



SEMS Management Group

Annual Meeting
18 September 2019

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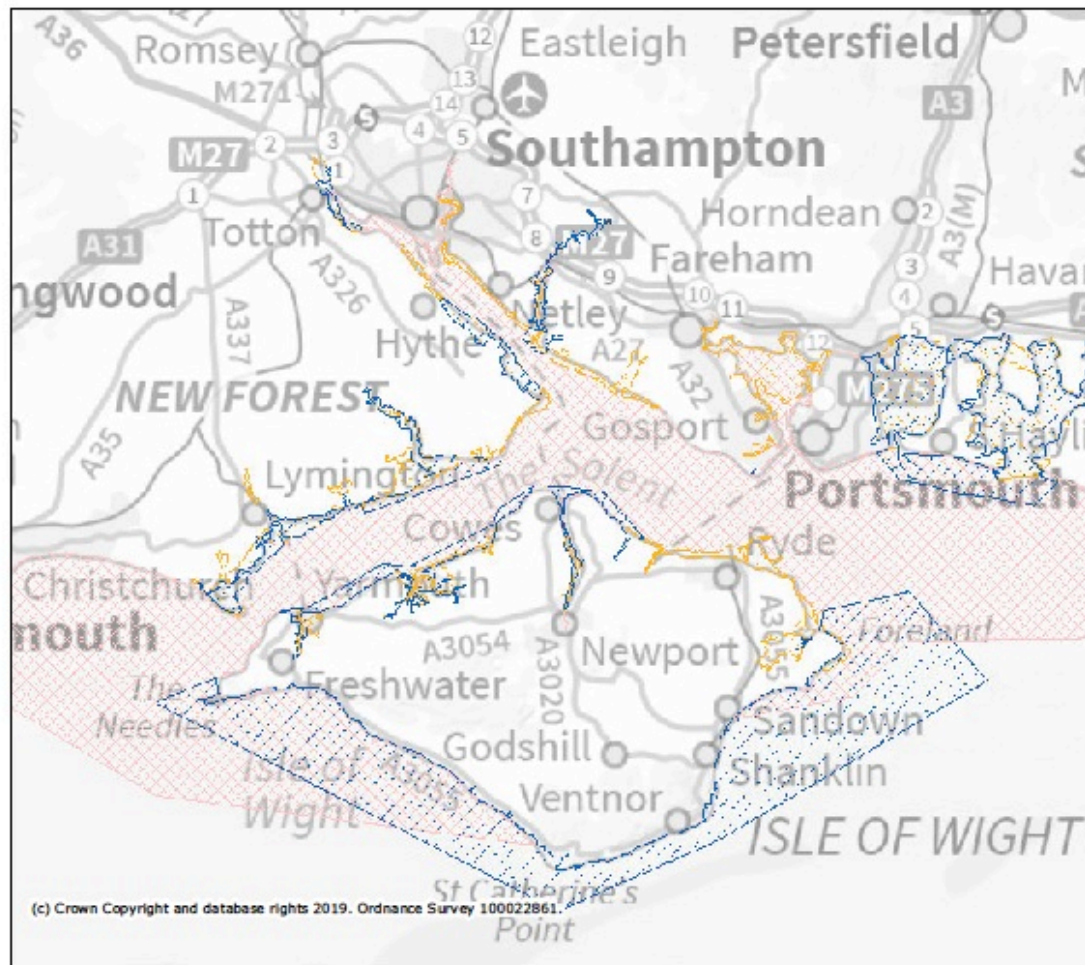
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Map of Designated Sites (p.55)




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Solent European Marine Sites



Legend

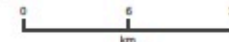
Special Areas of Conservation (Marine Components GB)

-  Candidate
-  Designated
-  Possible

Special Protection Areas (Marine Components GB)

-  Classified
-  Potential

Projection = OSGB36
 xmin = 378800
 ymin = 53000
 xmax = 520600
 ymax = 140500



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Designated Species and Habitats

Solent Maritime SAC (11,243.12 ha)

- Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time
- **Estuaries**
- Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide
- Coastal lagoons
- Annual vegetation of drift lines
- Perennial vegetation of stony banks
- Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand
- **Spartina swards**
- **Atlantic salt meadows**
- Shifting dunes along the shoreline with *Ammophila arenaria* ('White dunes')
- Desmoulin's whorl snail

Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA (5,810.95 ha)

Bar-tailed godwit, common tern, curlew, dark-bellied Brent goose, dunlin, grey plover, little tern, pintail, red-breasted merganser, redshank, ringed plover, sanderling, sandwich tern, shelduck, shoveler, teal, turnstone, waterbird assemblage, wigeon

Annual Management Scheme Timeline

March/April

Online annual Survey completed by SEMS Management Group (MG)

May/June

Draft Annual Management Report (AMR) prepared and discussed by officers and chairs of SEMS/NEG

August

Draft AMR circulated to MG and stakeholder group

September

Annual MG meeting agrees the AMR and its actions

Spring/Autumn

NEG meets to discuss and progress strategic actions

Annual Management Report Format

- Reviews seventeen activities that take place around the Solent
- Survey asks about changes in activity levels and whether respondents think that an activity is impacting on the designated sites
- Annual Management report evaluates the survey findings and other relevant data collected by the SEMS Officer. Three sections for each activity:
 1. Summary of the survey response
 2. Evaluation and discussion – incl. information on impacts and management measures. NE states if activity having detrimental impact on SEMS sites.
 3. Actions – completed/ongoing/proposed
- Supplementary activity pages mirror the report on the SEMS website at: http://www.solentems.org.uk/sems/SEMS_Activities/

SEMS Management Scheme Activities

1. Accidental vessel discharges/emissions including oil spill and clean-up
2. Boat repair and maintenance
3. Fishing (including shellfisheries)
4. Fishing (shore-based activities)
5. Grazing - in 2020 will go to grazing and foraging (seaweed harvesting)
6. Land recreation - Other - in 2020 will be called General Beach Recreation
7. Land recreation - Dog walking
8. Land recreation - Walking (other than dog walking)
9. Littering and removal of litter
10. Mooring and anchoring
11. Operation of coastal flood and erosion risk management schemes
12. Operation of ports and harbours (maintenance of infrastructure)
13. Recreation - light aircraft
14. Recreation - non-motorised watercraft
15. Recreation - powerboating or sailing with an engine
16. Slipway and jetty cleaning and maintenance
17. Wildfowling

Survey Respondents 2019 (p.10)

Organisations who responded:	
Associated British Ports (ABP)	Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
Beaulieu River Management (BRM)	New Forest District Council (NFDC)
Chichester District Council (CDC)	New Forest National Park Authority (NFNPA)
Cowes Harbour Commissioners (CoHC)	Portsmouth City Council (PCC)
Chichester Harbour Conservancy (ChiHC)	Queen's Harbour Master (Portsmouth) (QHM)
Environment Agency (EA)	River Hamble Harbour Authority (RHHA)
Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC)	Southampton City Council (SCC)
Fareham Borough Council (FBC)	Southern IFCA (SoIFCA)
Gosport Borough Council (GBC)	Southern Water (SW)
Havant Borough Council (HBC)	Sussex IFCA (SxIFCA)
Isle of Wight Council (IoWC)	Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC)
Langstone Harbour Board (LHB)	West Sussex County Council (WSCC)
Lymington Harbour Commissioners (LHC)	Wightlink (WL)
Natural England (NE)	Winchester City Council (WCC)
	Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners (YHC)
Organisations who did not respond:	
Hampshire County Council (HCC)	Trinity House Lighthouse Service (THLS)
Portsmouth International Port (PIP)	

Changes in Activities (p.13)

Activity	Increased	Decreased	No change	Don't know	Total Responses
Accidental vessel discharges/emissions including oil spill and clean-up	0	1	14	3	18
Boat repair and maintenance	1	0	5	7	13
Fishing (including shellfisheries)	1	5	5	6	17
Fishing (shore-based activities)	3	0	8	7	18
Grazing	0	0	0	1	1
Land recreation - Other	2	0	10	7	19
Land recreation - Dog walking	1	0	8	7	16
Land recreation - Walking (other than dog walking)	1	0	8	7	16
Littering and removal of litter	0	1	12	5	18
Mooring and anchoring	2	3	6	3	14
Operation of coastal flood and erosion risk management schemes	0	0	10	4	14
Operation of ports and harbours (maintenance of infrastructure)	1	1	10	1	13
Recreation - light aircraft	4	0	3	4	11
Recreation - non-motorised watercraft	5	1	5	6	17
Recreation - powerboating or sailing with an engine	2	1	6	6	15
Slipway and jetty cleaning and maintenance	1	0	10	2	13
Wildfowling	0	0	3	3	6

Source: SEMS Annual Survey, 2019

Impacts of Activities (p.14)

Activity	Yes	No	Total	Organisations who responded yes to an impact
Accidental vessel discharges/emissions including oil spill and clean-up	2	15	17	NE, ChiHC
Boat repair and maintenance	2	11	13	NE, ChiHC
Fishing (including shellfisheries)	2	14	16	SxIFCA, ChiHC
Fishing (shore-based activities)	6	11	17	LHB, NE, SxIFCA, ChiHC, FBC, SCC
Grazing	0	1	1	
Land recreation - Other	3	14	17	EBC, FBC, SCC
Land recreation - Dog walking	7	7	14	LHB, WSCC, EBC, ChiHC, CDC, FBC, GBC
Land recreation - Walking (other than dog walking)	6	9	15	LHB, EBC, ChiHC, CDC, FBC, GBC
Littering and removal of litter	9	9	18	PCC, NE, LHC, IOWC, EBC, ChiHC, GBC, SW, SCC
Mooring and anchoring	2	12	14	NE, ChiHC
Operation of coastal flood and erosion risk management schemes	1	13	14	NE
Operation of ports and harbours (maintenance of infrastructure)	0	13	13	
Recreation - light aircraft	4	7	11	NE, EBC, ChiHC, NFDC
Recreation - non-motorised watercraft	5	12	17	IOWC, EBC, ChiHC, FBC, NFDC
Recreation - powerboating or sailing with an engine	1	11	12	ChiHC
Slipway and jetty cleaning and maintenance	1	12	13	NE
Wildfowling	1	4	5	ChiHC

Activities that May Affect SEMS Sites (NE)

Activities highlighted by SEMS MG that are currently likely to cause impact:

- Land recreation - trampling of fragile habitats
- Anchoring and mooring – destroying seagrass beds
- Non motorised watercraft (paddlesports) – accessing sensitive sites
- Coastal dog walking – bird disturbance
- Litter – need more evidence to understand impacts on sites

Activities that require further evidence to understand whether they are causing an impact (NE):

- Litter
- Shore based fishing (bait digging)

SEMS Actions

Each action:

- Description of action
- Lead authority and partners
- Progress incl. timescale

Actions that are specific to one authority or a specific location are **individual actions** and are addressed to that authority, e.g. fisheries management to IFCAs.

Actions that come under the jurisdiction of **several authorities** are taken to NEG to be worked on in partnership, e.g. land based recreation.

Section 5.0 in the report is a summary of all actions (p.48).

Next Steps

1. Agree the content of the Annual Management Report
 2. Discuss and evaluate actions
 3. Suggestions for future improvements in process or format
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4. Please inform SEMS Officer of changes to staff and who should be on the SEMS mailing list
 5. Make suggestions as to additional people to be included on the strategic stakeholder group – will include list with the minutes
 6. Feed relevant evidence and reports to the SEMS Officer throughout the year and keep on file material for the Annual Survey

Date of Next Meeting

16th September 2020