



News and Events Update

March, 2012

Dear Subscriber,

Welcome to the March edition of the North West Coastal Forum's News and Events Update. Click the links to read the full articles on our website or download the attached full PDF version, to read at your leisure.

Kind regards,

Alasdair, NWCF

NWCF News

Diary Date – 18 & 19 September 2012: Delivering Sustainable Coasts

February 8, 2012

The North West Coastal Forum, working with Sefton council and 10 EU partners as part of the SUSTAIN project, is pleased to announce the dates and location of a major international conference addressing coastal sustainability issues across Europe and celebrating achievements of organisations and individuals across North West England.

Featuring the **2012 North West Awards for Coastal Excellence** the conference is free to attend and will focus on the outputs from the **SUSTAIN 'Assessing sustainability and strengthening operational policy'** project, partly-funded by the INTERREG IVC Programme (see www.sustain-eu.net). Experience from Sefton Council and the SUSTAIN partnership, as well as examples of sustainable practice from across the North West will also be presented. The conference will be

followed by a day of optional guided site visits. A full programme will be available nearer the conference dates. In the meantime see the full conference announcement for details of how to register advance interest attending or exhibiting:

[Delivering Sustainable Coasts conference announcement](#)

The 2nd North West Awards for Coastal Excellence (NW ACE 2012)

February 13, 2012

The North West Coastal Forum is pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the 2nd biennial NW ACE – an award scheme to recognise outstanding achievement in and contribution to the long-term management of our coast and near-shore marine environments.

NW ACE winners and highly commended entrants will have an opportunity to showcase their work to an international audience as the awards are being presented at ‘Delivering Sustainable Coasts’ – a major international conference on the 18th – 19th September, in Southport, Merseyside.

The Award categories are:

Coastal Champion: This award will be made to an individual in recognition of their significant contribution to the long term management of the North West coast. Nominations are open to anyone involved in coastal activity in North West England, either as part of their work or as a volunteer.

[NW ACE 2012 Coastal Champion](#)

Coastal Community Action: This award will be made to a community group in recognition of their significant contribution to the long term management of the North West coast. Nominations are open to any residents’ group, school or community volunteer group which has carried out work on the North West coast within the last 2 years.

[NW ACE 2012 Coastal Community Action](#)

Coastal Best Practice: This award will be made to an organisation or groups of organisations working in partnership in recognition of their significant contribution to the long term management of the North West coast. Nominations are open to businesses, local authorities, governmental agencies and NGOs which have carried out work on the North West coast within the last 2 years.

[NW ACE 2012 Coastal Best Practice](#)

Nominations open on the 15th February 2012 and will close at 5 p.m. on 31st May 2012

Regional News

Liverpool's Local Enterprise Partnership Established

March 19, 2012

The Liverpool City Region's Local Enterprise Partnership became formally established on Friday 16 March, taking over the reigns of The Mersey Partnership. Information on the changes and new LEP can be found on the [Liverpool Local Enterprise Partnership's website](#).

Coastal Communities Fund Briefings – NW details

March 19, 2012

Briefing workshops on the new [Coastal Communities Fund](#) (CCF) are to be held throughout March and April around the UK. For more information on dates and times, visit the Big Lottery Fund's [Coastal Communities Fund website](#). The deadlines for expressions of interest are March 25 (early round – projects ready to go) and April 27 (main round).

In the North West, the briefing will be held in Blackpool on 27th March. Booking is essential and can be done through the [CCF website](#).

Burbo Bank Extension – Community Consultation Events

March 19, 2012

DONG energy has confirmed dates for community consultation events around the North West and North Wales to present further details of the Burbo Bank Extension Offshore Windfarm. Information on the project can be found at www.burbobankextension.co.uk.

The dates are:

- Tuesday 17th April 2012 – 12 noon – 6pm
Tynewydd Centre, Tynewydd Road, Rhyl, Denbighshire LL18 3RD
- Wednesday 18th April 2012 – 1pm – 7pm
Floral Pavilion, Marine Promenade, New Brighton, Wirral CH45 2JS
- Friday 20th April 2012 – 12 noon – 6pm
Crosby Leisure Centre, Mariners Road, Crosby, Merseyside L23 6SX
- Saturday 21st April 2012 – 10am – 4pm
Hoylake Community Centre, Hoyle Road, Hoylake, Wirral CH47 3AG

Morecambe Bay Nature Improvement Area

March 19, 2012

An application submitted by the Arnsdale and Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to designate Morecambe Bay a [Nature Improvement Area](#) (NIA) has been successful, bringing a further £610k to the area. The Morecambe Bay Limestones and Wetlands Nature Improvement Area is the only NIA in the north of England, and one of only 12 successful applications across the country. In implementing the NIA, the AONB will work closely with partners to ensure that delivery is closely aligned with other initiatives around the bay, such as [Headlands to Headspace](#), complementing and adding value to one another. More information on the Morecambe NIA can be found on the [Natural England website](#).

Port City Lives conference – Call for Papers

March 15, 2012

“Port City Lives: Mobilities, Networks, Encounters” - a workshop conference to be held on 29-30 June 2012 at Blackbourne House, Liverpool, is inviting proposals for individual and joint presentations on ‘**Port City Lives throughout history and across the world**’.

More information on the event can be found on the conferences website <http://portcitylives.wordpress.com/> or in the PDF document link below:

<http://www.nwcoastalforum.org.uk/nwcf-cm2/wp-content/plugins/download-monitor/download.php?id=94>

Peel Ports Begins Procurement for New River Terminal

March 5, 2012

Peel Ports have started the procurement process for the construction of the new £300m container terminal, to be named *Liverpool 2*. Peel have announced that the terminal is to be open for business in 2015, and will be able to accommodate vessels of up to 13,500 teu (twenty foot equivalent units), two at a time, compared to the current handling capacity of 3,000 teu. The project is expected to be the largest boost to employment creation and the local economy since the construction of Liverpool One.

More information on the project, and details of the work being advertised, can be found on the [Peel Ports website](#).

National News

Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership – Newsletter

March 19, 2012

The Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership (MCCIP) has added new papers and reports to its website. Of particular coastal and marine interest are:

- Long-term effects of ocean warming on the prokaryotic community: evidence from the vibrios: The ISME Journal
- Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management R&D: FCERM Research News: NERC Storm Risk Mitigation Programme
- House of Commons Energy and Climate Change Committee 11th Report: The Future of Marine Renewables in the UK. To browse the full report as well as the Proceedings of the Committee [click here](#).
- US launches Natural Environment Adaptation Strategy consultation [US Environmental and Energy Study Institute](#) website.

Full reports and more details can be found on the [MCCIP website](#).

Good Fish Guide iPhone App

February 27, 2012

The Marine Conservation Society Good Fish Guide App (for iPhone only) is now available to download for free from the [Apple App store](#) now! The guide provides comprehensive advice on sustainable seafood for all consumers who want to make the right choice at the supermarket fish counter or at the fishmongers. The app is searchable by common fish name and provides information both at a glance, and in full detail if you need it.

More information on the Good Fish Guide can be found at www.goodfishguide.com

The App can be downloaded directly from the [Apple website](#).

International News

Consultation: European Marine Fisheries Fund

March 19, 2012

Defra are seeking your views on proposals on the European Commissions proposals for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund. The European Commission have published their proposals for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) that will replace the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) from 1 January 2014 until 31 December 2020. The consultation ends on **18 April 2012** and details of the consultation can be found on [Defra's website](#).

Conferences and Events

Burbo Bank Extension - Community Consultations

Click link above for more information. Community consultation events will be held in North Wales and the NW throughout April.

European Marine and Fisheries Fund

Click link above for more information. Closes **18 April**

For information on upcoming relevant conferences and events, please visit the Events page on our webpage: <http://www.nwcoastalforum.org.uk/events/>