

C-SCOPE Task and Finish Marine Spatial Planning Group Wednesday 12th May 2010 – 10 am – 1 pm Dorset Room, Colliton Club, Dorchester

Present:

- Mike Goater (MG), District Engineer, Purbeck District Council
- David Carter, Member, Nautical Archaeology Society
- James Feaver, Marine and Coastal GIS Officer, Dorset Coast Forum
- Bridget Betts, Forum Coordinator, Dorset Coast Forum
- Ken Buchan, Dorset Coast Forum Secretary and DCC Coastal Policy Manager
- Peter Tinsley, Marine Conservation Officer, Dorset Wildlife Trust
- Brian Richards, Development and Flood Risk Team Leader, Environment Agency
- Simon Cripps, Chief Executive, Dorset Wildlife Trust
- Peter Moore, Group Manager, Environment Planning, Environment Services, DCC
- Ness Smith, C-SCOPE Project Officer, Dorset Coast Forum
- Sandie Wilson, Environment Manager, Portland Harbour Authority Ltd
- Tom Munro, Manager, Dorset AONB
- Rachel Waldock, Maritime Advisor, Natural England
- Matilda Bark, Policy Assistant, Dorset Coast Forum
- Patrick Durnford, Land Manager, Lulworth Estate
- Dr Chris Pater, Marine Planner, English Heritage
- Malcolm Turnbull, Trustee, Jurassic Coast Trust
- Vincent May, Academic
- Victoria Copley, Senior Specialist, Marine Operations, Natural England
- Adam Procter, Newcastle University
- Henry Aron, Coastal Change Pathfinder, Dorset County Council
- Mike Garrity (MGrty), Spatial Planning Manager, Dorset County Council

Apologies:

- Simon Williams, Regeneration and Sustainability Manager, Weymouth and Portland Borough Council
- Nick Lyness, Wessex Flood and Coastal Risk Manager, Environment Agency
- Jim Masters, Forum Coordinator, Devon Maritime Forum
- Angela Cott, Brownsea Island Property Coordinator, National Trust
- Richard Stride, Fisherman, South Coast Fisherman's Council
- David Tudor, Marine Policy Manager, The Crown Estate
- Dr Steve Fletcher, Academic, Bournemouth University
- John Hayes, Senior Ranger, DCC Countryside Ranger Service
- David Sales, Fisherman, South Coast Fisherman's Council

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Minutes and actions of previous meeting

Minutes agreed by group. Actions:

- SC emailed information to PM so that PM can include critical species in objective.
- KB is in the process of drafting new objective and will send to PM ONGOING
- PM to go through and make amendments discussed at meeting
- KB, BR and SC to carry out actions.
- PM has cross reference within objectives to check consistency of wording throughout. PM WILL RECIRCULTE OBJECTIVES
- BR has written examples of natural coastal processes and sent to PM.
- NS gave more detail on Steve Fletcher Study.

3. Outcomes of previous meeting and C-SCOPE update

- PT gave update on DORIS seabed map. Draft report received from consultants with example maps. 85 hrs of video, 3000 photographs. Complexity of seabed is very high. Have tried to develop broad scale character areas layer of biotopes and a layer of important species BAPs. PT felt that would be good to receive comments on all character areas (PT passed round maps to group). Explained that the character areas appear to have gaps in between them as there are no clear lines between character areas. The next step is to develop sensitivity maps, work on this is already underway.
- NS informed group that Offshore Renewables Capacity Study now complete and available to download from DCF website at: http://www.dorsetforyou.com/media.jsp?mediaid=148390&filetype=pdf
 Key Points of report:
 - Two areas of further wind resource identified
 - Tidal potential identified off Portland

- Little wave resource report looked at possibility of demonstration scale models.
- Land and Seascape Assessment (LSA) update. NS displayed map on screen of draft character types.
 NS explained that map formed through desk study and fieldwork. Further detail on assessment to be presented at DCF meeting on 18th May 2010. A 2 hour workshop will also take place at this meeting. Questions on LSA map:
 - SC questioned sharp lines on map and big areas, could this give a false impression? NS explained that the map is consistent with landscape assessment techniques.
 - MG suggested fuzzy lines on maps. TM felt that on land fuzzy lines are accepted, just need caveat.
 - JF questioned gap on land at Ringstead. NS explained that LDA Design is doing field work at the moment and this may alter the land boundaries.
 - MT questioned whether evolution of the seabed was taken into account. NS explained that it has.
 There is a baseline document available, if any of group would like to see please request from NS.
 - PM questioned whether there will be summary report? It is hoped that there will be an executive summary attached.
- Data collection is ongoing. JF and KB explained data discussions that took place with Seazone. Gap analysis of data has taken place. Explained the 42 key policies list, group expressed an interest in seeing.

ACTION: NS to send out 42 key policies list.

- Interactions Matrix work is ongoing, some members of the group will be asked to be interviewed. Aim to complete in July.
- NS introduced Adam Procter who is carrying out the SEA as part of his MSc course at Newcastle University. SEA in early stages, will look at four alternative plans. NS would like the group to be quite closely involved with SEA.
 - MGrty added that he chairs the SA Group which covers SEA as well. Suggested that AP could bring info to this group.

4. What can we learn from terrestrial spatial planning? Mike Garrity

Key points from presentation:

- Gave overview of how planning system for last 10 years works shift from land use planning to spatial planning. Now bedding down, could change with new government though.
- Gave Poole as an example of terrestrial / marine planning integration.
- Sustainable development common for both marine and terrestrial planning
- Consultation needed early on terrestrial planning consultation database that could be of use.
- Robust evidence needed
- Close links with sustainable communities strategies needed
- Avoid over prescriptive policies. Use positive and proactive policies.

Questions:

- MG highlighted that spatial planning epoch is 25-30 years but SMP looks at 100 years plus. MGrty agreed that SMP takes longer term perspective. In Poole they considered whether SMP would change strategies.
- MG highlighted that terrestrial planning draws lines on maps but that some coastal designations shift.
 MGrty explained that there are terrestrial planning examples that do not have lines on maps e.g. housing market values which have fuzzy boundaries.
- VC felt that terrestrial and marine planning should look at ecosystem goods and services.
- DC explained to MGrty that the C-SCOPE MSP was very much a bottom up approach, and asked
 whether it is top down or bottom up in terrestrial planning. MGrty explained that local communities fed
 into regional level. However, what came back down from regional level wasn't necessarily what was fed
 upwards.
- MT commented that a common sense approach to planning has been used in marine for years. Main difference is that there has been very little legislation in marine environment. MT commented it was very useful to see how terrestrial planning works.

5. Review of marine plans and policies

NS gave a presentation on marine plans and polices, with five examples of existing MSPs that she has analysed. Two new plans to NS were introduced to group: The Massachusetts Ocean Plan and the Netherlands Plan. NS explained key features of the plans and drew, on a map, an interpretation of what each plan would look if transposed to the Dorset MMA.

6. Mapping exercise

NS introduced the mapping exercise. Aim not to determine actual policies and zones. Results:

Group 1

- Zones based on:
 - water depth
 - tidal movement
 - type of seabed
- Group wanted to try and avoid exclusive use zones and use more transparent language
- Group felt need high level policy
- Mapping needs to be fit for purpose, public need to understand maps

Group 2

- Group did not draw on map.
- Group agrees on three groups of zones:
 - Surface
 - Mid water/pelagic
 - Seabed
- Started discussion on integrating national and local zones.
- Might have zones as overlays could select overlays to suit each users needs.

7. AOB

SW asked if can have draft document structure before next meeting, with different levels, for discussion at the next meeting. KB explained that may need to pull this together with members of T&F group before next meeting.

Dates of next meeting – Group agreed to bring forward next meeting. MB to doodle dates.
 5th July 2010 – 10 am – 1 pm at Dorset Room, Colliton Club, Dorchester.