

Questions to answer today:

The work of the Forum is based on the interests of its membership. It is important, therefore, that we take this opportunity to gather as much information about this as possible. We are going to be asking you to engage with several different themes and below is a list of the questions we will ask. All ideas are welcome; all voices are equal and will be recorded (although not attributed unless requested). Thank you for your time, energy and enthusiasm.

All Delegates (registration):

- The year is 2010 and the Devon Maritime Forum is a valued and important resource because....?
- The year is 2008 and the Devon Maritime Forum is helping my organisation function better by providing the important resources of...?

All Delegates (walkabout session):

Helping the Forum improve its core services

- What have we achieved and done well that we need to do more of?
 - What other services would you like us to provide?
 - What are the barriers that might prevent us achieving more and how can they be overcome?
 - What are the opportunities now and how can these be harnessed?
- and**
- What is the main concern or issues that you are grappling with and how could we help?

Website development

- What would you like the website to offer?
- Look at other websites – what are the characteristics you would like on the Forum site?
- What don't you like about websites and what do we need to avoid?
- What benefits might there be to having a specific members area?

Research and Development – we are looking to develop some new research projects that we can put forward as funding bids

- What research would you like done/questions or information needs do you want answered?
- What are the key gaps in information to assist ICZM in Devon?
- Who are the key players who might need to work in partnership on research projects?

Stakeholder participation

- When is participation the best approach to decision-making?
- What are the benefits of stakeholder participation?
- What characterises good practice in this field?
- What do we need to do, to do more of it well and avoid stakeholder fatigue?
- How could the Forum help deliver stakeholder participation?

All delegates – after lunch

- Following the discussions this morning, what two things do you most want the Forum to do during the next 12 months?

Workshop Questions (you will need to choose one workshop this afternoon)

WORKSHOP 1: Cost Benefits of Coastal Partnerships

How does working in a partnership financially benefit an individual organisation? – Exploring the different types of social, environmental and economic benefits as perceived by partners.

Chair = *Caroline Chambers (Entec Ltd.)*

Facilitator = *Heather Squires (Consultant)*

1. Presentation of the project objectives and progress, including initial patterns in economic value to partners identified so far
2. What are the major benefits perceived by partners to date?
3. What are the major benefits that we can quantify?
4. What might the future roles, challenges and benefits be of working in partnership on the coast?

WORKSHOP 2: North Devon's Biosphere Reserve

How can we apply lessons in the Ecosystems Approach from the North Devon's Biosphere Reserve to the marine environment?

Chair = *Andy Bell (Biosphere Reserve Manager)*

Facilitator = *Rebecca Jefferson (Student)*

1. What are the key issues that need to be addressed in the North Devon Biosphere Reserve area?
2. What is the best mechanism for defining the seaward boundaries for the Biosphere Reserve?
3. What is the appropriate level for managing these key issues, e.g. Local Authority, Biosphere Reserve/AONB partnership, national/EU and what should each of these levels focus on?
4. How do we ensure all forms of relevant knowledge including, scientific, indigenous and local knowledge, innovations and practices are included?
5. How can an appropriate balance be sought and integrated between conservation and resource use in the North Devon Biosphere Reserve?

WORKSHOP 3: The Atlantic Array

What are the implications of the Atlantic Array for the local community and businesses in North Devon?

Chair = *Michael Huntingford (Farm Energy)*

Facilitator = *Theresa Redding (CoastNET)*

1. What are the potential implications of the Atlantic Array for fishing, navigation and aggregate interests in North Devon?
2. What are the potential implications of the Atlantic Array for the local infrastructure, supply chains, communities and businesses in North Devon?
3. What are the potential implications of the Atlantic Array for the both the marine and terrestrial environments in North Devon?