

What will the Government's **Marine Bill** mean for us?

The Devon Maritime Forum presents the opportunity to:

- Quickly get up to speed with **what the Marine Bill means for your sector or organisation**
- Give **feedback on the Marine Bill to Defra's Lead Officer**
- Explore with other participants the **detailed implications of the Marine Bill**
- **Meet Defra**, Plymouth's new Marine Institute and many other organisations
- **Exchange information and knowledge** about marine related projects and developments in Devon

The Forum will meet at the Robbins' Centre University of Plymouth on the 23rd May 2006.

Proposed format of the day

9.30 am	Registration
10 am	Welcome
10.05 am	Introduction to the proposed Marine Bill (Defra)
10.30 am	Questions of clarification
11.05 am	Theme-based workshops
12.10 pm	Review and feedback
1.00 pm	Lunch and information market
1.50 pm	Cross sector work
2.40 pm	Tea and coffee
2.55 pm	Learning exchange
3.20 pm	Review and feedback
3.45 pm	Closing remarks
4.00 pm	Official launch of the new Plymouth Marine Institute

The working groups will provide an opportunity for focused consideration of the key themes of the Marine Bill, with a choice of workshops to reflect the interests of the delegates.

Views expressed on the day will be recorded and presented to DEFRA.

Make sure your voice gets heard!

An introduction to the Government's **Marine Bill**

Key Areas covered by the Marine Bill

A Marine Bill offers an opportunity to put in place a better system for delivering sustainable development of the marine and coastal environment, addressing both the use and protection of our marine resources. We wish to protect and enhance what we have whilst at the same time deriving sustainable economic and social benefit.

The main issues for the Marine Bill are:

- Marine Spatial Planning
- Marine consents
- Marine Management Organisation
- Marine nature conservation
- Coastal and estuary management
- Fisheries management and marine enforcement

Key Aspects of the Consultation Process

Defra are currently consulting on a number of areas that will be covered by the Marine Bill. The consultation covers the following areas:

- How to take forward Marine Nature Conservation proposals
- Possible reform of Marine Licensing regimes
- What shape Marine Planning could take
- Whether there is a case for a new Marine Management Organisation and if so, what functions it could undertake

The Marine Bill consultation document was published on 29 March 2006. The consultation period ends on 23 June 2006, after which a summary of responses will be published.

The Forum will make a record of views expressed at the meeting & send them to Defra. It is hoped that the day will help you if you are making your own response to Defra.

To request your hard copy of the document contact the Marine Bill Team.

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Telephone: 020 7270 8711 or 020 7270 8707

For a map showing how to get to the Robbin's Centre please go to <http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/files/extranet/docs/MAR/Plymouth%20campus.pdf>

If you require a paper copy please contact **Mel Parker** on **01392 382236**.

Parking in Plymouth is limited but the University is located 5 minutes walk from Plymouth railway station and there are several Park & Ride services available.

Devon Maritime Forum **Registration Form**

If you would like to attend the Devon Maritime Forum on Tuesday 23rd May 2006 please complete this registration form and send it to the following address before 15th May 2006:

Mel Parker, Environment, Economy and Culture Directorate, Devon County Council,
Lucombe House, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4QW

Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS using black ink.

Delegate Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

I would not like my contact details printed on the delegates list

Delegate fee: £25 per delegate.

Please note that return of this booking form does not guarantee a place at the event. Reservations will only be secured on receipt of payment, which must be made prior to the event. Please complete a separate registration form for each delegate.

I enclose a cheque for £ _____

Cheques should be made payable to Devon County Council and clearly marked 'DMF' on the reverse.

I wish to pay by credit/debit card. Please fill in details on reverse of this form.

Signature _____

Please send cheque with this booking form to the address above by the 15th May 2006. If you would like a receipt, please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope with your booking form.

If you would like to bring display material with you for the exhibition please provide details of the type of display you have. Please note that all displays must be set up no later than 9am.

The final decision on exhibition material will be based on the availability of space and balance of subject matter. The promoters reserve the right to refuse display material or change the published programme without prior notice.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to seeing you.

To pay the registration fee by credit or debit card please complete the following form with the **cardholder's details**:

Name: _____

Account Holder's Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Card Number: _____ Issue Number: _____

Valid From (date): _____ Expiry Date: _____

Amount to be charged (£25 per delegate): _____

Name of delegate who will be attending (please attach all booking forms):

Please indicate which working group you would like to attend in the morning session.

Signing up for working groups will occur at registration on the day.

- Marine Spatial Planning
- Marine Consents
- Marine Management Organisation
- Marine Nature Conservation
- Coastal and Estuary Management
- Fisheries Management and Marine Enforcement

For administration purposes only:

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