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13 February 2017

**NOTES OF THE PORT OF PLYMOUTH MARINE LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
 THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2017
 WARSPITE ROOM, COUNCIL HOUSE, PLYMOUTH**

Present	Representing	User Group
Mr C Necker	Queen's Harbour Master	Harbour Authority
Mr N Trathen	Deputy Queen's Harbour Master	Harbour Authority
Mr A Jones	MOD (QHM)	Harbour Authority
Mrs K Curry	Natural Infrastructure Officer / TECF	Council
Mr C Suckling	Natural Infrastructure Apprentice	Council
Ms K Butler	RNLI	Navigation and Rescue
Mr S Crayford	RNLI	Navigation and Rescue
Mr J Millidge	RNLI	Navigation and Rescue
Mr C Turner	Tamar Protection Society	Landscape Conservation
Inspt A Micallef	MDP Marine Unit	Crime Abatement
Mr C Bush	Mayflower Marina	Marine Commerce
Mr M Goble	Plymouth City Council Piermaster	Council / Moorings
Dr K Latham	Calstock Parish Council	Parish Council
Mr J Wilton	Maker with Rame Parish Council	Parish Council
Mr M Benson	Bere Ferrers Parish Council	Parish Council
Mr J Lowther	Plymouth University	Research
Mr R Gannon	Plymouth University Marine Station	Research
Mr K Banks	Millbrook Moorings Association	Moorings
Mr M Wood	RYA	Recreation
Mr B Grose	Port of Plymouth Canoeing Association	Recreation
Mrs A Gall	Natural England	Nature Conservation
Mr P Elsmere	Environment Agency	Nature Conservation
Mr N Boase	MMO	Marine Regulator
Mr N Gray	MMO	Marine Regulator

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1. Introduction	QHM welcomed everyone and thanked Plymouth City Council for hosting the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from: Capt T Charlesworth (CHM), Cllr M Yates (Calstock Parish Council), Mr J Roe (Sea Angling), Mr N Webb (Victoria Wharf), Mr P Wiseman (Mount Edgecombe Estates), Mr C Matthews (DofC), Mr W Blagdon (APB), Mr P Holt (SHIPS Project), Mr T Cronin (EA) and Mr D Curnow (RYA)	
3. Notes of the previous meeting	The notes of the previous meeting held on 13 October 2016 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.	
4. Matters arising	4.5. Inclusion of 'Diving' as a heading on the VISIT PLYMOUTH website with links to QHM, TECF and RNLI websites (to provide legislative, environmental and safety	

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	<p>advice). NIO reported that this is now in place however awaiting upload to the website. All members invited to put forward suggestions of 'signposted' websites of relevance. <u>Ongoing</u></p> <p>4.11.d Tree and debris survey is underway by QHM PCO with progress being made over the winter. Main section of Tamar complete and has been reviewed; as time and weather allows St. Johns Lake and the River Lynher will also be assessed. Reminder for all to inform Longroom or Flag PCS of areas of concern or on sighting floating debris within the Port. <u>Ongoing</u></p> <p>Additionally, it was reported that Cargreen moorings are possibly out of location and there is no obvious thoroughfare. PCO has reviewed these moorings and they will be checked again once boats are back on the water. <u>Complete</u></p> <p>5. QHM asked Mr Goble to produce evidence from PCC that a boat is not planned to be reinstated. If this is the case, the committee may decide to formally raise their concerns to PCC. Mr Goble informed PPMLC that there are no plans to purchase at present however the possibility of chartering a vessel for routine inspections is being considered. UPDATE (Feb '17): Mr Goble informed that pricing for chartering a vessel is underway and confirmed that PCC have agreed the necessity of access to a boat. <u>Complete</u></p> <p>1. PPMLC were requested to review the draft slipway audit document and forward any proposals to NIO by the end of June. This work has been "parked" due to staffing, will now be reviewed as part of NIO report <u>Closed</u></p> <p><u>8c. Recreational Water Users Guide</u>: All members were requested to assist in the promotion of and distribution of the guide to reach as many recreational users as possible. Members are requested to review the latest version and pass comment for updates to NIO by END FEB 2017, for a print run and distribution END MARCH 2017. Initial comment to replace "year" revision number to a version number; next version will be '3'. <u>Ongoing</u></p> <p><u>5a. Feedback request on PCC Strategic Sports Facilities Strategy</u>. Confirmation that report will be published at the same time as the "Joint Plan" (expected 20 Feb '17) <u>Complete</u></p> <p><u>5b. Recreation study online survey</u> <u>Complete</u></p> <p><u>6. Update of bathing water quality</u>: Covered under item</p>	<p>NIO/ALL</p> <p>PCO / All</p> <p>NIO/ALL</p>

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	<p>6/NIO report <u>Complete</u></p> <p>7c. <u>Request to promote RNLI services</u>: Covered under standing item 7. <u>Complete</u></p> <p>8a. <u>Members encouraged to sign up for MMO marine planning Workshops</u> <u>Complete</u></p> <p>8b. <u>Draft Biosecurity Plan</u>: Workshop to be held March '17. NE to present outcome at next PPMLC. <u>Action</u></p> <p>10a. <u>Greater use of social media linking to events on the water</u>: QHM unable to have dedicated social media access however will investigate usage of existing account (HMNB/PCC etc.). Action for all members to pass on details of any group social media sites that would be suitable to disseminate/cascade relevant safety/information messages. <u>Ongoing</u></p>	<p>NE</p> <p>DQHM/ALL</p>
5. Presentations	<p>a. <u>Commercial Shipping activities</u>: Apologies from Nick Webb, Victoria Wharves: postponed</p> <p>b. <u>South West Marine Plan: Evidence Workshops</u>: Mr Gray gave an update on current MMO Marine Planning position and promoted upcoming SW workshops with request for all to attend; - Falmouth 21 March 2017 - Plymouth 22 March 2017 - Taunton 23 March 2017 Booking can be completed via: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/marine-planning-wouth-west-plan-development-workshops-tickets-31288688309 <u>Action</u></p> <p>MMO draft policy can now be viewed at: http://mis.marinemanagement.org.uk/south-west/environment</p> <p>Consultation of the current plan is open 3 Feb – 31 Mar. Action on all to pass comment via: https://consult.defra.gov.uk/mmo/marine-planning-iteration-1-engagement-1/ <u>Action</u></p> <p>MMO will explore the possibility of digital formats for the marine plans and inclusion on electronic charting. <u>Action</u></p> <p>“User stories” will be requested to demonstrate how Marine Plans are used in a specific sector. This is hoped to identify common areas of usage.</p> <p>NIO queried the time line and what next? Mr Gray confirmed that the timeline has slipped slightly with 1st iteration now due April. Also the iteration route has changed and each</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>MMO</p>

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	<p>one will now aim to focus on specific items but will continue to follow the yearly cycle; action on all to ensure they consult each time as the content will be different.</p> <p><u>Action</u></p> <p>Final plan due Spring 2020.</p>	All
6. Review of bathing water quality	<p>NIO gave an overview on behalf of PCC Environmental Health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Excellent” level obtained for all four Plymouth bathing water areas. - Eleven early warnings throughout 2016 with signage effective at each occurrence. - Only 1/20 samples failed (West Hoe) testing. - Action to include early warning to Social media output once up and running. <p><u>Action</u></p>	NIO/DQHM
7. Plymouth Water Safety Sub Committee	<p>Mr Millidge reported that the Plymouth Water Safety Sub Committee had been postponed due to staffing changes but will be rescheduled ASAP – details to be distributed.</p> <p><u>Action</u></p> <p>Mr Simon Crayfourd was introduced as the Plymouth RNLI Area Lifesaving Manager.</p> <p>Mr Crayfourd and Mr Millidge detailed how the RNLI have restructured to remove crossover areas and reduced duplication of effort. The area is now split into six defined areas with a single point of contact for each.</p> <p>Discussion over the Samaritans signage on Tamar bridge. If required the MoD/Naval base can assist in making a case for further assets to improve safety.</p> <p><u>Action</u></p> <p>c. Other points: Continued promotion of RNLI services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kayak Safety packs - “Advice on-board” service available in Plymouth with leaflets available from RNLI – Free service to assess yachts and motor boat safety. Aiming to publicise through boatyards and mooring associations. - “Lifejacket locker” campaign to be promoted. Suitable locations are being sought on slipways/ landing points adjacent to visitor moorings/popular anchorages for lockers to enable yachtsmen to stow lifejackets when going ashore. <p><u>Action</u></p>	<p>Mr Millidge</p> <p>RNLI</p> <p>All</p>
8. TECF matters	<p>NIO’s report is attached at Annex A.</p> <p>b. NIO outlined the Plymouth and SW Devon Plan. It is expected that consultation will be from the beginning of March ’17 for 6 weeks. Action on all to consult accordingly.</p> <p><u>Action</u></p> <p>d. NIO outlined the HRA Recreation study and advised that final information will be available w/c 13 February 2017.</p>	NIO/All

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	<p>f. <u>Slipway Audit</u> – comment regarding safety of EA owned Millbrook Lake slip, it has been deemed a safety hazard due to proximity to an outflow pipe however no signage is present. EA to investigate. <u>Action</u></p> <p>Suggestions and volunteers for speakers at future PPMLC meetings were requested. <u>Action</u></p>	<p>EA</p> <p>All</p>
9. SAC matters	<p>NE report is attached at Annex B.</p> <p>Action on all members to provide any suggestions regarding funding opportunities for invasive species removal. <u>Action</u></p> <p>Report of Mussel bed survey within the River Lynher to be forwarded separately. <u>Action</u></p> <p>Guidance on Pacific oyster removal to be forwarded. <u>Action</u></p>	<p>All</p> <p>NE</p> <p>NE</p>
10. QHM matters	<p>a. <u>Water Safety & Incidents</u>. QHM reported that there had been minimal incidents since the last PPMLC.</p> <p>Reminder to all to report misconduct regarding Collision Regulations and pollution incidents as these will be investigated and recorded to establish any trends.</p> <p>The issue of abandoned vessels was discussed. Members were encouraged to report dangerous wrecks in order that a Navwarn could be issued where appropriate and attempts to track down the owner made. RNLi produce reflective stickers which can be used on kayaks, dinghies and tenders to aid identification. The RNLi were requested to provide samples at the next meeting <u>Action</u></p> <p>b. <u>Dredging</u>. - DQHM reported that a plough campaign within the Dockyard has now been completed and dredger is now working within the Cattewater. - MMO has been working with the MoD and Harbour Authorities to characterise an alternative disposal site. The new site should be confirmed within the next month. - Several operators inc. MoD and Cattewater are awaiting dredging licences from MMO which will include disposal to the new site.</p> <p>c. QHM advised members that the Port Control Stations are currently undergoing an equipment upgrade. Navigation warnings will be published to provide details of periods of reduced service.</p>	<p>RNLi</p> <p>DQHM</p>

11. Water events	<p>The 2017 Water Events Diary (WED) can be found on the QHM website (www.qhm.mod.uk/plymouth/)</p> <p>Major events for the coming year:</p> <p>28 May – Gypsy Moth re-enactment 29 May – Start of the OSTAR/TWO STAR 24/25 Jun – Armed Forces Weekend 7-12 Aug – Fastnet Finish 9-10 Aug – National Fireworks Championships 13 Aug – Breakwater Swim 7-8 Oct – ORCDA Powerboat events</p>									
12. Any other business	<p>a. RNLI request for Mooring association details. <u>Action</u></p> <p>b. DQHM advised that there will be a reduction in air height during works on power cables crossing River Tamar – PLNTM will be issued.</p>	K.Butler / PCO								
12. Dates of next meetings	<p>Dates of the forthcoming PPMLC and TECF meetings were published as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="427 927 1139 1061"> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 927 820 963"><u>PPMLC</u></td> <td data-bbox="820 927 1139 963"><u>TECF</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 963 820 994">1400 on 8 June 2017</td> <td data-bbox="820 963 1139 994">1015 on 10 Nov 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 994 820 1025">1400 on 12 October 2017</td> <td data-bbox="820 994 1139 1025">1015 on 9 March 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 1025 820 1061">1400 on 8 February 2018</td> <td data-bbox="820 1025 1139 1061">1015 on 13 July 2017</td> </tr> </table>	<u>PPMLC</u>	<u>TECF</u>	1400 on 8 June 2017	1015 on 10 Nov 16	1400 on 12 October 2017	1015 on 9 March 2017	1400 on 8 February 2018	1015 on 13 July 2017	
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PPMLC Thurs 9 February 2017
8. TECF Matters:
Report of TECF Matters
by Natural Infrastructure Officer

a. National Marine Management and Marine Planning

The **National Steering Group** (NSG) for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) met in October 2016 and key issues are as follows:

All proceedings and papers of the NSG group would be available on the DEFRA website, and they asked that they remain a standing item on all relevant agendas [eg PPMLC and TECF].

The MMO has devised a methodology to assess the impact from bait collection. Individual sites then will need to be assessed using full site assessment using a desk – based survey. The implications are currently unknown regarding to impacts on the TECF area.

The work programme focuses around collective reporting on the condition assessments, reviewing management regimes in place for marine protected areas; delivering common reporting framework, producing best practice and guidance, looking at external funding opportunities and effective communication.

Marine Planning: The MMO has now drafted policies for the South West Marine Plan under the headings of Aggregates; Cables; Climate Change; Defence; Dredging and Disposal; Economic; Energy; Environment; Fishing and Aquaculture; Governance; Ports and Shipping; Social and Cultural and Tourism and Recreation. They are can be found at <http://mis.marinemanagement.org.uk/south-west/environment> and are available for comment until the end of the month. Your view is being sought to let the MMO know what you thing about them by using the online questionnaire found at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/mmo/marine-planning-iteration-1-engagement-1/>

There is also a workshop scheduled for the Future Inn at Plymouth for Wed 22nd March at 9.30am. You can book onto it through the online link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/marine-planning-south-west-plan-development-workshops-tickets-31288688309>.

The timetable for delivery is given below.

Table 1: Marine Plan Delivery (MMO)

Activity	Estimated timing
Plan development – iteration 1 released for consultation	April 2017
Plan development – iteration 2 released	April 2018
Plan development – iteration 3	April 2019
Final draft plan consultation	Summer 2019
Adoption	2019

b. Plymouth and SW Devon Plan, Waterfront Vision and Local Greenspace Designations.

The Joint Local Plan for the Plymouth and West Devon Joint Local Plan will be released for public consultation at the beginning of March. This will include measures to protect the European Marine Site, have regard to the port functions of the city, support defence

activities, safeguard access to and onto the water and seek new opportunities. The Plan will also include the proposed designation of 'Local Greenspace Designations' which will include some waterfront sites such as Kinterbury Creek and Devils Point.

It is anticipated that the Plan will be adopted before the end of 2017.

c. European Marine Site Managing Recreational Impacts Programme

Recruitment is shortly to take place for a new officer who will assist in the delivery of the 'Managing Recreational Impacts' Programme. PPMLC members will be made aware of the vacancy as soon as it goes live. It will provide a good employment opportunity for a marine graduate interested in working in this field.

d. HRA Recreation Study

MBA are now completing the Recreation Study having completed the following:

- Four seasons of slipway surveys at 20 locations.
- Workshops for anglers, sailors, divers and canoeists
- Analysis of the online survey which collected 650 responses.

The final information will be available online and will form part of the comprehensive evidence base for the Joint Local Plan as well as informing site management.

e. Tamar Estuary Biosecurity Plan Development Project

The first outline Plan has now been drafted and will be scrutinised at the workshop which will be run at the beginning of March. If you are interested in attending please contact Christine Wood at [mailto:cwo@MBA.ac.uk]

Slipway Audit

This has been deferred. It is hoped that it will be completed in summer.

**f. Developments
PLYMOUTH**

Plymouth Hoe: PCC is proposing to repair parts of the Hoe and will be removing a large concrete block from the foreshore.

Mount Batten Ferry Pontoon: This is due to be replaced with a new brow and pontoon to cater for the Mount Batten ferry.

g. Forward Plan for PPMLC Briefing Sessions

It was agreed that it would be useful for PPMLC to receive a briefing from the various water users. A draft schedule is given below for discussion.

PPMLC

PPMLC	Proposed Speaker
1400 on Thu 8 June 2017	Bob Grose, Canoeing / Kayaking
1400 on Thu 12 Oct 2017	Tbc
1400 on Thu 8 Feb 2018	Tbc

Mrs Kaja Curry
Natural Infrastructure Officer & TECF Coordinator
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 February 2017

Natural England Update

PPMLC Meeting 9th February 2017

Priority issues in the SAC

Our condition assessment carried out last year highlighted some priority issues to tackle within the Special Area of Conservation which may need management action. These are issues that are causing parts of the site to be classed as in 'unfavourable' condition. With partners we have begun working on some of these issues including:

- Discussions with key stakeholders around migratory fish passage and Gunnislake Weir.
- Engagement and training for volunteers to manage and monitor the spread of Pacific oysters in the Yealm estuary.
- Planning a stakeholder workshop for Tamar biosecurity plan, to be held on 1st March.
- Seeking funding to continue eradication of Giant Hogweed in Tamar Valley to avoid it spreading along corridors into other publically accessible areas where it can cause injury.
- Working with local planning authorities to develop strategic monitoring and mitigation plans in relation to likely additional pressure on the Special Area of Conservation from recreation as a result of new housing in the local plans.

Natural England's Conservation Advice on Marine Protected Areas

For anyone planning a development within or nearby the European Marine Site it is important to look at the newly produced conservation advice from Natural England.

The [Tamar Estuaries Complex Special Protection Area \(SPA\)](#) advice package has been published on our Designated Sites System.

[Plymouth Sound and Estuaries Special Area of Conservation \(SAC\)](#) and [Tamar Estuaries Marine Conservation Zone \(MCZ\)](#) are still in draft but can be used. Finalised packages will be available in the next few months.

Plymouth EMS and Tamar Estuary Sites MCZ Monitoring

Intertidal rocky shore monitoring 2016 – This is currently being reported on and will be shared when available.

Lynher mussel bed survey 2015 – We have received a final report from Cornwall IFCA who are continuing to monitor the bed on an annual basis. Please email me for a copy.

Shad and smelt survey 2016 – The MBA and Environment Agency have produced a report on this work (EC18234). Please email me for a copy.

We are currently awaiting confirmation of any further monitoring projects for 2017

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