



Solent Forum Meeting

Wednesday 17th March 2010

Ward Room, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth

Meeting Notes

1. Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

Mike Clark, the chair, introduced the meeting.

2. Solent Forum Update

Rhian Edwards provided an update of the Forum's work.

Presentation will be made available on the Solent Forum website.

3. Beneficial use of dredging - its not as easy as it sounds - Tim Kermode, EA and David Herrod, ABP

A joint presentation between the Environment Agency and Association of British Ports to explore the potential beneficial use of dredge material and the problems linked with this.

Presentations will be made available on the Solent Forum website.

4. The South Coast Marine Aggregates Regional Environmental Assessment – Manue Hooper-Bue , EMU Ltd

The UK Marine Aggregate Dredging Industry, seeking to introduce best practice into the management of the marine environment, introduced in 2003 the Marine Aggregates Regional Environmental Assessment (MAREA). This is a tool to evaluate marine aggregate extraction in coastal and offshore waters and its impacts on the environment and on other maritime activities. EMU Limited has been commissioned by the South Coast Dredging Association (SCDA) to undertake the production of the South Coast MAREA and this talk will describe the assessments and outputs of the process.

Presentation will be made available on the Solent Forum website.

5. Maintenance Dredge Protocol and the Water Framework Directive – Montgomery Smedley, ABPmer

The Maintenance Dredge Protocol is intended to provide dredge operators (and regulators) with assistance in gaining approval to carry out maintenance dredging where these activities may affect Natura 2000 European sites. Preparation and completion of the Baseline Document is the responsibility of the Statutory Harbour, Port or Navigation authority, with active assistance from other dredge operators. River Basin Management Plans (RBMP) which are a key step in delivering the European Water Framework Directive (WFD) were published in December 2009; the

RBMPs detail how target water status will be achieved for estuary and coastal water in England and Wales. The presentation explores the intrinsic links between the already established Protocol and the WFD which introduces various assessment requirements that may not previously have been routinely applied to dredging.

Presentation will be made available on the Solent Forum website.

6. Towards Solent Marine Planning (SoMaP) Karen McHugh, Solent Forum and Bernadine Maguire, Southampton City Council

Karen McHugh and Bernadine Maguire will present progress on the project and announce the forthcoming Southern Marine Planning Conference

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7. Hot Topics

Updates were provided on current issues around the Solent.

Solent Forum Business Plan 2010 - 2015

The chairman announced that the 2010 -2015 final business plan is now published on the website

Solent Forum and its boundaries

The chairman asked Members are asked to consider the merits of the Solent Forum extending its boundaries, horizontally to the west of Hurst to but-up with the Dorset county boundary, and up to 12 nm south of the Isle of Wight to align with proposed inshore marine plan seaward boundaries. Please contact Karen McHugh with any opinions.

Lymington Ferries

Graham Rabbitts spoke about the recent legal ruling on the Lymington Ferries. The Lymington River Association won their judicial review and it was ruled that the introduction of the boats constituted a "plan or project" under the Habitats Directive. This may have implications for all port and shipping.

River Basin Management Plan Liaison Meeting

Sue Simmonite is a member of the South East River Basin District Liaison Panel and provided feedback on a recent meeting. EA are in the process of publishing a summary of water bodies that will be the focus of EA's attention. A summary sheet will be produced for each water body. This is unique to the South East and has been endorsed by the panel.

Coastline around BP Oil at Hamble

Justyn Willsmore provided some feedback on coastal issues affecting the BP Oil terminal. BP Oil support the proposed Hold the Line Policy within the draft North Solent SMP. BP Oil are concerned that their jetties are affected by accumulations of moving shingle which may effect structural integrity. They would be interested in further understanding the coastal processes that cause this.

Solent Forum Marine Consents Guide

Graham Rabbitts highlighted how useful he has found the old Solent Forum Marine Consents Guide. Many in the audience affirmed this and urged the Solent Forum to update it as soon as possible.

North Solent SMP

Andy Colenutt stated that the draft North Solent SMP is still open for consultation.

Risk of Litigation when performing operations such as dredging

The above was discussed by the audience and the risk of litigation would be minimised if all consents gained, however should operations go wrong there is certainly a risk that an affected party could bring an informal or formal action.

South East Coastal Change and Planning Conference

Carol Ward from GOSE invited all stakeholders to the South East Coastal Change and Planning Conference next Tuesday 23rd March at the Ramada Jarvis, Brighton. Defra, CLG and GOSE are organising it and there will be sessions on Coastal Pathfinder Bids and the new Coastal Change Guidance. Please contact LORRAINE.OAKLEY@gose.gsi.gov.uk

9. Date of the Next Meeting

The date for the next Solent Forum meeting will be 15th September 2010. It will be held on the Isle of Wight– Venue to be announced.

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ANDREW	COLENUTT	NFDC
TINA	CUSS	Fareham Borough Council
VIRGINIA	DELLINO-MUSGRAVE	HWTMA
RHIAN	EDWARDS	Solent Forum
ALISON	FOWLER	River Hamble Harbour Authority
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PAULA	FREELAND	NFNPA
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TRACEY	HEWETT	ABP Mer
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