



Natural Environment Group

Chair Jessica Taylor - Natural England

1.30-3.30pm on 15th October 2026

National Oceanography Centre, Southampton

AGENDA

1. 1.30pm Chair's welcome (5mins)
2. 1.35pm Manager's update. Actions Arising from the last NEG meeting (April 2026) and 2026 SEMS Management Group meeting – Kate Ansell, Solent Forum
3. 1.50 pm Marine Heatwaves: the UK's new normal? Dr Zoe Jacobs, National Oceanography Centre
4. 2.10 pm NEG Funding Awarded Projects – Updates
 - Measuring pharmaceuticals in fish and cephalopods in the Solent (further findings) - Louise O'Neill, University of Southampton
 - Early detection of non-native and invasive species using eDNA in Southampton Water – Dr Cathy Lucas, University of Southampton

Comfort Break

5. 2.50pm [Protected Site Strategy](#) for the Solent workshop - Natural England
6. AoB

Finish by 3.30pm.

The group will next meet on 21 April 2027 via Teams.