



Fal & Helford SAC Management Scheme Working Group

Terms of Reference

June 2012

Background:

The existing Fal & Helford SAC Management Scheme was signed off in 2006. Since then there have been calls from both Management Forum and Advisory Group members to update the Management Scheme, incorporating new information and reflecting legislative changes and revisions to relevant authorities. This is a timely opportunity to revisit the Management Scheme as the current reporting cycle is due to end this year (the Habitats Directive requires each member state report back to the EC every 6 years). In addition, the existing scheme advocates a 3 year cycle for relevant authorities to report to the MF with a view to assessing the plan for its effectiveness. This reporting cycle is overdue.

A Working Group to deliver the updated MS was agreed in May 2012.

Purpose of WG:

To facilitate the updating and amending of the Fal & Helford SAC Management Scheme/Plan as appropriate.

Membership:

- Sam Davis (SD) (CIFCA)
- Rhiannon Pipkin (RP) (Natural England)
- Ports & Harbours rep
- Advisory Group rep
- Jenny Christie (JC) Co-ordinator (Cornwall Council)

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The WG will conduct meetings in an open and transparent way. Members are expected to act in good faith and in the best interests of the SAC.

Each member will –

1. Be responsible for informing the organisations they represent of progress and report back to the WG with constructive feedback and comments

2. Be committed to updating the MS and devote the necessary time to attend meetings and complete discrete sections or tasks as required
 - SD to directly liaise with MMO, Duchy of Cornwall & PHA
 - RP to directly liaise with EA & SWW
 - AG rep to directly liaise with AG members
 - Ports and Harbours rep to directly liaise with St Mawes Pier & Harbour Co, A&P Falmouth Ltd., Falmouth Harbour Commissioners (Harbour Master and Sustainability Officer), and Ports of Truro & Penryn

The wider Management Forum will be kept informed of progress during their usual quarterly meetings and through e mail correspondence, as appropriate.

Meetings:

- A full complement of members is required at WG meetings. Should a member be unable to attend they will inform the rest of the Group before hand and send a substitute.
- The WG will meet on the following dates (further meetings to be arranged as necessary);
 - 6th September 2012
 - 12th November 2012
 - 17th January 2013
- WG meetings will recorded through informal notes with agreed action points.
- On the agreement of the WG, representatives from other organisations may be invited to attend WG meetings to provide specialist advice.

Jurisdiction:

Members of the WG are expected to reach a consensus on decisions relating to Management Scheme. If this is not possible the matter will be referred to the wider Management Forum whose ToR specify resolution by majority voting.