

Action Question:

“Considering all that you have read about and discussed this morning, what two things do you most want the Devon Maritime Forum to do in the next 12 months?”

(Answers have been grouped in to similar themes but all responses are written in full)

Main areas/themes for action - Summary:

- Facilitating communication between members
- Enabling the Shoreline Management Planning process
- Co-ordinating events
- Improving knowledge on the socio-economic sector
- Supporting coastal partnerships and their funding
- Supporting and promoting marine industries
- Influencing the Marine Bill
- Widen stakeholder database to be more representative
- Improve information about stakeholders (metadata)
- Progress Marine Spatial Planning and Marine Protected Areas
- Improve information sharing methods between and within the Forum
- Develop the networking/partnership aspect of the Forum
- Develop a sense of community and coherence amongst stakeholders
- Develop a clear sense of purpose for the Forum
- To be a valued network
- To carry forward action-based projects
- Education – of stakeholders and others
- High-level debate on climate change
- Funding

DETAILED RESPONSES**Facilitating communication within and between members:**

- Keep talking to each other all fractions
- Website development
- Website development

Enabling the Shoreline Management Planning process:

- Ongoing distribution/request for information relating to SMPS (North and South Devon)
- SMP2 review – stakeholder engagement meeting

Co-ordinating events:

- Co-ordinate events
- Convene another of these events

Improving knowledge on the socio-economic sector:

- To have worked towards establishing an ongoing, updated, up-to-date source of economic analysis of the marine economy and marine sectors, broken down by various geographies
- Engage research to start understanding of economic/social links with differing marine environments

- Improve statistical knowledge of maritime sector at regional/county/city level
- Economic analysis with baseline data to support the sustainable development element of the Ecosystems Approach

Supporting coastal partnerships and their funding:

- Need to pursue the review of coastal partnerships in Devon and progress actions arising from it
- Provide a framework for the continued work of estuary partnerships
- Help resolve issues around estuary partnerships and funding

Supporting and promoting marine industries:

- Promote the maritime industries as very good career choices
- Discuss and promote the commercial movement of goods by sea (good carbon footprint etc. etc.)

The Marine Bill:

- Bring the Marine Bill to reality
- Influence Marine Bill and Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- Influence the Marine Bill

Widen the stakeholder database to be more representative:

- Widen DMF stakeholder database
- Encourage more participation from the leisure sector e.g. angling, wildlife watching, kayaking
- Attract more private sector representatives to join the DMF
- Make sure that all sectors of marine industry are actively engaged. A better balance with commercial shipping would be useful
- Involve all appropriate stakeholders from all relevant sectors
- Continue to involve all sectors/involved/interested in the marine and keep them informed on new issues and legislation
- Not happy that the Marine Industry does not include fishing – for every one at sea there are at least **5 ashore**

Improve information about stakeholders (metadata):

- 'Mapping' all stakeholders involved in the marine sector in Devon
- Construct a directory of stakeholders and contacts
- List of projects and organisations working in marine and coastal sector in the South West
- Start to collate information about who knows what, who has what information of relevance to other members of the DMF i.e. – what do we know already?

Progressing Marine Spatial Planning and Marine Protected Areas

- Develop a mechanism for progression of Marine Protected Areas
- Marine Spatial Planning – keep the South West at the forefront
- Support regional pilots for applying the ecosystem approach
- Holistic approach to the Bristol Channel – start with an event looking at the big issues and impacts on the whole estuary with Wales – WINDFARM – DREDGING NOT JUST Devon

Improve information sharing methods:

- Continue information sharing between members
- To keep the partnership up to date on key marine issues as they develop
- Core service = central point of contact, information dissemination and collaboration
- Consolidate all new information sharing and relay in common sense terms to all stakeholders and give potted response to Marine Bill to forum at a later meeting
- Publish more widely results of meetings etc
- Inform me when the next Forum meeting takes place
- Keep me in touch with local policy developments

- Overview of opportunities/developments relating to coastal and marine issues in the South West
- Producing a newsletter summarising what all relevant 'soap-box' type organisations/stakeholders or partnership groups are doing

Develop the networking/partnership aspect of the Forum:

- Continue to encourage networking and cooperation between stakeholders
- Provide a strategic partnership to unite a broad network of organisations
- Encourage more debate amongst the various sectors involved in the marine environment
- Build a strong supportive partnership
- Enable the growth and sustainability of the Forum and its partners

Develop a sense of community and coherence:

- I want the Forum to have a sense of community
- To sort out its boundaries
- Be careful not to build a North/South divide in its focus
- A harmonious marine sector sharing one voice
- Celebrate distinctiveness

Develop a clear sense of purpose;

- To disseminate the clear objectives of the Forum
- To identify the key priorities for the Devon coasts and seas

To be a valued network:

- To promote the DMF as a group of excellence engendering pride in its existence
- To be recognised nationally as a leader in its field
- Consider if the Forum has any 'clout'!

To carry forward action-based projects;

- To stop talking and start doing
- Deliver a reduction in marine litter
- Support local initiatives
- Arrange outings/ expeditions to various estuaries and coastal areas

Education:

- Consider the value of education to increase understanding across the diverse range of stakeholder interests

Climate change:

- Like a high-level focused session on climate change adaptation on the coast (+ climate change impacts)

Funding:

- Secure its financial future
- Commercial/fishing/non conservation bodies to be funding partners
- Secure funding for partnerships
- Provide better understanding of funding opportunities
- Co-ordinating and facilitating funding opportunities
- Early days so need to get up and running – self funded and some security – then can get on with some work