



Tay Estuary Forum Sectoral Interactions Consultation

1. Introduction

You are invited, as a key representative of your sector, to participate in this consultation which is being carried out by the Tay Estuary Forum on behalf of Marine Scotland. The collated responses will contribute to the development of a Local Marine Plan for the Firth of Tay and East Coast of Scotland, and will inform future policy options for the management of Scotland's marine and coastal environment.

Marine planning is proving a powerful tool for the management of the marine environment, and one key role is its potential to identify and deliver options for the sustainable management of interactions (both positive and negative) among sectors in the marine environment. However, this will only work if there is informed input from key stakeholders during plan development.

This consultation is a key opportunity for you to ensure that your sector's perceptions and concerns are represented in the future management of the Tay Estuary.

2. Objectives and Outputs

The Forum aims to acquire information on the nature, extent and intensity of interactions among sectors and subsectors within the TEF region, from the River North Esk on the Angus coast to Fife Ness, including the Tay Estuary to its tidal limit at Scone and 12nm seawards.

The main output will be a matrix (see attached) detailing the nature and significance of interactions among coastal and marine activities. This in turn will be supported by charts and a full report and will be used in the development of local marine planning.

3. Methods

There are two parts to the consultation process:

1. Representatives complete interaction matrices for their (sub)sectors;
2. Follow up interviews between selected representatives and the Forum Project Officer to explore issues in more detail.

Representatives will also be given the opportunity to comment on the draft report. It would be helpful if you could please return the completed matrix to TayEstuaryForum@dundee.ac.uk **within 2 weeks of receipt please.**

The follow up phone interviews will allow the Forum and Marine Scotland to develop a greater understanding of the nature, intensity and physical area of interactions and to explore management issues arising from these.



3.1 Next steps

It should take approximately one hour to complete the matrix and background details sheet, although you may wish to consult with colleagues within your (sub)sector before or during the process of completing the matrix.

The attached Excel workbook includes the matrix and a worksheet for you to complete detailing your organisation. Where there are interactions with other sectors, you are asked to provide further details as text notes, which in turn will inform a meeting should you wish to participate in the second part of the consultation. We would also be grateful if you could also complete the section giving details of your organisation and its role within the TEF area.

3.2 Completing the matrix

- Decide which subsector(s) you are able to represent (either alone or collaborating with colleagues);
- Identify which additional subsectors not listed in the sheet you feel should be included and enter those in the column named 'Other';
- Work down the column for each of your chosen subsectors. Each cell represents the interaction between the subsector named in the row and your chosen subsector;
- In the relevant cell, please enter the appropriate response from the options below:
 - **Positive:** where the activity of the other subsector has a positive influence on your subsector;
 - **Neutral:** where the activity of the other subsector has no positive or negative influence on your subsector;
 - **Competition:** where there is competition for access to the same resources or areas between the other subsector and your subsector;
 - **Conflict:** where conflict arises as a consequence of unmanaged competition between the other subsector and your subsector for access to resources or areas;
 - **Incompatible:** where there is a fundamental and unmanageable incompatibility between the activity of the other subsector and your subsector.

Where you have provided details on the nature of an interaction using the above options, further details would be gratefully received in the 'Additional Comments and Information' column of the matrix. These details could include the basis for your choice, and the nature, significance to your subsector, timing, spatial extent *etc.*

If you have any queries please contact Laura Booth on email or phone 01382 384933. Once you have completed the matrix, please return the Excel file to TayEstuaryForum@dundee.ac.uk It would also be very helpful if you could indicate when returning the file whether you would be interested in a phone interview with Laura Booth (TEF Project Officer) to explore your responses further.

Thank you very much for your participation.