

North Devon Marine Pioneer 2nd Stakeholder workshop

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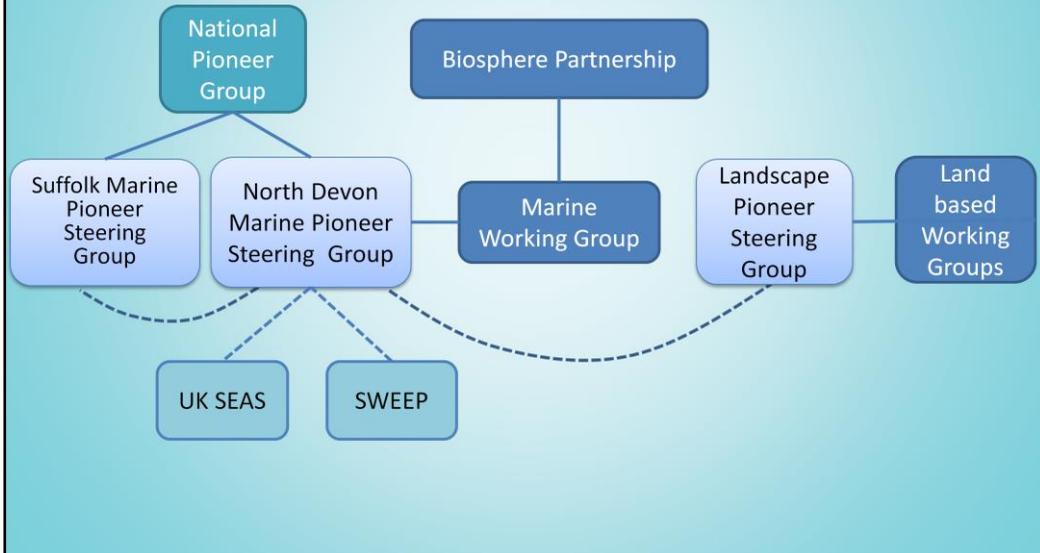


The role of the Marine Working Group



When I asked people to attend the workshop, I asked you if you would be willing to sit on the Marine Working Group. What is the Marine Working Group and what is it likely to entail? We need your help to make it the best it can be.

North Devon Marine Pioneer



This is the governance of the Marine Pioneer but I'd like you to focus on how the marine working group sits within that structure. The North Devon Biosphere has a broad overarching partnership which is the body responsible for coordinating, on behalf of local stakeholders, the management of the Biosphere Reserve. There are 7 groups that advise the partnership including Research group, community forum, woodland group, and of course the Marine Working group.

What is the role of the MWG?

- A source of local knowledge and expertise
- The vision setting group
- Decision making group
- The legacy of the pioneer



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The Marine Working Group has successfully worked on a number of marine matters and has been involved with MCZs, Valmer and Fisheries Local Action Group projects and has set the long term vision for the marine area of the Biosphere Reserve. The marine working group will be the source of knowledge and expertise that will come up with ideas of how we can realise that vision. The Marine Pioneer steering group will add their expertise to yours to help to put those ideas into actions – demonstration projects - and will continue to seek your advice as those projects are developing.

The pioneer is all about lessons learned and far reaching changes, through the marine working group there will be a stakeholder group, which may change in size and structure during the pioneer and after the pioneer, but we want this group to be one of the legacies of the pioneer in North Devon.

What are we asking you to do?

- To provide us with your time
- To tell us what you are interested in
- To spread the word!
- To listen
- To inform us what is and is not working



We would like you to provide us with your time 3 times a year. Not all of these meetings will be a day long, such as this. But we do hope to have one longer forum or workshop at least once a year, at least during the life time of the pioneer.

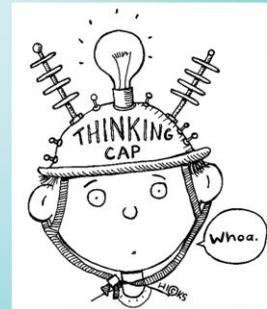
To tell us what you are interested in: if we are asking for advice on a certain subject we need to know who would be interested in that discussion. This will reduce the amount of time wasted, you are valuable to us - we don't want you to become fed up.

To spread the word, about the Marine pioneer, the demonstration projects and partners, and the Biosphere reserve. But also to listen, you sit on this group as a representative of a group of people or an organisation – you are the conduit to those people and groups, you have an opportunity to tell us what is going on too.

To let us know when something does or doesn't work. The aim of the pioneer is to do something a bit different - we need to think about whether what we are trialling and testing is working, as these lessons learned are the output of the pioneer.

How can we help you?

- Communication
- Make the events and meetings easier
- Is this group the best 'model'?
- Are the groups that need to be here represented on the MWG?



How can we help you?

What is the easiest way to communicate with you? What methods do you use to communicate with others and how can we make it easier for you to tell others about what has been discussed in the group?

Is this group the best model? There are about 50 people who have been identified that represent a broad cross sector of marine interests. We don't want the group to become too big but it needs to be right. We also need to be mindful of your time, so can we do things differently and how? Timing? Location? Using technology?

We will be back in contact with you and those that are unable to attend, shortly and we will be asking you these questions.

Thank you for listening

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