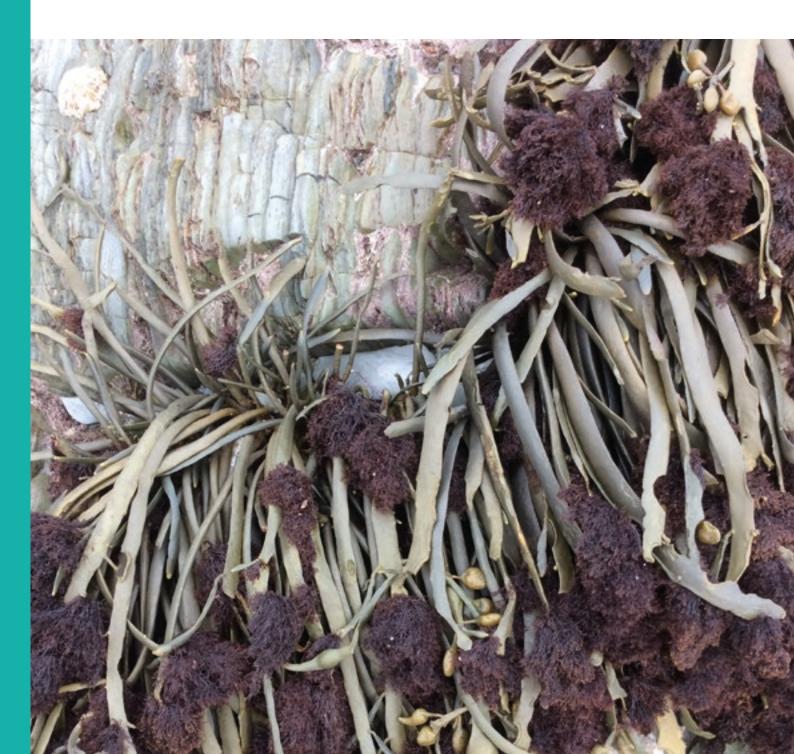


# WHO IS IN CHARGE AROUND HERE?

PERCEPTIONS OF MARINE GOVERNANCE IN NORTH DEVON.





## **STATS AND FACTS**

#### The WWF-led UK SEAS project, which is part of the North Devon Marine Pioneer, is looking at how we can help improve marine governance.

On the 3rd February 2018, 49 members of the North Devon Pioneer Marine Working Group were split into three groups, and each group created a map depicting marine governance in North Devon. Marine governance is the rules, institutions, processes, agreements, arrangements and activities used to manage the sea. Participants were asked to identify all the organisations and groups involved, and show how powerful they believed them to be by placing them on a 'circle of influence', where the most influential were at the centre.



143 organisations and groups were identified as playing a role in marine governance in North Devon. This diversity brings both opportunities, in the form of lots of interested and motivated people, but also challenges for coordination and communication.



40 organisations were perceived as being particularly powerful or influential (placed at the centre of the maps). Again, this is a lot of organisations thought to be involved in decision-making.



The majority of organisations perceived as powerful in North Devon were national organisations rather than North Devon-based.



Surprisingly, of the 40 organisations perceived as powerful / influential, only two, the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and the Devon and Severn IFCA appeared on all three maps, indicating a striking lack of consensus / confusion about who is in charge.

<sup>\*</sup>There is a real challenge in marine - a feeling

that no one listens. Collectively we have

influence but separately we don't get heard.

Quote from workshop participant



39 organisations were identified as 'unconnected' from the Pioneer Marine Working Group network, including the Crown Estate and some recreational user groups. This is useful information to guide future engagement efforts.







Participants were asked, "On a scale of 1-10, where 10 is the most, do you feel like you have meaningful input into marine management decisions?" The most popular score was 4/10. People have input but limited influence over resulting decisions.



Over 30 marine related initiatives involving local interest groups have taken place in North Devon over the last 15 years including: Finding Sanctuary, VALMER, shoreline management planning, Taw-Torridge Estuary plans and the Atlantic Array consultation.



273 - The number of post-it notes that gave their lives to map marine governance in North Devon.

<sup>66</sup>I've never had so much fun with post-it

notes before!!"

Quote from workshop participant

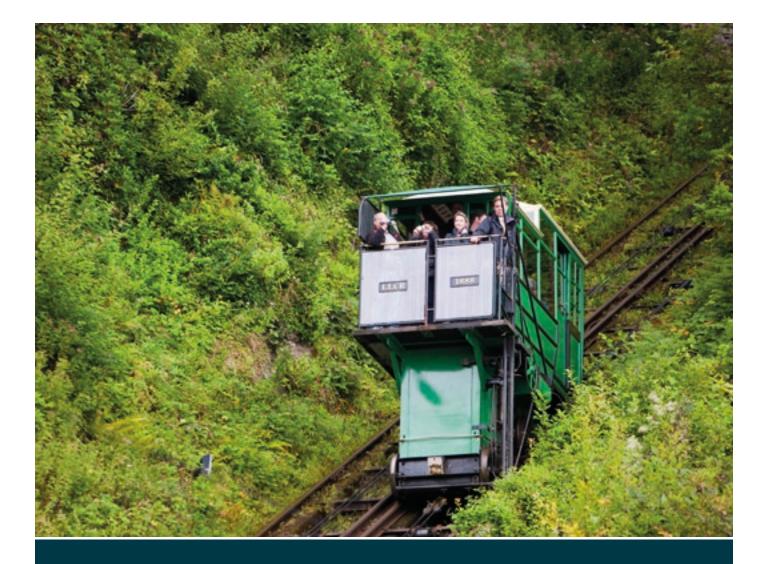


# **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Create a local management forum with teeth
- Connect the community and their sea
- Wealth of local knowledge
- The community values a healthy environment
- Identify a/some point of contact for information
- Capitalise on 25 year environment plan as an opportunity for change

*Local communities provide crucial insight and knowledge into the history and layout of the area, as well as regular reports on changing environmental conditions which can be used to inform adaptive management plans. 99* 

Quote from workshop participant



# **CHALLENGES**

- Motivating industry involvement
- Knowing who has responsibility
- Limited local authority
- Lack of resources to implement plans
- Lots of stakeholders to engage
- Understanding how marine management works

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It's hard for statutory agencies to talk to us. There are a huge number of organisations involved. **?** 

<sup>66</sup> The Councils own assets, control landings but don't have much authority; except planning in the intertidal. It's really on the IFCA. **99** 

#### 66

Am I in am MPA? Never heard of them until 10 minutes ago. **99** 

Quotes from workshop participants

## Annex A

### LIST OF ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS INVOLVED IN MARINE GOVERNANCE IN NORTH DEVON

Academic Journal Boards Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) **Appledore Fish Store Appledore Sustainable Fish Education Group Appledore Sub Aqua Club** Association of Severn Estuary Relevant Authorities (ASERA) **Barnstaple Chamber of Commerce** BCSEG (Bristol Channel Standing Environment Group) Beach litter cleaning partnerships **Bideford Town Council Biosphere Reserve BLUE Marine Foundation Business Forum South West CaBA Catchment Partnership** Campaign for the Protection of Rural England CEFAS Climate change panel Coastal Advisory Group **Coastal Community Teams** CoastNet Coastwise North Devon **Coombe Shellfish Cornish Tourism Cornwall Council Cornwall Seafish** Councillors **Crown Estate** Data /information providers e.g. Marine Biological Association **DEFRA** Department for Transport Developers Devon and Cornwall Business Council **Devon and Severn IFCA** 

**Devon County Council Devon Environment Business Initiative** Devon Maritime Forum Devon Wildlife Trust **Dive Clubs** Dutchy of Cornwall eNGOs **Environment Agency Environmental Record Centres** Estuaries and Coastal Fora European Funders e.g. EMFF, INTERREG Exmoor National Park Authority Fish merchants and buyers Fish producer organisations & Fisherman's associations Fishermen Government Brexit team Harbour Authorities **Harbour Masters** Her Majesty's Coast Guard Holiday parks / coastal land owners ICES Ilfracombe Harbour Board Joint Nature Conservation Committee Land owners Local authority Local community/residents Local funding authorities Local MPs Local Nature Partnerships Local volunteers North Devon Shellfish Lundy Management Forum Lundy Manager Lundy Marine Advisory Group Lynton Agency

**Marine Conservation Society** Media MEPs as needed **MMO Marine Planning** Ministry Of Defence National Association for AONBs National Association of IFCAs National EU funders National MPs National Trust NATO Telecom Hydrographer **Natural England** Natural Resources Wales North Devon Fishermen's Association (NDFA) North Devon and Somerset Coastal Advisory Group North Devon Biosphere Foundation North Devon District Council North Devon Natural England Team (terrestrial) North Devon Nature Improvement Area North Devon seaside towns North Devon Tourism Board **Parish Councils** Petroc College Planners **Plymouth Marine Laboratory Porlock Bay Oysters** Porlock Vale coastal community team Public **Ramblers** Association **Recreational Fishers Royal National Lifeboat Institute** Royal Navy/Ministry of Defence **Royal Yachting Association** Saville's Estates School Children

Seabed Users Development Group Seafish Secretary of State **Severn Estuary Partnership** Shellfish association of Great Britain Shellfish/Aquaculture Somerset County Council Somerset Wildlife Trust South West Coast Path Unit South West Protected Landscapes Forum South West regional flood and coastal committee South West tourism audience Sport England Suffolk Pioneer **Supermarkets** Surfers Against Sewage SW Local Enterprise Partnership **SWEEP** Taw Torridge Estuary Forum **Torridge District Council Torridge Oysters and Mussels business Treasury Department Trinity House University of Plymouth** Visit Britain Visit Devon Water sports clubs and businesses Welsh Assembly Welsh Government West Somerset Environmental Health Officer - Food Standards Authority Westcountry Rivers Trust Wildlife Trusts National **WWF** Yacht Club

### FIND OUT MORE AND GET INVOLVED



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