



Towards a Solent Planning System (SoMaP)

Project Briefing September 2009

PROJECT LAUNCH

- Project will run September 2009 to August 2010
- Solent Forum Officer time for 2 days per week
- Established Steering Group and Data Group
- Contact Karen and follow SoMaP on website www.solentforum.org/forum/SoMaP

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Objectives of a Solent Planning System

- A Solent Planning System would provide a Solent-wide coastal and marine policy framework including a spatial database of, plans, policies and activities by sector. This framework could then be used for assessing future plans and policies and monitoring change

This project sets out how to achieve the first steps only of such a process

The project will broadly (work packages)

1. Establish a Communications Strategy ✓
2. Reiterate national progress on MSP ✓
3. Scope with Solent stakeholders the case for a marine plan at a Solent scale
4. Understand the information requirements for a Solent Marine Planning system
5. Agree pilot case study sectors, to represent pressing Solent issues and land and marine interactions ✓, and use these to test the data and information
6. Obtain and map all sectoral policies within the Solent; obtain further data
7. Evaluate project Findings and make recommendations to all stakeholders

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Communications Strategy agreed and on website
- A detailed Matrix of organisations and audit of questions being developed
- A programme of events incl. meetings, workshops, interviews being set-up over the coming year
- Events to be used to 1/ scope and communicate MSP for Solent 2/ Obtain policy data

NATIONAL MSP PROGRESS

- Marine and Coastal Access Bill currently going through Commons
- Enactment to legislation planned for 2009 or early 2010
- MMO set-up and chairman appointed
- Starting to create a UK wide Marine Policy Statement
- 4 regional projects started to establish an ecologically coherent network of MPS

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Defra/MMO/MFA
- HCC
- West Sussex CC
- Unitary Authorities – SCC, IOW council, PCC
- Natural England
- Environment Agency
- Crown Estate
- SEEDA/Marine SE
- GOSE
- E Channel MCZ project