

**Coastal Forum Environment Working Group
7 July 2006**

Present:

Peter Barfoot (PJB) – NYM National Park Authority
Neil Campling (NC) – Heritage Unit, NYCC
Rona Charles (RC) – NYM National Park Authority
Robbie Fisher (RF) – English Nature
Jacqui Huntley (JH) – English Heritage
Graham Lee (GEL) - NYM National Park Authority
Graham Megson (GM) – North Yorkshire County Council
David Pybus (DP) - ?

Apologies:

John Beech
Gary Green
Roger Martin
Neil Redfern

1. Notes and actions from last meeting

Rapid coastal zone survey will have a review of previous research

Sea Scapes project - should be a project meeting soon. Landscape Characterisation along coast (from Hartlepool to Cayton Head) – from 1km in land to well off shore. Includes historical characterisation by Cornwall Archaeological Unit, commissioned by English Heritage

2. Coastal BAP progress, actions to date and to take forward.

Coastal Marine Action Plan – a meeting was held at the beginning of June – checked revised (3rd) draft plan and added more targets and actions. Covers maritime cliff and slope, and intertidal and marine. Involvement of GM who also had input into the Scarborough BAP helped with consistency across area LBAPs and BARS compatibility. Also discussed wish to pursue some sort of nature reserve.

GM has turned actions into SMART targets for Marine Cliff and Slope elements, and will be doing the same for the Intertidal and Marine actions.

Draft Code of Conduct for shell fish collection – Forum producing draft leaflet produced on fishing/bait collection/shellfish. Press release once leaflet done.

At next meeting – divide up Action Plan responsibilities

Action – Item on Agenda under Working Group feedback
_ **J Beech to arrange press release for shellfish leaflet**

3. Marine Bill

Consultation period now finished. summary of responses to the consultation will be published towards the end of September 2006. Bill will follow.

North Sea Marine Protected Area (MPA) – high priority for Natural England - Natural England will want to deliver Marine Conservation. Keen on using an ecosystem approach – what can an ecosystem support – ground up view of what is sustainable. What activities are going on. Yorkshire and Humber region starting to look at what's needed to produce a sustainable MPA based on an ecosystem approach. Just starting. Mid North Sea area?

English Nature are putting together an MPA action plan – based on Natural Areas. Will be a network of MPA sites in the North Sea with different levels of protection.

4. Robin Hoods Bay intertidal survey

Looking at resurvey.

5. Report on Rapid Coastal Zone survey

- Whitby to Flamborough Head underway
- North East coast assessment running down to Staithes – now runs down to Whitby to avoid leaving a gap – at outline project proposal stage

Problems with maps and aerial photography

Record of everything on coast and description – 1km inland to low water mark.

6. Archaeological Action Plan for the coast

GEL and NC will be meeting to discuss best way to proceed. Maritime component of North East regional research agenda – runs down to Staithes – and provides a model for ours to follow.

7. Coastal Landscape Assessment

Malcolm Burnett, NYCC is looking at all landscape appraisals carried out over North Yorkshire.

8. Updates from partners

Gary Green is setting up North East Maritime Archaeological Archive – to gather paper records of inventories, records, wrecks, dive records etc. Will be located at Hartlepool.

Shoreline Management Plan consultation just out. **Action – PJB to send cd of SMP to Neil Campling.**

North East Coastal Authorities Group

Erosion Risk Maps. Future coast mapping is simplistic.

9. Date of next meeting

2.00 pm. Thursday 12th October, Cleveland Potash offices, Boulby.