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## Dear Subscriber

Welcome to the late summer edition of the North West Coastal Forum's News Update. Click on the headings or 'read more' to read the articles in full.

Kind regards,

Caroline, NWCF

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## NWCF News

### 10th September Deadline Approaching for the 3rd biennial North West Awards for Coastal Excellence (NW ACE 2014) - Apply Now!

Posted on September 5th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

The deadline – 10th September - is fast approaching for the North West Coastal Forum's 3rd 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 [Read more](#)

### Diary Date - Destination Coast! 3rd & 4th November, Grange-over-Sands

Posted on September 4th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

Destination Coast! is the 2014 North West Coastal Forum biennial coastal conference. This year the theme is based around the coastal visitor economy, exploring the benefits and opportunities for coastal tourism and recreation for businesses and communities along the length of the North West coast. The event will take the form of a full day [Read more](#)

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## Regional News

### NW-IFCA Newsletter Sept 2014

Posted on September 5th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

The North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority has just released their latest newsletter, which

is downloadable below. The newsletter covers an update on fisheries, a report on the Members Training Day and news about three voluntary member vacancies at the Authority which are open for applications until 9th September. For more information visit the [Read more](#)

## Solway Firth Partnership - September 2014 Newsletter

Posted on September 2nd, 2014 by NWCF V1

Solway Firth Partnership has issued its September 2014 newsletter. The contents of the newsletter include the announcement of 30 newly designated Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) within the Scottish seas, a Solway flower guide that helps to identify 16 seaside flowering plants found on beaches along the Solway Coast, and the upcoming Strandline Exhibition to be hosted at the [Read more](#)

## Coastal Access Update - August / September 2014

Posted on September 1st, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

Natural England's Cumbria Area Team has produced August and September Cumbria Coastal Access Monthly Updates and these can be downloaded below. They cover progress on the 2nd length of coast to be developed: Whitehaven to Silecroft and the recently announced 3rd stretch (Gretna to Allonby). In addition the national team has published the August England Coastal Path [Read more](#)

## Morecambe Bay Trail-Blazing Ride - test ride of the Bay Cycle Way 12-15 September 2014

Posted on August 28th, 2014 by NWCF V1

Volunteers are needed to help test the proposed Bay Cycle Way route in September. Cyclists can join for all or part of the ride around Morecambe Bay which takes place over 4 days from 12th to 15th September. The Bay Cycle Way, funded through the Coastal Communities Fund, will be a new, family-friendly, long distance [Read more](#)

## Seldom Seen Map Series - Guided Walk at Sunderland Point (7th September 2014)

Posted on August 28th, 2014 by NWCF V1

Morecambe Bay Partnership and Art Gene based in Barrow-in-Furness have come together to develop an exciting artist-led programme which seeks to map hidden assets and learn about the culture and life of local people around Morecambe Bay. Themes include the social, natural and industrial value of the Bay. The characteristics of the area will be presented [Read more](#)

## Heysham Flat Seed Mussel Fishery Opens

Posted on August 28th, 2014 by NWCF V1

The North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority has announced that, commencing the 26th of August 2014, the Heysham Flat Seed Mussel Fishery is open for all current Byelaw 3 Permit Holders. A new Byelaw 3 permit for 2014/2015 will be required from the 1st of September 2014 and more information and application forms can be found [Read more](#)

## New Requirement to Submit Monthly Catch Return Records - Cockles and Mussels

Posted on August 28th, 2014 by NWCF V1

The North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (NW IFCA) has announced that, from the 1st of July 2014, it is a requirement under Section 21 of the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority Byelaw no. 3 that all permit holders must record and submit monthly returns relating to catches and fishing efforts. This follows [Read more](#)

## National Infrastructure Projects - North West Update

Posted on August 20th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

The National Infrastructure Planning website has details of the following major infrastructure projects in the coastal or marine area of North West England. Click on the project names below to go to the National Infrastructure Planning website page for each project. Projects go through a range of stages and these are explained in brief below: [Read more](#)

## NW Regional Monitoring Programme Newsletter Summer 2014

Posted on August 5th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

The latest edition of the North West Regional Monitoring Programme's newsletter – North West Coast News – has been published. It aims to provide news on progress of the programme, spotlight specific issues and provide an outline programme of upcoming monitoring, reporting and events across the region. This issue reflects the impacts of the winter storms and [Read more](#)

## Celtic Array pulls out of the Irish Sea Round 3 Zone

Posted on August 5th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

The Crown Estate has announced that it has agreed to a request from Celtic Array Ltd to terminate its offshore wind agreement for the Round 3 Irish Sea Zone site enabling DONG Energy and Centrica to stop development activity. Head of Offshore Wind at the Crown Estate, Huub den Rooijen, said "We have confirmed the developers' assessment of [Read more](#)

## The Arnsdale & Silverdale AONB Partnership - new AONB Management Plan 2014-19

Posted on July 15th, 2014 by NWCF V1

Arnsdale and Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership has published a new AONB Management Plan for 2014-2019. The new management plan presents an upgrade from previous published plans in 2004 and 2009. The new management plan aims to protect and enhance the natural integrity of the AONB in accordance with the Delivery Plan. To [Read more](#)

## Solway Firth Partnership Spring/Summer Newsletter 2014

Posted on July 15th, 2014 by NWCF V1

The Solway Firth Partnership has issued their spring/summer 2014 newsletter which can be viewed following the link below. The contents of the newsletter includes the work of Solway Coast AONB Community Volunteer Group, the Coast Project – what the tide's brought in, invasion of non-native species in Solway, food sources around Solway coast, exploring Sabellaria [Read more](#)

## Halton Council successful in lease application for Mersey Gateway Bridge Project

Posted on July 15th, 2014 by NWCF V1

Halton Council have been successful in their lease application to the Crown Estate for a foreshore area within the Mersey Estuary. The area is to be utilized within the £600 million Mersey Gateway Bridge Project. The leased area is valued at £800,000 within a single payment. Construction of the bridge is part of the Mersey Gateway Project, [Read more](#)

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## National News

### Revised approach to the management of commercial fisheries in European Marine Sites: overarching policy and delivery

Posted on September 5th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

The MMO has published a guidance document setting out their revised approach to the management of commercial fisheries in all European Marine Sites in England to ensure that current and future fishing activity is managed in accordance with the Habitats Directive (Article 6). For more information follow this [link](#)

### MMO Report on Social Impacts and Interactions Between Marine Sectors

Posted on September 5th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

The Marine Management Organisation has published a report commissioned to provide a body of evidence on social impacts through an assessment of interactions within and between sectors listed in the Marine Policy Statement. The project provides a baseline of evidence and also provides a framework for using this evidence as part of the marine planning process. It provides [Read more](#)

### Diary Date - Coastal Partnerships Network Annual Forum 2014

Posted on September 4th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

The North West Coastal Forum is delighted to announce that the Coastal Partnerships Network Annual Forum – the national CPD event for Coastal Partnership Officers, their Board and Steering Group members and the organisations that work in partnership with them – is being held here in the North West on 4th and 5th November in [Read more](#)

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### Marine Scotland publishes its first Marine Litter Strategy

Posted on August 28th, 2014 by NWCF V1

Marine Scotland has published its first Marine Litter Strategy. Its main purpose is to develop methods to ensure clean, safe, tidy, diverse and productive coastal and marine environments in the future. The strategy underpins developments in marine legislation through the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 in promoting sustainable use of the environment to enhance ecological, economic and [Read more](#)

### Severn Estuary Partnership - August 2014 Newsletter

Posted on August 26th, 2014 by NWCF V1

The Severn Estuary Partnership has issued its August 2014 e-newsletter. The contents of the e-newsletter includes Partnership news - highlighting the work carried out in August- and Estuary News, including articles on assessing noise impacts on marine mammals, the Wales Coastal Footpath, the arrival of tall ships in Gloucester for Hollywood filming, dredging of the Rivers Parrett and [Read more](#)

## Announcement of 30 Marine Protected Areas in Scotland

Posted on August 26th, 2014 by NWCF V1

On the 24th July 2014 30 Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) were designated in accordance with the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 (for the Scottish inshore MPAs) and the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (for the offshore MPAs). 17 of the MPAs, recommended by Scottish Natural Heritage, have been designated in Scotland's territorial (inshore) waters, and a further 13, recommended [Read more](#)

## Marine Strategy Framework Directive - Government publishes response to the monitoring consultation and the finalised UK marine monitoring programmes

Posted on August 6th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

A consultation on monitoring proposals for the Marine Strategy Framework Directive took place earlier this year. The Government has now published a summary of the comments with their responses. In addition the 'UK Marine Strategy Part Two: UK Marine Monitoring Programmes' has now been finalised and published. There will be a further consultation covering proposals for the UK Programme of Measures [Read more](#)

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## iCOASST - Integrating Coastal Sediment Systems Spring Newsletter 2014

Posted on July 15th, 2014 by NWCF V1

iCOAST is a 4 year project (2012-2016) that aims to forecast future coastal environmental conditions within the next 100 years. The primary focus of the project is to develop new ways in forecasting long-term changes in coastal sediment systems, which play a vital role in flood and erosion risk management. The summer newsletter presents detailed information [Read more](#)

## Department of Energy and Climate Change – May/June Review 2014

Posted on July 15th, 2014 by NWCF V1

The Department of Energy and Climate Change has released its May/June newsletter. The newsletter begins by reviewing the Queen's speech on addressing climate change. The newsletter goes on to discuss maintaining investment in renewable energy, global offshore wind farm developments, underground oil and gas drilling, global nuclear power developments, England's fuel poverty statistics report, payments methods for energy [Read more](#)

## Bathing Water News

Posted on June 25th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

Defra has published their Bathing Water Newsletter (June 2014). It includes information on the 2013 bathing water results and the European Commission 2013 bathing water report, where to find information about bathing waters on the new Government website, a report from the 2013 Cleaner Seas Forum, work on Short Term Pollution and bathing water usage [Read more](#)

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## International News

### Marine Strategy Framework Directive explained - Celtic Seas Partnership launches MSFD Animation

Posted on September 4th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

Struggling to get your head around the Marine Strategy Framework Directive? The Celtic Seas Partnership has produced a useful animation to help explain the pressures that our seas and oceans are under and the work the project is doing to protect them. To view the animation, which is available in both English and French, and [Read more](#)

### New Directive Establishing a Framework for Maritime Spatial Planning

Posted on August 28th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

The European Commission and European Parliament has today published Directive 2014/89/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Framework for Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) This long-anticipated Directive has been developed as part of the EU's Integrated Maritime Policy, which aims to support sustainable development of the marine environment, to develop coordinated and [Read more](#)

### Celtic Seas Partnership Activity Update

Posted on August 28th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

The Celtic Seas Partnership is a four year EC Life+ project supporting the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) in the Celtic Seas. It aims to draw people together from across the Celtic Seas to set up collaborative and innovative approaches to managing their marine environment. It is working to put the people [Read more](#)

### Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Update June 2014

Posted on July 15th, 2014 by NWCF V1

Maritime Affairs and Fisheries have issued their latest newsletter for June 2014. The contents of the newsletter includes illegal fishing and warnings to Philippines and Papua New Guinea, European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) breakdown, Finance opportunities of Horizon 2020 for Blue Growth, Bluefin Tuna catching and cage control and management of Atlanto-Scandian Herring in [Read more](#)

### European Environment Agency Newsletter June 2014

Posted on July 15th, 2014 by NWCF V1

The European Environment Agency has released its quarterly newsletter for June 2014 which can be accessed following the link below. The contents of the newsletter includes EU policies delivering greenhouse gas emission reductions, Interview with Birgit Georgi about impacts of climate change on European cities, indicators & data updates, EU Report on greenhouse gas emissions, [Read more](#)

### Indicators and environmental accounting as tools to assist in Environmental Policy - Reports by European Environment Agency

Posted on June 22nd, 2014 by NWCF V1

The European Environment Agency (EEA) has produced two reports which demonstrate how indicators and environmental accounting can be used as tools to assist in more effective policy and decision making. The report discusses how these tools can help set environmental priorities relating to climate change, resource efficiency

and ecosystem resilience. Indicators and accounting tools have shown promise in recent years [Read more](#)

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## Open Consultations

### Consultation on proposals for allocating Fixed Quota Allocation units to 10m-and-under licences in the English Fleet

Posted on September 5th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

Closes 16 September 2014 Defra is carrying out an informal consultation on proposals changing the way units are allocated for England's 10m and under fishing fleet to give England's under 10m fishing fleet the option to receive an annual Fixed Quota Allocation to improve certainty in business planning and fishing opportunity to those operating under [Read more](#)

### House of Lords Inquiry into EU Regional Marine Co-operation

Posted on September 5th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

Call for written evidence closes 26th September The House of Lords European Union Committee's Sub-Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Environment and Energy has launched a call for evidence as part of an Inquiry into EU Regional Marine Co-operation. They would like to hear from a wide range of witnesses. Public hearings will be held from October to December 2014 [Read more](#)

### Consultation - North West Coast Connections (National Grid)

Posted on September 4th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

Closes 28th November National Grid is developing plans to connect new sources of electricity generation (new nuclear and offshore wind) into the National Grid, affecting Lancashire and Cumbria. A consultation has been launched and will run from 4th September to 28th November. A series of public information events are being held across Cumbria and Lancashire to explain the [Read more](#)

### Consultation on Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning

Posted on August 28th, 2014 by NWCF V1

Closes 5th September English Heritage is currently seeking feedback on a series of recently published Good Practice Advice Notes aimed at helping local planning authorities, applicants, consultants, and other interested parties to implement the historic environmental policy contained within the National Planning Policy Framework and related guidance. The Good Practice Advice Notes published in July 2014 are: Historic Environment [Read more](#)

### Two Consultations on Implementing The Offshore Safety Directive

Posted on August 19th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

Two consultations are currently open on aspects of bringing the Offshore Safety Directive (OSD) 2013/30/EU into UK law. Both consultations close on 21st September 2014. The OSD, which applies to offshore waters out to the limit of UK jurisdiction, aims to reduce the potential for major accidents offshore and improve safety standards. When an incident [Read more](#)

### Consultation: Welsh National Marine Plan

Posted on August 19th, 2014 by NW Coastal Forum

The Welsh Government is currently seeking views on the draft Vision and Objectives for the Welsh National

Marine Plan and its proposed structure. A full formal consultation on the completed draft Welsh National Marine Plan will be held in early 2015. Further information on the consultation and how to respond to it can be found [Read more](#)

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## Conferences and Events

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