



A National Marine Park for Plymouth Sound

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Why should we create the Plymouth Sound National Marine Park?

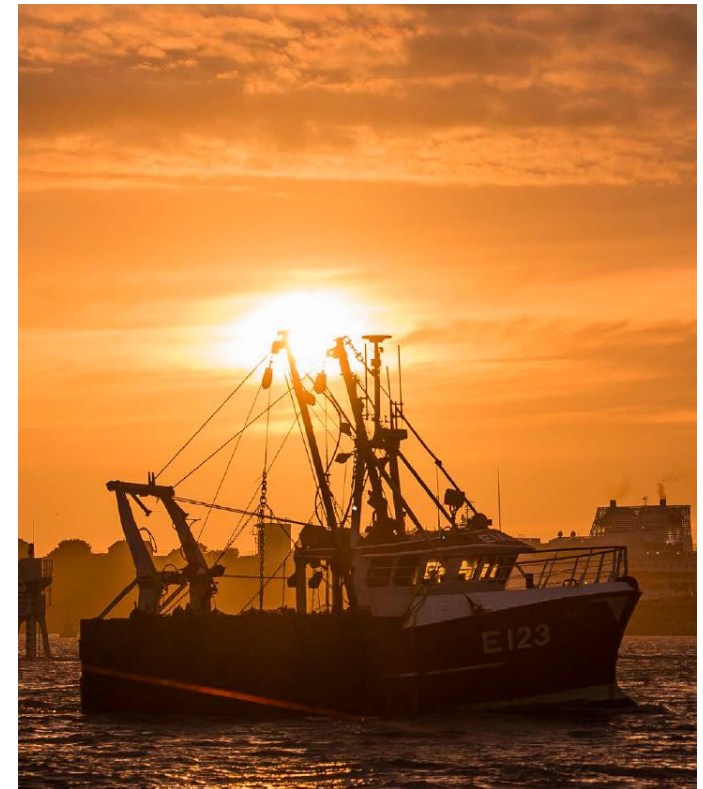
- Plymouth Sound and Tamar Estuaries Marine Protected Area covers 405 km² - over five times the size of the city
- Plymouth is home to one of the largest fish markets in the UK and an incredibly important asset for the UK fishing industry
- The waters are currently collaboratively managed by the Tamar Estuaries Consultative Forum that brings together the 18 organisations with statutory responsibilities for the waters
- HMNB Devonport, the largest naval base in Western Europe is located within Plymouth Sound
- The marine sector in Plymouth employs over 7,100 people
- Like National Parks on land, there is a huge level of support for and interest in the marine environment with 116 million day trips to the UK coast recorded in 2017



Pic: Hazel Mansell-Greenwood



“Plymouth Sound is a beautiful and unique natural environment that is integral to what makes Plymouth special, it is a place where people and nature coexist.” **Sue Dann, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene, Plymouth City Council**



A legacy we can create together



- 90% of people in England say National Parks are important to them
- 96% say they want every child to experience a National Park first hand

“A Marine Park is a specially recognised coastal or marine space important for its environment and community health and wellbeing. Marine Park status will encourage greater prosperity, responsible enjoyment, deeper knowledge and enhanced appreciation of the natural world and our place within it.” MarCoPol/*Blue Marine Foundation*

“There is also a belief that a National Marine Park could be more socially inclusive than inland National Parks. Comparably easier access to seaside towns, than for example to the Peak District, means that seaside visits are more likely to be taken by families and those in the less affluent social grades.” Prof Martin Attrill.

Engagement



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- 60 face to face meetings;
- 160 individuals and organisations contributed to the first engagement exercise providing detailed comments, views and challenges;
- Presentations at a range of boards, workshops, networking events including the City Conversation, TECF, PPMLC etc.

“A multi-use platform, not a legal straightjacket but a new status, new legitimacy – legally and politically”
Tom Appleby, Blue Marine Foundation

“If marine parks evolve from communities like Plymouth it shows we can govern well from a local level” **Natasha Bradshaw, University of the West of England**



We want the National Marine Park to be inclusive in its nature



Proposed
Objectives – these
will evolve.....

Plymouth Sound National Marine Park – Proposed objectives

1

Establish the UK's first
National Marine Park (NMP)
in Plymouth Sound.

2

Develop 'Marine Citizenship' - Increasing
ownership, understanding and use of
our marine environment, utilising this
enhanced engagement to improve
community health and wellbeing.

3

Create a greater sense of public and business engagement
and pride in the waters around Plymouth and enhance
and celebrate the natural beauty and wildlife in and
around our coastal waters.

4

Promote truly sustainable use of Plymouth Sound, carefully balancing
social, economic and environment needs to deliver a world-class
environment that has a positive impact for everyone.

5

Develop a framework for National Marine Parks that can be replicated across
the UK not just in the far South West, leading to a network of these
special places.

“In a society where it’s not
always easy
to have a cohesive fabric,
there’s a real
opportunity here [in
Britain’s Ocean City]”
**Tom Hooper, Isles of
Scilly IFCA**

Next steps

- Translate the work and commitment from the city and surrounding communities into a meaningful Declaration in the Autumn.
- Continue to undertake all work collaboratively with those who live, work, protect, and enjoy Plymouth Sound as we develop and embed the new NMP.
- Develop a Business Plan for the NMP within the first year that will set a sustainable future for the Park
- Continue to work with others at a National level to ensure that Plymouth Sound is the first in a network of NMP's.



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