



TAY VIEWS

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Over 2008/9, drafting of the TEF Management Plan has been ongoing, based on questionnaire responses, discussions at last year's April conference and Stakeholder interviews. We are pleased to announce an electronic copy of the Draft TEF Management Plan is **now available** to download from the TEF Website. Your comments are welcomed on the draft but please note the deadline for comments is March 20th 2009.

Final copies will be available at the 2009 Annual Conference:

Thursday 30th April 2009 at West Park Conference Centre, Perth Road, Dundee.

The provisional programme as well as booking information can be found in Items 4 and 5.

We look forward to seeing you in April!
Laura (Project Officer)

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1: TEF UPDATE

- The last Steering Group meeting was held on **Thursday 19th February 2009**.
- There have been three Management Plan review meetings in December 08, January and February 09.
- Thanks to all those who have contributed towards printing costs for the Plan.
- Welcome to new Fife Council rep Geoff Moy who replaces Andy Kelly.
- Thanks to Andy for his long-standing support for the Forum and his representation on the Steering Group.
- Next Steering Group meeting will be in May 09.

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

2. MARINE SCOTLAND TO MANAGE SUSTAINABLE SEAS FOR ALL



A new marine management body is being created to help Scotland make the most of its seas for future generations. Marine Scotland, which will be up and running by April 1, will play a key role in managing Scotland's seas, with direct responsibility for marine science, planning, policy development, management and compliance monitoring measures.

It will work with other partners with marine interests to deliver economic prosperity including in developing areas such as marine renewables - and environmental sustainability.

Marine Scotland offers better protection to Scotland's marine environment and will help streamline existing support services. It will deliver a simplified management and regulating system for all marine activities in Scotland.

The current functions of Fisheries Research Services (FRS), the Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency (SFPA) and the Scottish Government's Marine Directorate will be brought together in the new organisation, which will work with others to ensure sustainable economic growth from our marine and coastal environments.

It will build on the success of these organisations to deliver a strategic approach to managing Scotland's seas. A Marine Strategy Board, led by Marine Scotland and involving key partners with marine management interests, will be established to deliver a coherent and focused approach. Marine Scotland will become a Scottish Government Directorate.

Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment Richard Lochhead said: "We have been clear from day one that our underlying key purpose is that of sustainable economic growth.

"The creation of Marine Scotland will help deliver this vision, managing Scotland's seas for prosperity and environmental sustainability. Marine Scotland will be the champion for our marine environment.

"We have a unique coastal and marine environment which provides an important natural resource upon which so many communities depend. Our waters are vital to the Scottish economy and support many thousands of jobs, most notably through the oil and gas industry, aquaculture and fishing.

"Coastal tourism and internationally significant species attract wildlife enthusiasts from around the world. Marine Scotland will combine and co-ordinate the efforts of existing bodies, to ensure we manage Scotland's seas sustainably and benefit from the rich assets and resources they represent.

"The Scottish Government will shortly bring forward a Marine Bill that will provide a sustainable future for our waters, and build on existing arrangements to provide the foundations for Marine Scotland's work."

3. THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE FUNNY - We want your photos!

The Green Blue, the joint environment programme for the RYA (Royal Yachting Association) and the BMF (British Marine Federation), is calling all boaters to send them their photos from out on the water for their new photography competition 'The Good, The Bad and The Funny'.

Send in your photos of anything to do with the boating environment under the three titles - The Good, The Bad and The Funny and you could win yourself a great prize, maybe lunch with Dee Caffari MBE or a free wash and scrub with Dean and Reddyhoff, MDL or Quay Marina's or a fabulous Canon camera.

Be it a stunning sunset, a leaky oil drum*, a funny moment onboard the boat or a community clean up at your local club. Something horrible such as discarded balloons, or an interesting wildlife image! Whatever you think fits the team are looking for special photographs, recording the scenes that inspire you out on the water.

Sarah Black, The Green Blue Project Manager said:

"They say a picture paints a thousand words so in our mission to promote good environmental practice to boaters and marine businesses, we are looking for some great photos to help us get our message across. We want to educate, inspire and motivate the public and the photography competition is an ideal way to create a sense of wonderment and fun that will move people to take action."



There will be prizes for all three categories - The Good, The Bad and The Funny with two age groups for each category, under and over 16's. There will also be an overall prize and a special celebration at Southampton Boat Show. Your winning photo may even feature on the front page of the RYA magazine or make its way onto the pages of the RYA and BMF websites!

So get cracking and you could be a winner of a fabulous prize. Download the application form and rules of entry at The Green Blue website, www.thegreenblue.org.uk or email us at info@thegreenblue.org.uk

*Please note any serious environmental issues such as oil leaks should be reported to the relevant authorities (see The Green Blue website for contact details) Printed images cannot be returned.

All entries need to be submitted by Monday 24 August 2009.



Tay Estuary Forum Annual Conference

Launching the Tay Estuary Forum Management Plan

Thursday 30th April 2009

**Sidlaw Suite, West Park Centre
Perth Road, Dundee**

9:30am-10am Registration: Finish 4pm

Photo I. Montgomery; Perth and Kinross Council

Talks will reflect the content of the 2009-2014 Management Plan covering current Social, Environmental and Economic issues affecting the Tay Estuary and the adjacent Coast such as:

Sea Level Change in the Tay and Forth, SEPA River Basin Management Plan Consultation, Carnoustie Sea Front Regeneration, Adopt-a- Beach Tayside, Sea Grass Studies in the Tay Estuary, River South Esk Catchment Management Plan, HMS Unicorn, Economic, Social and Environmental Sustainability, Economic Value of Bottlenose Dolphins and more...

Booking form and fee information to follow in March newsletter

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West Park Conference Centre Perth Road, Dundee

9:30-10:00 registration

10am START
4pm FINISH

£45. (includes lunch, morning & afternoon coffee & refreshments)

Please return your completed booking form ASAP and by 15th April, so that catering can be finalised.

- Cheques should be made payable to University of Dundee, and forwarded to Tay Estuary Forum, Room 7014, Matthew Building, University of Dundee, Dundee, DD1 4HN.
- Invoices can be provided on request
- Payment should be made before the Conference
- No refunds shall be given for cancellations less than two weeks before the conference

A map showing the location of West Park Conference Centre is available on Dundee University Website: <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/general/campusmap/genlocation.htm>

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Booking Form

Tay Estuary Forum Annual Conference 2009 – Thursday 30th April

Name _____ Organisation _____

Address _____

Email _____ Tele _____

Fax _____

I will be attending for a fee of £45.

No. of places required: Yes/ No _____ Total amount payable £ _____ Invoice _____

Any special dietary requirements _____

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