



# TAY VIEWS

A PUBLICATION BY THE TAY ESTUARY FORUM: PROMOTING THE WISE AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE TAY ESTUARY AND ITS ADJACENT COASTLINE **ISSUE 28: Autumn 2010**

Hi all,

As Autumn approaches, there are a lot of events taking place within the TEF area and beyond which may be of interest to you. Some have been included in this newsletter but keep an eye on the TEF website for more. This September the TEF Chair and Project Officer have written a paper reflecting on the past decade of the Partnership which was presented at the *Littoral 2010* Conference in London (21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> September). The paper shall be available to download from our website shortly.

We recently moved offices within the University of Dundee so please note our new address!  
All the best, Laura (Project Officer)

## In this Issue...

1. TEF Update
2. Angus Cetacean Awareness Project
3. Inchcape Offshore Wind Farm
4. Green Blue Annual Conference

To join the TEF mailing list or to put forward your views, articles or pictures

### Contact:

Tay Estuary Forum  
Project Officer Laura Booth  
Room G35, Tower Building  
University of Dundee  
Dundee  
DD1 4HN

[TayEstuaryForum@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:TayEstuaryForum@dundee.ac.uk)

01382 384933

<http://www.dundee.ac.uk/crsem/TEF/>



## 1: TEF UPDATE

- TEF Office has moved: see below for new address. The phone number is still the same.
- Next TEF Steering Group meeting: October 1st.
- TEF presentation at Littoral 2010 in London this Sept looking at changes within coastal management, from a TEF point of view over the past decade. Click the icon below for more details and links.
- TEF Beach Cleans- see website for details.

**New Address!**

**CoastNet**

<http://www.coastnet.org.uk/Littoral2010>



**Littoral.2010**

Adapting to global change at the coast  
London 21-23 September 2010

## 2: OUT N' ABOUT 'N THE TAY!

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to encourage public involvement in the enjoyment of the Tay estuary and coastline. It highlights various attractions, walks, events and day trips for everyone to get out and about in their local region: this issue, how YOU can help with the:

### Angus Cetacean Awareness Project!



Cetacean life in Angus waters is little understood although local and national priority cetacean species inhabit its waters. **Tayside Biodiversity priority species** found in Angus waters include bottlenose dolphin, harbour porpoise and minke whale. A project launched in **September 2010** the **Angus Cetacean Awareness Project** is a 2/3 year data- collection exercise which aims to address this lack of knowledge by coordinating data collection in the area and collating any existing data which at present stands alone.

The project aims to:

**1. Investigate cetacean spatial and temporal distribution patterns in Angus waters**

Results will be fed into the Biodiversity Action Reporting System which supports the planning, monitoring and reporting requirements of national and local Biodiversity Action Plans. The project will involve collecting new land based observation data, existing data which at present exists on its own, and hopefully some data collected in inshore waters by boat volunteers such as Taymara based in Dundee and local fisherman who are part of the Scottish Inshore Fisheries Group.

**2. Increase awareness of cetacean in Angus waters**

The data collected will allow us to know more about how our waters are used by cetaceans and will be used to develop a website for the project and a land based watching leaflet for the area. Linking Angus into ongoing East coast initiatives such as the Dolphin Space Programme, Sea watch Foundation and Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society sightings recordings is also an important part of the project.

A website which will house the project is under construction at the moment: [www.marinelifeangus.co.uk](http://www.marinelifeangus.co.uk) and the site will be contactable at [info@marinelifeangus.co.uk](mailto:info@marinelifeangus.co.uk)

There will be a sightings recording section and it would be fantastic if **YOU** spot any cetaceans that you contact us with details such as species type, location, number of animals, time of day etc.

If you would like to carry out more dedicated reporting we will also be recruiting volunteers to carry out data collection in their chosen site following collecting methods used by the Sea watch Foundation and Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society. For more information on these schemes please visit:

[http://www.wdcs.org/national\\_regions/scotland/story\\_details.php?select=531](http://www.wdcs.org/national_regions/scotland/story_details.php?select=531)  
<http://www.seawatchfoundation.org.uk/sightings.php?uid=29>

### 3. Inchcape Offshore Wind Farm, Outer Firth of Tay: Consultation Events.

SeaEnergy Renewables Limited is progressing preliminary scoping studies for the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm. The site is proposed to be located approximately 15-22 km to the east of the Angus coastline in Scotland. It is anticipated to consist of approximately 180 wind turbines covering an area of about 150 km<sup>2</sup> with an estimated installed capacity of 1,000 MW and a potential yield of over 3,000 GWh per year. The project will be seeking consent through Section 36 of the Electricity Act which requires an application to be made to the Scottish Government.

The offshore wind farm will bring major innovation to the renewables industry, both in Scotland and internationally, by pioneering the commercial development of wind energy in waters up to 55 m in the outer Firth of Tay.

Below is information about the Public Consultation Exhibition dates and venues. You are invited to attend one of the exhibitions and take the opportunity to engage with the project team and view information regarding the environmental studies intended to be taken forward.

**The consultation will run from 31<sup>st</sup> August- 30 November 2010.**

The Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report and Non-Technical Summary are available at: [www.inchcapewind.com](http://www.inchcapewind.com).



**SeaEnergy**  
RENEWABLES

## Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm

### Public Consultation Exhibitions

To reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and increase the amount of energy generated from renewable sources, SeaEnergy Renewables Ltd propose to use deep water engineering expertise from the North Sea to develop wind energy 15-22 km from the Angus coast in the outer Firth of Tay.

If you would like to find out more, please come to one of our public exhibitions where you can discuss the proposals with our project staff and take part in our consultation.

Fife	Dundee	Angus
<b>St Andrews Town Hall</b> Queens Gardens Wednesday 6 October 12noon – 8pm	<b>Discovery Point, Dundee</b> Wednesday 29 September 12noon – 8pm	<b>Montrose Town Hall</b> Friday 24 September 12noon – 8pm
<b>Crail Community Hall</b> St Andrews Road Wednesday 13 October 12noon – 8pm	<b>Discovery Point, Dundee</b> Thursday 14 October 12noon – 8pm	<b>Angus Business Centre</b> Keptie Road Arbroath Tuesday 5 October 12noon – 8pm

Public consultation on our Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report runs from 31 August until 30 November 2010. Your opinions and comments are invited. The full Scoping Report is available at [www.inchcapewind.com](http://www.inchcapewind.com).

For further information, please contact the Inch Cape Project Team, SeaEnergy Renewables Limited, Britannia House, Endeavour Drive, Arnhall Business Park, Westhill, Aberdeenshire, AB32 6UF. email: [inchcapewind@seaenergyrenewables.com](mailto:inchcapewind@seaenergyrenewables.com)

# The Green Blue Conference 2010



Sponsored by GTG Training

## Saturday 9th October 2010



GTG Training and Conference Centre,  
1330 South Street, Glasgow, G14 0BJ

**A great opportunity for marine and inland waterways businesses, clubs, marinas and RYA instructors to learn more about the environment about how they can save money and improve efficiency.**

**This event will inspire you with real life examples, arm you with practical information and send you away ready for action.**

There will be a range of workshops including sessions on energy efficiency, invasive species and the economics of recreational boating. GTG will be running PowerPoint and health and safety workshops so you can boost key business skills and improve environmental performance all for just £30 (non-members, £40)!

The Green Blue has already helped the marine sector save more than **£150,000** on their energy bills. Find out more about how you can make savings in your business or club at our conference. Your business cannot afford for you to miss this event!



Keynote Address  
**Tom Cunliffe**  
sailing expert, author  
and broadcaster.

For more information or to book your place contact **sarah.brown@thegreenblue.org.uk** or call **0844 556 9544** or go to our website, **www.thegreenblue.org.uk**

a joint initiative



supported by

