

Queen's Harbour Master's Office  
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QHM 532/3

8 August 2006

**Notes of the Tamar Estuaries Consultative Forum meeting held at 10.15am on Thursday 13 July 2006 in HM Naval Base Devonport conference room**

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>
Commander I Hugo Royal Navy	Chairman and Queen's Harbour Master (QHM)
Lt Cdr N Trathen	Deputy Queen's Harbour Master (DQHM), Secretary
Mr A Winder	Devon County Council (DCC)
Cllr B Preston	Cornwall County Council (CCC)
Mr R Swinfen	Wembury Conservation Group (WCG)
Mr T Andrews	Associated British Ports (ABP)
Captain T Charlesworth	Cattewater Harbour Commissioners (CHC)
Ms M Nightingale	Coastal Officer (CO)
Mr A MacPherson	Plymouth city Council
Miss J Perry	West Devon Borough Council
Ms D Ramsay	English Nature
Cllr A Hosking	Devon County Council
Ms P Morrison	Defence Estates
Mrs S Last	Minute Secretary

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Discussion and Decisions</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>
1. Introduction.	1. Cdr Hugo welcomed those present to the meeting and noted that, in view of the imminent World Heritage Site decision, the reduced turnout was not unexpected. He invited members to introduce themselves and identify their respective organisations.	
2. Apologies for Absence.	1. Apologies for absence had been received from Miss Barrow, EA, Mr Bower, Devon Sea Fisheries, Miss McNie, Cornwall County Council (vice Ms Hoskin – on maternity leave), Mr Davis, EN, (represented by Ms Ramsey), Mrs McNair, EN (formerly Miss Taylor), Mr Whitby, DEFRA, Mr Ford, PCC, Mr B Runnalls, CDC, Mr R Toogood, TVAONB, Councillors Wheeler and Vincent, PCC and Councillor Pike, WDBC.	
3. Notes of	1. The notes of the previous meeting held on 9 March 2006 were	

Previous Meeting.	accepted.	
4. Matters Arising.	<p><u>Co-ordination and Information.</u></p> <p>1. <u>Financial Statement and Funding.</u> The Core Funding Budget was circulated. The Coastal Officer explained that the document had been devised to show a working budget that would sustain current and ongoing needs. With some minor amendments it was agreed. Cdr Hugo was hopeful that current doubtful contributors would be reviewing their positions favourably in the near future. It was decided to include Finance as a standing agenda item so that authorities would be able to monitor their respective investment. Resulting from a suggestion by Mr Winder (DCC) it was agreed that once the funding contributions had been finalised there may be value in taking forward the introduction of the MOA that was currently in draft form.</p> <p>2. <u>Travel Budget.</u> Captain Charlesworth's observation that the current travel budget allotted to the Coastal Officer may not be adequate would be discussed outside the meeting</p> <p>2. <u>Educational Events.</u> Splash 2005, while being a resounding success, had proved highly resource and labour intensive. It was therefore proposed to focus future efforts on forging closer educational links and targeting specific schools. There was a strong desire to influence young people and capture their interest. A Coastal Educators Network had been established with the aim of building on existing initiatives, co-ordinating activities and increasing awareness of the educational opportunities. It was also noted that if the Mining Heritage Bid proved successful there would be an exciting opportunity to work with various other organisations in developing the educational aspects of the overall project.</p> <p>3. <u>Signage Review.</u> The QHM Port Surveyor had carried out a comprehensive Signage Review. The data had been compiled and was available for information and reference. The outcome had shown that while some of the signage was in need of minor refurbishment, most were in good condition showing current and relevant information. A work plan to take the project forward would be devised. Remove from agenda.</p> <p>4. <u>Tamar Valley Mining Heritage Project.</u> The update provided by Tamar Valley AONB was noted. A précis is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>5. <u>Marine Bill and "Promoting ICZM in England" Consultation</u></p>	<p>CO</p> <p>QHM/CO</p>

	<p><u>Documents.</u> TECF had forwarded input to the Marine Bill Consultation Process and now, as with “Promoting ICZM in England” firm proposals were awaited. There was general concern that government were failing to provide sufficient detail and that the various levels and organisations would lack the structured framework to enable them to contribute to the debate. It was recognised that TECF business would be influenced by both these pieces of legislation. In an effort to improve understanding and as part of the consultation process the Devon Estuary Officers had invited the DEFRA team to give a presentation on “Promoting ICZM in England”. Mr Winder offered to pass details to the Coastal Officer.</p> <p>6. <u>Website.</u> Work was ongoing to update the TECF pages on the PCC-hosted website. The Coastal Officer would welcome input to assist in maintaining current and accurate information.</p> <p><u>Waterfront and Marine Development.</u></p> <p>1. <u>Millbay Inner Basin/Millbay Development Plan.</u> Mr Macpherson was able to confirm the engagement of a developer for this large development. The land had passed to English Partnerships who were due to submit a planning application in September 2006. PCC Design Panel comment would be available on the PCC website.</p> <p>2. <u>Sutton Channnel pontoons.</u> The leases had been agreed and tenders would be scrutinised shortly.</p> <p>3. <u>Yonderberry Jetty.</u> Repair and refurbishment work was planned to start in September. Works would take approximately 4 months.</p> <p>4. <u>Weir Quay Slipway.</u> Proposals to move the slipway and provide new dinghy parking and boathouse were in the early consultation stage.</p> <p>5. <u>Coastal Planning Study.</u> Mr Macpherson presented the final draft of the Coastal Planning Study. He detailed the contents and said that the publication had covered the project brief in a thorough and practical manner resulting in helpful and pragmatic advice. He had no doubt that it would be welcomed by planners and applicants as it would provide the guidance and best practice which had been previously lacking. Cdr Hugo welcomed the document saying that it was a visible TECF product backed up by solid evidence and boundary-crossing, feasible recommendations. He congratulated Mr Macpherson and Ms Nightingale for ensuring that this difficult brief had been managed so successfully and bringing the work to completion. Mr Winders (DCC) and Ms Perry (WDBC) both added their thanks and proposed that this excellent, innovative work should be widely publicised to enable broader engagement. Mr Macpherson</p>	<p>Mr Winder/CO</p> <p>CO</p> <p>Mr Mac</p>
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	<p>and Ms Perry would action this proposal.</p> <p><u>Marine Litter.</u></p> <p>1. <u>Information Boards for Fishing at Devils Point.</u> The Board was in place and providing practical advice. The Coastal Officer was grateful to Mr Gregory for bringing the item to TECF and to QHM for securing funding. Remove from agenda.</p> <p><u>Nature Conservation.</u></p> <p>1. <u>SAC Matters.</u> Ms Ramsey (EN) detailed the current situation, her report is attached.</p> <p>2. <u>Cotehele Wetland Creation.</u> The National Trust appeal had resulted in a forthcoming public enquiry. No date had been fixed.</p>	pherson/Ms Perry								
5. Matters Brought Forward from PPMLC.	1. There were no significant issues to report.									
6. Significant Future Events.	<p>1. DQHM provided an update on events for 2006:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Port of Plymouth Regatta</td> <td>23 – 29 Jul</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Classic Boat Rally</td> <td>28 Jul – 1 Aug</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C1 Power Boat Grand Prix</td> <td>4 – 6 Aug</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Navy Days</td> <td>26 – 28 Aug</td> </tr> </table>	Port of Plymouth Regatta	23 – 29 Jul	Classic Boat Rally	28 Jul – 1 Aug	C1 Power Boat Grand Prix	4 – 6 Aug	Navy Days	26 – 28 Aug	
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7. Management Plan.	<p>1. The 2006-2012 Management Plan was formally adopted. Cdr Hugo thanked both Maeve and Alistair for the production of a succinct, workable and focused plan and he looked forward to its formal launch during September 2006.</p> <p>2. Using the Plan as key strategic guidance the Coastal Officer and QHM had drawn up a priority list of actions for the next two years. Some minor amendments were agreed and it was left with the Coastal Officer to produce an action plan by November 2006.</p> <p>3. There was overwhelming agreement that the Management Plan was a quality piece of work that would not only carry sufficient weight to take the work strands forward, it would also furnish delegates with evidence to assist in securing future funding and provide an example for other authorities to emulate. Ms Ramsey (EN) felt this document to be of such a prestigious standard that it deserved wide publication both within sponsoring authorities and in other relevant areas/journals. The Coastal Officer would compile a suitable article that she would forward to members for action.</p>	CO/All								

8. Any Other Business.	1. There was no other business to discuss.							
9. Future Meeting Dates.	<p>1. Dates for future TECF and PPMLC meetings as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="408 409 1302 517"> <tr> <td data-bbox="408 409 523 443"><u>PPMLC</u></td> <td data-bbox="1027 409 1107 443"><u>TECF</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="408 445 592 479">12 October 06</td> <td data-bbox="1054 445 1257 479">9 November 06</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="408 481 603 515">15 February 07</td> <td data-bbox="1054 481 1219 515">15 March 07</td> </tr> </table>	<u>PPMLC</u>	<u>TECF</u>	12 October 06	9 November 06	15 February 07	15 March 07	
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10. Chairman's Closing Remarks.	1. Cdr Hugo closed the meeting by saying that, after a period of uncertainty he felt TECF to be in a healthy state in terms of progress and action with a clear-cut programme of work ahead. He thanked Mr Macpherson for his sterling work while standing in for the Coastal Officer and wished him well.							