

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

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

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.

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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.

“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

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.



4/10

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.

30+

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

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

“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. ”

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

“It’s hard for statutory agencies to talk to us. There are a huge number of organisations involved.”

“The Councils own assets, control landings but don’t have much authority; except planning in the intertidal. It’s really on the IFCA.”

“Am I in an MPA? Never heard of them until 10 minutes ago.”

Quotes from workshop participants

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

– Organisations in bold were in attendance

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