



NEG UPDATE

April 2025

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Timings and Deadlines

- Solent Marine Sites – survey deadline has passed and Annual Survey Report will shortly be drafted.
- Date of SEMS Annual Management Group meeting is 17 September 2025.
- Next edition of Solent News will be published Summer 2025 deadline is 27 June 2025. 16 page bi-annual newsletter.
- The next NEG meeting will be held on 19 November 2025 via Teams.

Actions from Last Meeting

Action: Caitlin Napelton to share paper on microplastics in the River Itchen.

Action: Kate Ansell to meet with Liberty Turrell to discuss research contacts in the Solent.

Action: Hants and Wight Wildlife Trust to explore whether observational use of geese grazing sites can be used to help monitor bird disturbance.

Action: Natural England to do an in depth ReMEDIES presentations at a future meeting. *Would the group still like this presentation?*

General Action: Please remember to share your information/ideas/projects with the Solent Forum so we can disseminate.

NEG Project Bids 2025/6

1. Drug accumulation in fish of the Solent (£2k)
2. Impact of multiple pressures on the health and behaviour of the Manila Clam (£2k)
3. Langstone Long Table. A Parliament of Things to address the challenges of Langstone Harbour (£1150)
4. Plant an Oyster Diver Deployed Oyster Cage (£2k)

NEG Project Bids 2025/6 - Comments

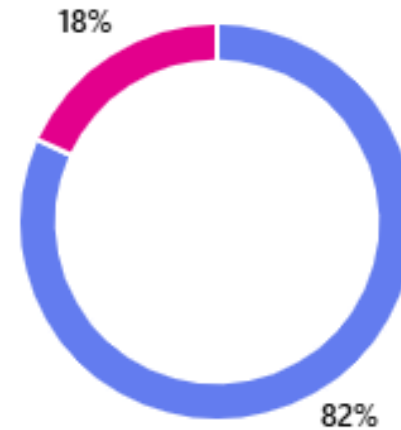
- Practicalities – can the proposals be achieved and the need to factor in timings for consents and licences
- Preference for projects that are Solent wide rather than specific to one location or have Solent wide replicability
- We should support projects that satisfy the SEMS remit to manage non-licensable activities as a priority, even if that means not funding any in one year if this objective cannot be met
- Would be useful to add an extra field in the application form to ask which of the SEMS non-licensable activities the project addresses
- Need to ensure the projects are not replicating work being done elsewhere

NEG Individual Project Votes 2025/6 (11 votes)

1. Fish drug accumulation



2. Manila Clam



3. Langstone Long Table

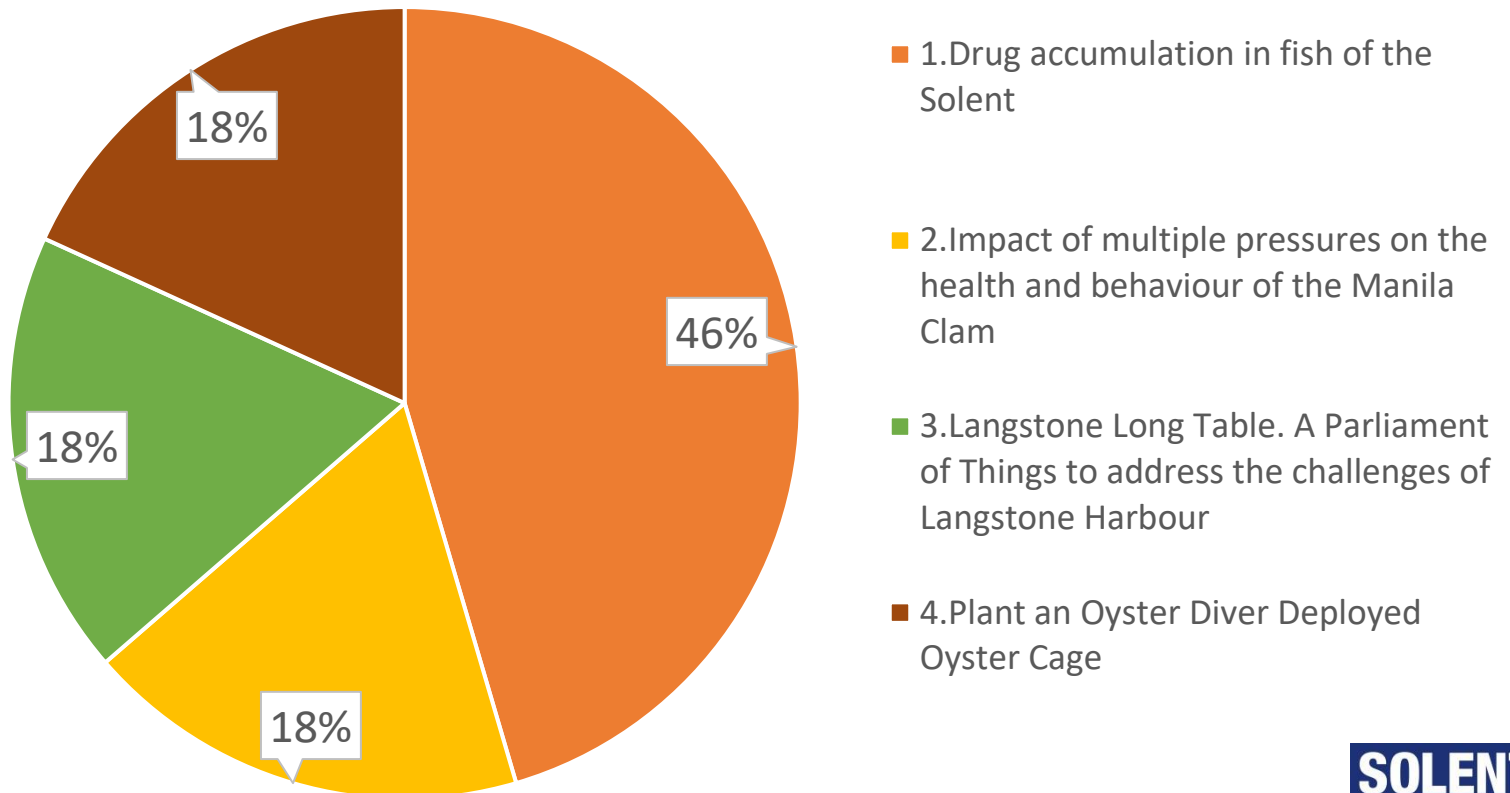


3. Oyster Cage



NEG Project Votes 2025/6 - Ranked

Highest priority (option 1) ranked by survey respondents:



Future Meetings

- Date of next meeting 19th November 2025 via Teams
- Proposed 11 March 2026 – in person after the Solent Forum meeting (Portsmouth)
- Proposal - Alternate between in person (spring) and via Teams (autumn)
- Please have your vote on which you prefer

Biosecurity Plans for the Solent

Red Ripple Bryozoan © Chris Wood, MBA



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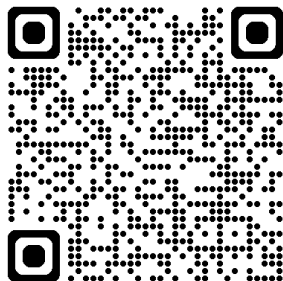
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Carpet sea squirt © John Bishop, MBA



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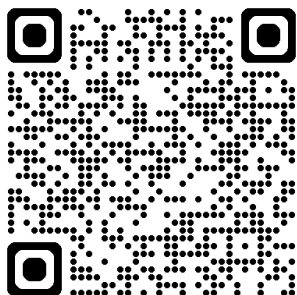
Invasive Species Week 2025 (12th – 18th May)

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Beneficial use of Dredgings

1. Project group re-established and met in December 2024 and March 2025, this group will seek to facilitate BuDS work in the Solent.
2. The Solent Forum will chair and facilitate this group and host a BuDS information hub on its website.
3. Phase 3 the Marine Licence application for a multi donor source disposal site at Lymington was withdrawn as it wouldn't be consented by MMO.
4. Progressing to Phase 4 – Repurposing of the phase 3 Marine Licence by Lymington Harbour Commissioners for an application for two donor sites to deposit at the Lymington disposal ground. Further donor sites could be added under a Marine Licence variation.



Mailing List Update

Please could you either place in the chat or send via email, the correct people in your organisation that should be on the NEG mailing list.

Thank you