives be supplied with the complete PPMLC distribution list. Copy attached.</p> <p>7. <u>Speed Limit Signage in Upper Reaches</u>. Cllr Benson asked if additional notices could be provided in the upper reaches where speeding vessels caused consistent problems. Lt Cdr Trathen believed that even with an increase of signage, for which there was no financial provision, devising a means of educating water users would prove more productive.</p> <p>8. <u>Departure of Coastal Officer</u>. The Coastal Officer announced that this meeting had been her last as she was moving to another post abroad. She thanked the Committee for its vibrancy and support and wished members continuing success.</p> <p>On behalf of the Committee Lt Cdr Trathen thanked Maeve for her energy and enthusiasm during her tenure. She had made a significant contribution to the management of the Estuary, the re-vitalisation of PPMLC, TECF and formulating the new Management Plan; she would be missed.</p>	<p>CO</p> <p>Sec</p>								
<p>12. Dates of Meetings.</p>	<p>1. Dates of the forthcoming PPMLC and TECF meetings were published as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="443 1738 1214 1883"> <tr> <td><u>PPMLC</u></td> <td><u>TECF</u> (all am)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 October 07</td> <td>12 July 07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14 February 08</td> <td>15 November 07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 June 08</td> <td>13 March 08</td> </tr> </table>	<u>PPMLC</u>	<u>TECF</u> (all am)	11 October 07	12 July 07	14 February 08	15 November 07	12 June 08	13 March 08	
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PPMLC Briefing from Natural England for June 14th 2007 (previous PPMLC 15th Feb)

1) Casework

Cargreen Yacht Club – Discussion with club over proposals for a re-instating an old slipway. NE would like to see a solution which does not involved a permanent reclamation of the intertidal.

Scallop farming – Proposal to farm scallops just off Jennycliff shore. The scallops will be farmed in pearl nets at a nursery stage then placed onto the sea bed.

Port maintenance dredging - Last 3 yr licence runs out in December 2007. Informal consultation about next maintenance dredging license. A dredging Status Review which looks at ways in which they could improve the dredging strategy.

2) NE staff coverage of Plymouth Sound and Estuaries SAC, Tamar-Tavy SSSI and Tamar AONB

Further to the transfer of the NE lead for the SAC from Chris Davis to Laura Heape. For more terrestrial issues; Hugh Tyler has taken over from Carol Williams and Sangeeta McNair on the Cornwall side and Simon Lee (recently joined the Devon office) will cover terrestrial issues on the Devon side. Both Hugh and Simon will lead on AONB issues.

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Plymouth Area Coastal Education Events

Wembury Marine Centre Events

www.devonwildlifetrust.org

Shark Trust

<http://www.sharktrust.org>

MarLin

www.marlin.ac.uk

National Marine Aquarium

<http://www.national-aquarium.co.uk>

Splash-In Championships – British Society of Under Water Photographers in assoc, with NMA – 7 July

<http://www.bsoup.org/Splash/2007/intro.php>

PORT OF PLYMOUTH MARINE LIAISON COMMITTEE (PPMLC)
TERMS OF REFERENCE

Preamble

1. The evolution of water management within the frame of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth and the designation of the Tamar Estuaries as a Special Area of Conservation under the European Habitats Directive saw a need for wider civil participation. At a statutory level this is met by the Tamar Estuaries Consultative Forum (TECF) but representation is equally needed from the broader base of estuarine users. The role of the existing Port of Plymouth Marine Liaison Committee was modified to meet that representational requirement. The aim is to optimise social, economic and environmental benefits through the promotion of sustainable use, development and management of the important common asset that is the Tamar Estuaries. The PPMLC, is an advisory body to the TECF¹ and forms an integral element in the estuarine management process.

THE PORT OF PLYMOUTH MARINE LIAISON COMMITTEE (PPMLC)

Primary Purpose

2. To advise TECF on factors affecting the management of the Tamar Estuaries.

Secondary Purposes

3. (a) To exchange information, represent ideas and proposals for discussion between the constituent interest groups, thus improving co-ordination and understanding between the different port users and interest groups within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth and the seaward extent of the Plymouth Sound and Estuaries European Marine Site ².

(b) To assist in the formulation and execution of the Tamar Estuaries Management Plan.

Composition and Election

4 (a) The PPMLC shall comprise of the QHM, DQHM, TECF Coastal Officer and a number of spokespersons from the following interest groups:

Recreation	(5)	Landscape Conservation	(2)
Maritime Commerce	(3)	Fundus Owners/Managers	(2)
Moorings	(2)	Maritime Archaeology	(1)
Crime Abatement	(1)	Research	(1)
Navigation & Rescue	(1)	Town/Parish Councils	(3)
Fisheries	(1)	Education	(1)

¹ The Tamar Estuaries Consultative Forum presently comprises of the Queen's Harbour Master, Caradon District Council, Cornwall County Council, Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council, South Hams District Council, West Devon Borough Council, Associated British Ports, Cattewater Harbour Commissioners, Sutton Harbour Company, Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs, Environment Agency, Natural England, Tamar Valley AONB, South West Water.

² As defined in the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999 and the Tamar Estuaries Management Plan Figure 2.

(b) The number of spokespersons per interest group shall be amended only by majority agreement by the PPMLC.

(c) The nomination of the spokesperson(s) shall be a matter for the respective interest group and should be forwarded to the QHM at least two months prior to the meeting.

Organisational Matters

5. (a) Minutes of the meetings of the PPMLC will be produced and distributed to the committee members. Individual members are responsible for further dissemination within the area they represent. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the TECF website.

(b) The PPMLC will meet about three times annually and normally about one month before TECF meetings. Meetings will be chaired by QHM or his representative.

(c) All questions relating to proceedings, dates, times, venues, attendance, membership, servicing, records and other matters of any kind relating to the PPMLC shall be decided by the QHM after consultation with the PPMLC.

(d) Any matters requested to be raised by any member of a specific interest group shall be forwarded at least three weeks in advance of the meeting for inclusion in the agenda.

(e) The constitution of the PPMLC may be amended only after a majority consent has been reached.