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Yvette Curtis

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Ocean Advocates Everywhere The importance of ensuring all voices stand

The importance of ensuring all voices stand together for the future of our ocean

SEWACE

Yvette Curtis Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Manager

Agenda

- Who is in the Room?
- Actions
- British Overseas Territories
- How we change the narrative?
- Think Globally, Act Locally
- Conclusion

Who is in the Room?

The RACE Report 2022 shows the **racial diversity gap** between the UK working population and staff in environment, conservation, climate and sustainability charities.



groups.

ONS Data for UK respondents identifying as Lesbian, Gay or Bi-sexual

Diverse Ethnic Communities identifying as LGB (includes Black, Black British, Asian, Asian British. Other multiple...

Aged 16-24 identifying as LGB

UK Population over 16 identifiying as Lesbian Gay or Bi-sexual (%)



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2019

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2020

All the "isms"

Ableism
Ageism
Sexism
Racism

Changing world
Movement
Communication



Who ISN'T in the room?



Actions

- Internal audit
- Policy review
- Outward facing resource review
- Audience/Membership review
- Partnerships evaluation
- Communications
- Training
- Internal cultural assessment (anonymous)
 Listening

British Overseas Territories

- 14 overseas territories
- Over 3 million km² of British waters worldwide are designated MPA's
- o 7 countries have established 80% of the oceans MPA's
- The largest 10 MPAs are established by only 4 countries, UK, USA, Australia and France
- "GLOBAL COVERAGE REQUIRES GLOBAL COMMUNITY"



How we can change the Narrative





Sparkplugs are everywhere! They are natural advocates, optimistic & visionary.

- Decision Makers: they already have platforms, resources and influence.
- Cautious Ally's hidden, disillusioned and maybe skeptical of genuine change

For all other text.

Splitting slide colours like this

"We only protect what we love, we only love what we understand and we only understand what we are taught" Jacques Cousteau



Remember who is in the room? Or more importantly, who isn't?

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Jen Ashworth

Head of Domestic Marine Conservation, Defra

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Protecting and managing England's seas – Defra marine update

Dr Jen Ashworth – Head of Domestic Marine Conservation

24th January 2024

Overview





Key commitments

Defra actions

Our Primary Target:

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Department for Environment

We will halt the decline in our biodiversity so we can achieve thriving plants and wildlife



Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

'Clean, Healthy, Safe, Productive and Biologically Diverse Oceans and Seas' (UK MPS)



Natural Capital Approach



Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

'Ensure and enable that by 2030 at least 30 per cent of... coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, are effectively conserved and managed' (GBF)



What are we doing?



Marine Protected Areas

- Management in place by the end of 2024
- Working with MMO for offshore MPA fisheries byelaws
- IFCAs for inshore MPA fisheries byelaws
- MMO/IFCAs for non-licensed activities



Highly Protected Marine Areas

- Managing & evaluating the first 3 sites
- Identifying additional sites

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

'70% of designated features in Marine **Protected Areas** (MPAs) to be in favourable condition by 2042 with the remainder in recovering condition, with a new interim target of 48% of designated features to be in favourable condition by 31 January 2028' (EIP)



What are we doing?



Working with NE and JNCC to plan the process for assessment and reporting



Working with marine Natural Capital and Ecosystem Assessment programme to understand how this can feed in Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

'take the necessary measures to achieve or maintain good environmental status of marine waters' (UKMS regs)



What are we doing?



Part 1 reporting this year

- UK Marine Monitoring and Assessment Strategy Evidence groups
- Consultation



Part 3 Programme of Measures
...clean, healthy and biologically diverse North-East Atlantic Ocean, which is productive, used sustainably and resilient to climate change and ocean acidification' (North East Atlantic Environment Strategy)





'Our ambition is to deliver up to 50GW by 2030, including up to 5GW of innovative floating wind.' (British Energy Security Strategy)



'implementing a new **Offshore Wind** Environmental Improvement Package including an industryfunded Marine **Recovery Fund and** nature-based design standards to accelerate deployment whilst enhancing the marine environment' (British Energy Security Strategy)



What are we doing?

We will be consulting on an approach to updated guidance on compensatory measures in Marine Protected Areas.



We will shortly confirm the first strategic compensation measures and are now working to implement them through the Defra-led Marine Recovery Fund.



We are continuing the scoping of the first set of Offshore Wind Environmental Standards, following a workshop in November, and planning further engagement and consultation



We will consult later in 2024 on a Statutory Instrument to take forward environmental assessment reform for offshore wind.

Marine Net Gain Activities in the sea can also be disruptive for biodiversity, but there are net gain opportunities for development in this area too. Following in the footsteps of biodiversity net gain, we are developing marine net gain policy to apply to new infrastructure developments at sea. (Environmental Improvement Plan)



What are we doing?



On 10 December we published the Government response to a consultation on proposed high-level principles for Marine Net Gain.



The response confirms that MNG will become mandatory for all new in-scope activities in the marine environment, subject to a full impact assessment and consultation.



Work is underway to establish the evidence base for MNG including an assessment framework to measure gains and losses, developing a contributions-based approach and considering full range of interventions and ecological benefits appropriate for MNG.



We will be working with stakeholders to develop MNG policy.



The Marine Spatial Prioritisation programme was set up with the aim of developing a more strategic and holistic approach to optimising the use of our seas in the context of rapidly increasing and in many instances, conflicting demands.



What are we doing?



We are building our understanding of future demands to help optimise the use of the sea



We are identifying solutions to help maximise how sectors can colocate to help reduce the spatial pressures



We are considering how to prioritise uses where colocation isn't possible

Fulfil Project Speed obligations and deliver on a diverse range of policy areas to enable a marine licensing system that is streamlined, efficient and minimises adverse effects on the environment whilst enabling the economic and social benefits of the marine environment



What are we doing?

Considering more efficiencies to marine licensing

- New exemptions
- New self-service activities
- Amend or remove some exemptions e.g. within HPMAs
- Amending fee bands
- Increasing case officer hourly rate
- Amending dredge and disposal levy



Developing and implementing revised marine EIA: Environmental Outcome Reports



Connecting people with the marine environment, understanding and supporting Ocean Literacy, enabling participation in management and decision making



What are we doing?



Widening opportunities to engage

Hybrid consultations
 combining written
 responses with quayside
 conversations and public
 drop-ins

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Understanding wellbeing, public value, engagement and Ocean Literacy

- Ocean Literacy tracker
 survey
- Co-designed Commercial Fishing Social Survey launching 2024

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Expanding participation in policy evaluation

 New Offshore Wind, HPMA and Natural Capital Ecosystem Assessment evaluations

Natural Capital Approach





Thank you!

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Community Aspirations

How are coastal and marine practitioners responding to the inclusivity agenda?

> **Chair** Sarah Young, WWF

in Ocean & Coastal Futures







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Community Aspirations

Samantha Richardson MBE, Academy Director, National Coastal Tourism Academy - One Coast Coalition

<u>Pledge for the Coast</u>











One Coast Coalition: Pledge for the Coast

Samantha Richardson MBE Director, National Coastal Tourism Academy









Background



Coalition formed during Covid-19 to provide a coordinated response to government on behalf of the coast

A cross-sector group social, economic and environmental stakeholders

Steering group (4 members), advisory group (10 members) and wider network

"We have come together in common cause to champion the UK coast and ensure that coastal communities and the natural environment on which they depend are represented and heard."





Current landscape







Pragmatix: Coastal Communities on the edge, 2023 report

Current landscape

ONECOAST



Gross median weekly pay East of England, local authority districts, 2022, national scale Higher pay

Local data shows pockets of deprivation

- Aging population
- Cost of living exacerbated
- Poor mental health ٠
- Higher rates of long term sickness ٠
- Higher rates of violent crime •

Funding has to go further on the coast



Recovery from Covid-19

ONECOAST

An example – The Visitor Economy:

Average of 15-20% of employment in most coastal communities, rising to more than half in some towns

2019 coastal tourism spend £13.7bn of which domestic spend £10.6bn

2022 coastal tourism spend* £6.4bn domestic spend

- Number of day visits and spend per day visit significantly lower than pre-Covid
- Number of overnight holiday visits approx. half pre-covid levels
- Spend per night increased from £57.79 to £72.63 reflecting increase costs due to economic climate and energy crisis

Half (50%) of businesses stated that the summer period in 2023 was **worse** than in 2022. Only 21% said it was better.





Recovery from Covid-19

ONECOAST

An example – The Visitor Economy – opportunities

Domestic visitors – 98% satisfied with their break, 88% say it was good value for money

A quarter of businesses saw an increase in European visitors in 2023 – international markets remain largely untapped for the coast

Coastal visitors are less likely to be impacted by the Cost of Living crisis

78% Claimed that reducing their carbon footprint or making more sustainable choices on holiday was important

- 58% would take more UK breaks
- 60% would use public transport, walk or cycle in the destination*

Outdoor experiences, wellness and sustainability show long-term consumer growth and align to the coastal product.

The completion of King Charles III England Coast Path National Trail is a significant opportunity

88% thought their holiday was either excellent or good value for money









Year of Coast 2023



Year of the Coast was a campaign lead by passionate people celebrating our stunning coastline, trying to make a positive sustainable impact on **Communities, Economy and Environment**

Amplifying and coordinating all the amazing things happening on the coast

An opportunity to have a wider conversation – raise the profile of the coast to support recovery from Covid-19 and build long-term sustainable support for our coastal communities





Year of Coast 2023



- Commissioned new research <u>Pragmatix: Communities on the Edge</u> report published in January 2023
- APPG Coastal Communities Inquiry
- Meetings with government ministers and officials to raise coastal issues ahead of election year
- Visitor campaign to encourage more visits to the coast in the shoulder and off-peak months
- Community events parades, carnivals, beach cleans
- Legacy launched "Pledge for the Coast"





Pledge for the coast

ONECOAST

The time to act for our coastal communities and spectacular natural heritage is now. Our coastal communities are on the frontline of climate change and hold an emotional connection with many of us, yet they are some of the most deprived and forgotten in our country.

We are encouraging you to pledge one thing that you will do to support our coasts.

Some ideas:

- Get involved in citizen science
- Become a plastic free champion
- Encourage my council to support a Motion for the Ocean
- Support campaigns to make our coastline safer
- Join our call for a dedicated minister for the coast
- Make a visitor pledge

https://lgacoastalsig.com/pledge-for-the-coast/





A COAST FOR ALL...



The 2024 campaign builds on the success of the Year of the Coast 2023 and continues to showcase the breadth of events, experiences and opportunities on our coastline.

A Coast for All ... is aimed at everyone working, living and involved with the coast, whether businesses, residents or visitors.

A Coast for All... is an opportunity to introduce a new audience to its nature, culture and heritage and spread the message that **England's coastline is for everyone.**

The coast is welcoming and open to all







How you can get involved



Make a Pledge for the Coast

Pledge for the Coast – LGA Coastal SIG

Get involved in the 2024 campaign "A Coast for All..."

Download the A Coast For All... Toolkit | National Coastal Tourism Academy

Get involved in OneCoast

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Session One

Community Aspirations

Nicola Rimington, Natural Resources Wales

<u>Approaches to Integrated Coastal</u>

Management for future

generations

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Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru Natural Resources Wales

Approaches to Integrated Coastal Management for Future Generations in Wales

Nicky Rimington

Lead Specialist Advisor: Marine & Coastal Physical Processes & Coastal Management

Climate Change Risk

Climate projections indicate that sea level rise will occur for all emission scenarios and at all locations around the UK.

Coastal areas will be increasingly vulnerable to increased wave action and accelerated coastal erosion associated with climate change.

Flooding from the sea	People at risk of flooding	Residential properties at risk of <mark>f</mark> looding	Non- Residential properties at risk of flooding	Key Services* at risk of flooding
2020	191,055	62,087	8,735	1,348
2120	286,232	90,277	13,717	2,251
Difference	+95,177	+28,190	+4,982	+903

The Table shows the numbers at risk of flooding from the sea for 2020, 2120 and the projected difference across Wales. This is based on the central climate change estimates in the <u>Welsh Government Adapting to</u> <u>Climate Change Guidance</u>. [Source: <u>Natural Resources Wales / Flood risk management plan 2023 to 2029</u>, accessed 23/11/23]

*Key Services include property types related to education, health services, transport, utilities and emergency services.



Source: Winter 2013/14 Storms -

<u>Wales Coastal Flooding Review Phase 1 Report –</u> <u>Assessment of Impacts (cyfoethnaturiol.cymru)</u>, accessed 23/11/23]

Why does integrated coastal management matter?



- The coast is home to approximately 60% (1.9 million) of the population
- 77% is designated for its environmental importance
- The coast is important to the economy (supports an estimated 93,000 jobs)

Important for:

- Communities
- Business & Industry
- Natural Environment
- Tourism
- Farming
- Transport
- Heritage
- High quality landscapes and seascapes
- Access and enjoyment for health and wellbeing

Who is involved in management of the coast?

Political: Ministers, Cross- party Groups	Welsh Government Officials	Local Authorities, various roles	Natural Resources Wales, various roles
Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee	National Infrastructure Committee Wales	Communities	National Park Authorities
Public Service Boards	Welsh Local Government Association	Businesses	Industry
Wales Coastal Groups Forum	Coastal Groups	Network Rail	Utility Providers
Local Authorities	Natural Resources Wales	Highways Agencies	Landowners
National Park Authorities	Transport Sector	eNGOs	Farming Unions
eNGOS	Farming Unions	Local Interest Groups	Tourism, visitor interests
Heritage Sector	Tourism Sector	Archaeological Trusts	Local recreational users
What makes Wales special in terms of tackling these challenges?

Our unique legislation:

- The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
- The Environment (Wales) Act 2016

Natural Resources Wales:

• Our vision: Nature and people thriving together

Our Size:

- Big enough to make a difference
- Small enough to build meaningful relationships and develop collaborative solutions



Five Ways of Working



Long term - Prevention - Integration - Collaboration - Involvement

Climate Change Committee Report – Adaptation & Social Justice

Welsh Government commissioned the Climate Change Committee (CCC) to review <u>Prosperity for all: a climate conscious Wales | GOV.WALES</u>, including a specific review on <u>Adaptation and Social Justice</u>.

Adapting to a changing climate relates to social justice in three key ways:

- Climate impacts have unequal effects.
- Adaptation actions to address these risks will themselves have unequal impacts.
- Effective and fair adaptation requires the distribution of climate risk across society to be considered throughout the policy cycle.

The CCC identifies six key principles to develop socially just adaptation policies.

- Assess how climate change impacts different groups in society differently.
- Design adaptation or other policy goals to avoid unintended distributional bias.
- Set sufficiently broad 'system boundaries' for adaptation and policy assessment.
- Engage extensively and regularly with local stakeholders.
- Rigorously track, evaluate and communicate distributional outcomes.
- Implement policy flexibly and iteratively, allowing unanticipated effects to be identified and corrected over time.



Adaptation and social justice September 2023



What can NRW do?

- Approximately 2500 staff, with around 10% having a role which has some involvement in management of the coast.
- Includes staff working on:
 - Flood risk management
 - Management of protected sites
 - Marine and terrestrial planning
 - · Regulation and regulatory approaches
 - Coastal access
 - Delivering our Area Statements, and coastal input to Public Service Boards
 - Climate change
 - Land management and the Sustainable Farming Scheme
 - Internal Drainage Districts
 - Water Framework Directive (hydromorphology element)
 - Geoscience
 - Landscape and seascape
 - Historic environment
 - Evidence and data

Integrated Coastal Management Programme

The primary aim of the Integrated Coastal Management Programme (ICMP) is to co-ordinate, plan and prioritise our work with respect to physical management of the coast, in accordance with SMNR principles, so that we are making integrated management decisions, despite being a dynamic environment caught between terrestrial and marine planning mechanisms and yet likely to undergo significant change over the next 10 to 20 years.



Example 1 – Access to Key Information

Home > Flooding > Managing flood risk

Shoreline Management Plans

In this section 1. What are Shoreline Management Plans? 6. View the full Shoreline Management Plans 2. Development of Shoreline Management 7. Different approaches over time Plans 8. Implementation of Shoreline 3. Choice of Shoreline Management Plan Management Plans policy 4. Managing sections of the coast 9. Nature-based solutions for coastal management 10. Updating Shoreline Management Plans 5. View the approach for your area

Home > Flooding > Managing flood risk

Nature-based solutions for coastal management

In this section

1. What are nature-based solutions?	6. Beach nourishment
2. Shoreline Management Plans	7. Sand dune management
3. Terms for nature-based solutions	8. Saltmarsh and mudflat management
4. Green-grey infrastructure	9. Shingle management
5. Blue-green infrastructure	10. Scientific literature
4. Green-grey infrastructure	9. Shingle management

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Natural Resources Wales / Shoreline Management Plans

Natural Resources Wales / Nature-based solutions for coastal management Natural Resources Wales / Check your coastal erosion risk (National Coastal Erosion Risk Management map)

Example 2 – Coast Snap

NRW's Wales Coast Path team and the Wales Coastal Monitoring Centre have collaborated to set up the Coast Snap Citizen Science Project, aimed at engaging local communities and individuals in monitoring the coastal environments of Wales.

The project enables people to get involved, understand more about how their coast is changing, and contribute valuable data to support decision making.



Example 3 - Coastal Adaptation Programme- Stakeholder Engagement Strategy

The Coastal Adaptation Programme (CAP) is a programme of projects led by NRW to help review options for managing coastal flood risk in areas most at risk from rising sea levels where flood risk management assets are managed by NRW.

A stakeholder engagement strategy has been developed to support staff to engage strategic stakeholders at the programme level and engage stakeholders and communities at the project level.

For example see Natural Resources Wales / Porthmadog Flood Risk Management Project



Conclusions

- Climate change risk at the coast is here already, and the risks will continue to increase.
- There are a complex range of interests that need to be considered together to inform sustainable management and a fair approach to adaptation.
- Wales has good legislation and ways of working to support how we do things.
- NRW has started to bring staff together to help make the connections across our remit and underpin better decisions.

BUT

- There are conflicts between different parts of our remit and the sectors they represent.
- It's resource intensive to engage internally and externally and to bring together the evidence to inform better policy and good decisions.
- We are limited by available funding, and we recognise that there is much more to do.

'Coming together is a beginning; staying together is progress; working together is success.'

Edward Everett Hale



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Community Aspirations

Joe Perry, Highland Council, Climate Action Coastlines

Nature-based solutions for threatened coastal communities

in Ocean & Coastal Futures







<u>Climate Action</u> <u>Coastlines</u>

Nature-based solutions for threatened coastal communities

Joe Perry Project Manager The Highland Council

Golspie

- A planned fishing town, established in the early 1800s
- Regionally-important travel infrastructure, hospital and secondary school
- Growing tourism industry
- Closer to Norway than London







Golspie Community

- 1,320 residents
- 35% of the population is over 60 (UK average is 23%)
- Strong community spirit and engagement with local issues









Flooding and Erosion

- Significant coastal flooding events in 2012 and twice in 2014
- Damage to high street, golf course and caravan park











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Existing Defences



Existing Defences



Clockwise from top-left: rock breakwater, steel flood gates, beach renourishment, rock revetments, rock gabions, sea wall.



Golspie Flood Protection Study (2019)



Do nothing

Leave the defences as they are. This would result in the gradual deterioration of the defences and the standard of protection would decrease over time.



Beach nourishment

Beach nourishment is a method which can be used to restore a beach which has eroded away due to tidal action. Sand is imported and spread to return the beach to original levels. New beach will absorb wave energy and provide a natural but limited mitigation to flood risk. The restoration of the beach will also have recreational value. Works to replace sand will have to be repeated if the cause of erosion is not controlled.

Sand dune stabilisation and protection

Maintain and protect the sand dunes along the golf course which form natural embankments and can offer some level of protection from tidal flooding. Sand dunes would be stabilised by planting natural species such as marram grass whose root structure would have an interlocking effect on sand particles.

Do minimum

Repairs and strengthening works could be made to the existing wave return wall and culvert flapvalves in the town, and a stringent maintenance regime adopted to maintain the existing standard of protection. This option would strengthen the current defences and reduce their risk of failure. This would maintain the existing situation but would not reduce flood risk.

Raise embankments and coastal walls at existing defence line

In order to prevent overtopping at the existing defence line, the coastal defence wall and embankments could be raised to create a barrier to wave carryover and inundation from high sea levels. This would offer an increase in the standard of flood protection for all receptors but it would incur significant cost and result in impacts on various environmental and social receptors.

Wave energy dissipation

Offshore breakwaters can be used to dissipate wave energy and change wave direction. A hardengineered measure would involve installing a rubble breakwater some distance offshore to reduce the height and strength of waves before they break on the shoreline, reducing the volume of overtopping due to wave action and therefore reducing flood risk beyond the defence line. This would also reduce impact on existing defences. Additional ecological benefit can be added by installing living breakwaters, which can be designed to dissipate wave energy and encourage biodiversity.

However, the flood risk benefits are limited as this measure would only reduce the impact of wave carryover and not direct tidal inundation when sea level is high.



Property Level Protection (PLP)

PLP can be employed to protect individual properties from potential ingress of flood water through pathways such as doors and windows, brickwork and sewage systems. This option would not address the source of flooding but could act as a resilience measure to protect individual properties against flooding. The success of PLP is heavily dependent on the correct choice of PLP and its installation, operation and maintenance.





Dynamic Coast (2021)

Findings

- Today's **200**-year event, becomes a **75**-year event by **2050** and a **10**-year event by **2080**.
- Unchecked, present maximum coastal erosion rates may increase with sea level rise resulting in ~-330 m retreat by 2100 across Golspie.

Recommendations

- Commence with long-term thinking about the trigger points for **asset relocation or abandonment**, faced with the reality of the 2050 and 2100 coastlines
- Propose beach feeding to protect the existing defences and enhance the wave-attaining features of the beach
- Maintain or install new **short-life defences**. This could include raising rubble breakwaters to increase sediment retention and increase wave attenuation

"...ensuring management is future-smart, if not future-proof."





Mean High Water Spring - 2018



Mean High Water Spring for High Emission Scenario – 2060 (orange) and 2100 (red)



Future Erosion Under High-Emissions Scenario (2050)



Future Erosion Under High-Emissions Scenario (2100)



Green Growth Accelerator

"The Green Growth Accelerator illustrates how, working together across government, business and communities, we can capitalise on the economic, environmental and social benefits that our journey to net-zero present."

> Michael Matheson Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy & Transport





Climate Action Coastlines – a Green Growth Accelerator Pathfinder Project

Aims:

- 1. Identify the most appropriate suite of naturebased and soft engineering solutions to protect a vulnerable Highland community from increased coastal erosion and flooding.
- 2. Embed community voices in project design and implementation.
- 3. Explore green finance options to support additional Highland coastal communities.

Project Team:

The Highland Council, Go Golspie, North Highlands and Islands Climate Hub, NatureScot, Edinburgh University, St Andrews University, Practically Green.

GIVE YOUR VIEWS

Our Coastline is changing. Average sea levels have swelled over 8 inches (about 23 cm) since 1880, with about three of those inches gained in the last 25 years. Every year, the sea rises another .13 inches (3.2 mm.)

SEA LEVELS ARE RISING AS A RESULT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, CAUSING CHANGES TO OUR COASTLINES. DO YOU AGREE THAT WE NEED TO CONSIDER MORE FLEXIBLE NATUREBASED MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES IN RESPONSE TO THIS?





Historical and Social Context







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COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Public meeting & drop in session to discuss Nature based flood defence options to work alongside infrastructure

Come along to a public meeting on Thursday evening to hear a short presentation from the North Highlands & Islands Climate Hub and their involvement with the Climate Coastlines Project. You'll have the chance to give your views on what is required to protect the village from flooding.

North Hub he You'll r Jing. You'll Golspie 7pm-9pm Thursday 10am - 2pm Friday

> Friday's session is drop in for any member of the community to have their voice heard.

Community groups are encouraged to come along to hear about the new Golspie Climate Action Fund and the Carbon Literacy training available from the Hub team.

Net Zero Scotland Scotland Www.nhclimatehub.co.uk enquiries@nhclimatehub.co.uk <text>



Community Voices

- Ambition and optimism for Golspie's future
- Desire to retain visual character of the village
- Openness to nature-based solutions, but sceptical of performance



Results

- Failed to progress beyond the GGA pathfinder
- Secured £20,000 SMEEF funding for saltmarsh research
- Continued relationships with project partners
- Enduring links with key community figures
- Stronger understanding of community, environmental and financial needs of Golspie
- Raised awareness of coastal erosion and flooding across Highland
- Started important conversations about the future of Golspie

Realignement?







What does the future look like for Golspie?

Thank You









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Community Aspirations

Mandelai Wolfe, Lyme Bay Fisherman's CIC

<u>A model for small-scale coastal</u> <u>fleet representation; for</u> <u>fishermen, by fishermen</u>












































Lyme Bay Fisherman's CIC invites you to the film premiere on Thursday 8th of February 2024 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm The Gateway Theatre, Seaton, EX12 2LD

Tickets on Sale from 15th of January 2024 Contact The Gateway Theatre on 01297 625699, or, www.thegatewayseaton.co.uk/whats-on/

> Marine Management Organisation





















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Community Aspirations

Elaine Hayes, Chief Executive Plymouth Sound National Marine Park

Developing a marine identity for people, planet and place

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Plymouth Sound National Marine Park

- developing a marine identity for people, planet and place

Elaine Hayes



Credit Paul Naylor

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Background to the National Marine Park

- Declared in 2019 by Leader of the Council
- Extensive consultation with local people and communities
- It is a declaration not a designation
- Submitted £22m bid to NLHF Horizons Fund to develop and deliver the UK's first National Marine Park
- Working locally and nationally to deliver the roadmap for National Marine Parks
- Developing a 5 year Delivery Plan and sustainable funding model





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Vision for the National Marine Park

Our National Marine Park will value the environment, heritage and economy of Plymouth Sound and its estuaries.

It is where people and planet will come together to realise a new, sustainable relationship with the

sea.



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Horizons Project

- £22m project
- Capital regeneration as nodes for activity
- £1m+ on nature
- £1m+ to create the world's first digital marine park
- £5m on connecting people to planet
- To create an entire city of marine citizens!
- To connect with 10 million people worldwide



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Horizons Project

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• £6m

People objectives

- To create an entire city of marine citizens!
- To connect with 10 million people
- To effect behavioural change to help nature to recover





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Definition of marine citizenship

"Having an understanding of the individual rights and responsibilities towards the marine environment; having an awareness and concerns for the marine environment and the impacts of individual and collective behaviours, and having a desire to have a role in ensuring ongoing sustainable management of the marine environment "



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Love it
Learn about it
Connect to it
Act to save it



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	HE/FE Student programme				
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				NMP Festival	NMP Festival
				Sea in the City	Sea in the City

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Plymouth Sound

National Marine Park

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Evaluation using an R&D mindset

- Evaluation framework agreed with NLHF
- Each stage of the process will be assessed to understand the journey
- Iterative so annual review and adjust
- Digital first approach to gather as much data as possible



NATIONAL MARINE PARKS

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES









A COASTAL AND MARINE NATIONAL PARK IN YOUR AREA?

> A BRIEFING FOR SCOTTISH COMMUNITIES FROM BLUE MARINE FOUNDATION



GUIDANCE FOR NATIONAL MARINE PARK EVOLUTION



NATIONAL MARINE PARK GUIDANCE

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Ten steps towards a National Marine Park

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National Marine Parks

Delivering the Vision

Online Workshop Tuesday 27th February 2024 11:00 – 16:00

REGISTER <u>HERE</u>



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Community Aspirations

Jetske Germing, Wales Coast and Seas Partnership

Investment, literacy and capacity building - actions for future generations

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Wales Coasts and Seas Partnership (CaSP Cymru)

Towards Marine Resilience in Wales

Investment, literacy and capacity building – actions for future generations



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Getting people on board with sustainable sea solutions



Coastal Forum

Our Vision:

Sustainable coasts and ocean for future generations

Our Mission:

To inspire, collaborate and deliver solutions for sustainable coastal communities



Our Story so far

Pembrokeshire Over two decades ago, Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum was created to bring people together to tackle Coastal Forum Timeline competing pressures on our land and seascapes



2000

2002

2003/4

2005

and deliver collaborative sustainable solutions. At the time, the legacy of the 1996 Sea Empress oil tanker disaster, of shore oil exploration, and growing recreational and commercial activities around the coast were challenging - and in some cases dividing - communities and policy makers. They were also a driving force behind ambitious new plans to introduce Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in the region and the realisation that a dynamic, independent local platform was needed to unite diverse stakeholders around protecting the coastline while sustaining and building a vibrant economy.

ever. PCF is evolving to help coastal communities and industries enjoy responsible recreation, build resilience, adapt to climate change, and lead the way towards a Net Zero carbon future by facilitating exciting opportunities, skills and jobs in marine renewable energy, responsible recreation, payment for ecosystem services, climate adaptation and sustainable aquaculture.



Pembrokeshire Marine Code created to encourage respect for environment, wildlife and other users

PCF hosts its f rst of more than 50 Environmental Training Sessions and develops the f rst



2009

PCF assists Welsh

produce new ICZM

strategy for Wales

Government to

waterproof wildlife fact sheets for use by outdoor instructors

2007

Marine Code for

Sea Kayakers

released in

collaboration

with Welsh

Canoeing Association





energy hub

f rst Climate Week

Coastal Communities Adapting

Together (CCAT) climate project

First phase of META opens for

business

2019

2018

PCF host series

of public events

Plan on behalf

of the Welsh

Government

on Welsh National Marine

begins work in Wales and Ireland



Swansea Bay City Deal signs of Marine license secured Pembroke Dock Marine project and META becomes to create world class marine fully operational with the f rst device Hundreds of people attend PCF

successfully deployed online environmental training PCF and MEW actively events during COVID lockdown support COP Cymru MEW chairs webinars at Wales roadshows ahead of COP26 in Glasgow

Stakeholder workshops held to develop a Pembrokeshire-wide Climate Adaptation Strategy Wales' First Minister visits Marine Energy Wales to launch new State of the Sector report

Marine Code App expands into Wales

Coast Explorer App, covering the entire

2013

PCF is registered as

a Community

Interest Company

with a voluntary

board of directors

Welsh coast





www.pembrokeshirecoastalforum.org.uk/timeline



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The need for such a platform is greater now than



YNNI MOROL CYMRU

"Establishing Wales as a global leader in sustainable marine energy generation"





Doubling the size of Wales











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Towards Marine Resilience in Wales



The Five Ways of Working



Long-term

The importance of balancing short-term needs with the needs to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs



Integration

Considering how the public body's well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies



Collaboration

Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives



Prevention

How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives



Involvement

The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves







Ocean Literacy in Wales - Y Môr a Ni



raising the profile working group existing work - increase impact and fill gaps strategy and action plan engagement consultation



Y Môr a Ni: Reconnecting people to Welsh coasts and seas

Vision:

People are connected to, understand and value our Welsh coasts and seas, making informed decisions, that support a safe and sustainable relationship between them.

Contact:

Kathryn.Hughes@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

OCEAN LITERACY IN WALES Timeline **June 2022** Workshop Working Group set July 2022 0 up for Ocean Literacy in Wales Strategy and Action July '22 -Ð Plan development using Sept '23 Theory of Change CaSP Review Nov'23 Strategy 2 Engagement Jan'24 Events for wider input Engagement into the strategy Online April/May consultation **24** Strategy and action June '24 plan launch - World Oceans Day

Wales Coasts and Seas Partnership (CaSP Cymru) Towards Marine Resilience in Wales

Blue Investment







Building Capacity



Coastal Capacity Building Fund 2022-23 examples





Anglesey - Menai Strait Sustainable Catchment Management Initiative



Vale of Glamorgan -Glamorgan Coast Forum



Pembrokeshire –

Marine Energy Engagement Plan



Marine Energy Engagement Plan (MEEP) Report



Inclusivity





"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean."

- Ryunosuke Satoro





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Session One Panel Debate

Community Aspirations

How are coastal and marine practitioners responding to the inclusivity agenda?

Chair: Sarah Young, WWF

Samantha Richardson MBE, National Coastal Tourism Academy Nicola Rimington, Natural Resources Wales Joe Perry, Highland Council Mandelai Wolfe, Lyme Bay Fisherman's CIC Elaine Hayes, Plymouth Sound National Marine Park Jetske Germing, Wales Coast and Seas Partnership









Refreshments 12:20 – 13:30





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