

News story: Have your say on marine planning in England

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is inviting stakeholders to get involved in the next stage of the marine planning process for the North East, North West, South East and South West.

Workshops are running throughout February and March and will provide an ideal opportunity for stakeholders to check progress towards the development of marine plans in their area. The workshops will be supported by an opportunity to respond on-line.

The engagement will focus on:

- Draft marine plan area visions.
- Draft options to address issues in each marine plan area.

For more information on marine plan areas and to subscribe to marine planning follow the links below:

[North West](#)

[South East](#)

[South West](#)

[North East](#)

Consultation workshops are taking place on the following dates and locations:

Area	Location	Venue	Date
North West	Whitehaven	Beacon Portal	07/02/18
North West	Liverpool	Adelphi Hotel	08/02/18
South East	Chatham	Sun Pier House	21/02/18
South East	London	The Wesley Euston	22/02/18
South West	Newquay	The Headland Hotel	06/03/18
South West	Plymouth	Future Inn	07/03/18
South West	Weston-super-Mare	The Winter Gardens	08/03/18
North East	Seahouses	The Hub	20/03/18
North East	Newcastle	Copthorne Hotel	21/03/18
North East	Middlesbrough	Middlesbrough Football Club	22/03/18

You can [sign up](#) for the workshops now.

Further information

- There are 11 English marine plan areas, including inshore and offshore

areas. Each area will be covered by a marine plan by 2021 with a 20 year view of activities.

- Marine planning addresses the key issues for the marine area, including the coast, estuaries and tidal waters, as well as developments that impact on these areas. The plans will include a vision and objectives together with policies to achieve them.
- Marine plans are used by public authorities as part of the decision-making process for all new activities and developments in or affecting the marine area.
- Marine plans build on the requirements of the Marine and Coastal Access Act and the Marine Policy Statement.

About marine planning

MMO has produced a short animation called 'What is marine planning?' to explain marine planning.

[Video](#)

Find out more about [marine planning](#).

Press release: Fishing licence money funds Severn Rivers Trust 'tool bank'

The Environment Agency, through its Fisheries Improvement Fund, has provided a wide selection of tools to help fishing clubs improve river habitats and access to fishing.

A wide range of hand tools including saws, hammers and spades make up a 'tool bank' which will be managed by the Severn Rivers Trust. Local angling clubs and volunteers can borrow the tools for small habitat projects. A number of habitat days will also run to show clubs techniques for creating natural habitat features to benefit fish.

Ieuan Davies, from the Severn Rivers Trust said:

We're delighted to receive these tools, and we'll be opening up a loan based system to allow angling interests in the River Severn catchment to borrow and use them for their projects.

We hope having access to these tools will allow a diverse set of improvement works to be carried out, and we will be happy to back up this resource with advice from our in house experts, as well as links to volunteer helpers where needed. We look forward to engaging with locals, volunteers and anglers on a wide range of fisheries improvement projects.

Fisheries experts from the Environment Agency and the Severn Rivers Trust work in partnership to give angling clubs and volunteers advice on how to improve habitats, but often small improvements that can really make a difference don't go ahead because people don't have access to tools and materials.

Ed Noyes, Fisheries Technical Officer from the Environment Agency said:

We're pleased to be able to use Angling Improvement Fund money, which comes directly from fishing licence sales, in this way.

Access to the tool bank will help fishing clubs and volunteers carry out low cost, small improvements which across the whole Severn catchment will really enhance the environment for many species of fish.

The tools can be hired by contacting the Severn Rivers Trust.

For more information on tools or training days please contact the Severn Rivers Trust on 01886 888394 or admin@severnriverstrust.com

Notice: S25 3SH, Tradebe Dinnington Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish surrenders that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the surrender letter, decision document and site condition report evaluation template for:

- Operator name: Tradebe Dinnington Limited
- Installation name: Tradebe Dinnington
- Permit number: EPR/GP3638MX/S009

Guidance: Plant Varieties and Seeds Gazette, 2018

Updated: September 2018 gazette now available

The Plant Varieties and Seeds Gazette is published monthly by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

It provides information on practices and procedures covered under the Plant Varieties Act 1997, the Plant Breeders' Rights Regulations 1998 and the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Each edition of the Gazette includes:

- appeals and tribunal decisions
- applications for additions to the List and to become a maintainer
- withdrawal of applications
- proposed, approved and changed names
- proposed additions and refusals
- proposals and decisions on maintainers
- proposed deletions and deletions
- amendments to previous Gazettes

A full National List is published annually as a special edition of the Gazette. It specifies all varieties by species, currently on the UK National Lists and includes details of maintainers and agents.

Previous editions

- [Plant Varieties and Seeds Gazette, 2017](#)
- [Plant Varieties and Seeds Gazette, 2016](#)
- [Plant Varieties and Seeds Gazette, 2015](#)
- See the [archived APHA web pages](#) for editions published before 2015.

Notice: MK43 9LY, Covanta Energy Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Covanta Energy Limited
- Installation name: Rookery Pit Energy Recovery Facility
- Permit number: EPR/WP3234DY/A001