# Tamar Estuaries Management Plan





Annex I: Extension 2019 - 2020 2013-2018 Tamar Estuaries Consultative Forum October 2012



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## Annex I: TEMP Extension 2018 - 2020

## Introduction:

At the July meeting of TECF, it was agreed to extend the Tamar Estuaries Management Plan 2013 -18 (TEMP) by two years to take it to the end of 2020.

As a result, the following additions and changes to the text need to be made. This Annex needs to be read alongside the full TEMP which is available online at <u>http://www.plymouth-mpa.uk/home/managing-the-mpa/documents/</u>

## Changes to be made:

#### General

All references to the 'Tamar Estuaries Management Plan 2013 – 2018' needs to be changed to 'Tamar Estuaries Management Plan 2013 – 2020'.

#### Foreword

Additional text to be added:

"In order to enable a smooth transition in relation to any exit froom the EU, it has been decided to extend the Tamar Estuaries Management Plan for two years until the end of 2020."

### **Part 1: Introduction**

#### 1.3 What are the new challenges and opportunities?

#### CHALLENGES

Additional text:

- <u>"Brexit has brought uncertainties around what this will mean for the management of</u> <u>European marine sites</u>. **Challenge**: how to develop meaningful actions when it is <u>unknown whether there will be changes to the underlying legislation."</u>
- In 2018 Natural England altered its assessment of the condition of the seagrass to 'unfavourable' based on potential impacts from boat moorings and other factors including contamination and invasives. **Challenge:** Management must be put in place to address what measures might be put in place to allow recovery of this feature.
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#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

Additional text:

- <u>"The anticipated adoption of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan</u> bring opportunities for even closer more integrated working and a stronger approach for managing recreational impacts. **Opportunity**: Develop closer and more integrated ways of working."
- <u>"Discussions around the creation for a new Marine Park as part of a wish to see the</u> <u>city link more strongly with the marine environment</u>. **Opportunity**: Place TECF at the <u>heart of the design and establishment of a new Park and build further on the strong</u> <u>partnership and values of TECF.</u>"
- <u>A single approach to managing recreational impacts is required to address impacts</u> <u>arising from increased development. Opportunity: Work together with local planning</u> <u>authorities to agree and implement new recreation management strategy with</u> <u>costings.</u>
- <u>The Inshore Marine Plan for the South West is to be published 2020 by the Marine</u> <u>Management Organisation, the Start Point to Plymouth Sound and Eddystone SAC</u> <u>and MCZs have now been designated. **Opportunity:** Ensure that the next <u>Management Plan for the waters has regard to the Marine Plan and the adjacent</u> <u>designated sites.</u></u>
- <u>The Shoreline Management Plan will be looking to identify opportunities for habitat</u> <u>creation</u>. **Opportunity:** Identify suitable sites particularly for intertidal sites within the <u>Tamar Estuaries</u>.

#### 1.6 How and why was the management plan produced?

Additional text:

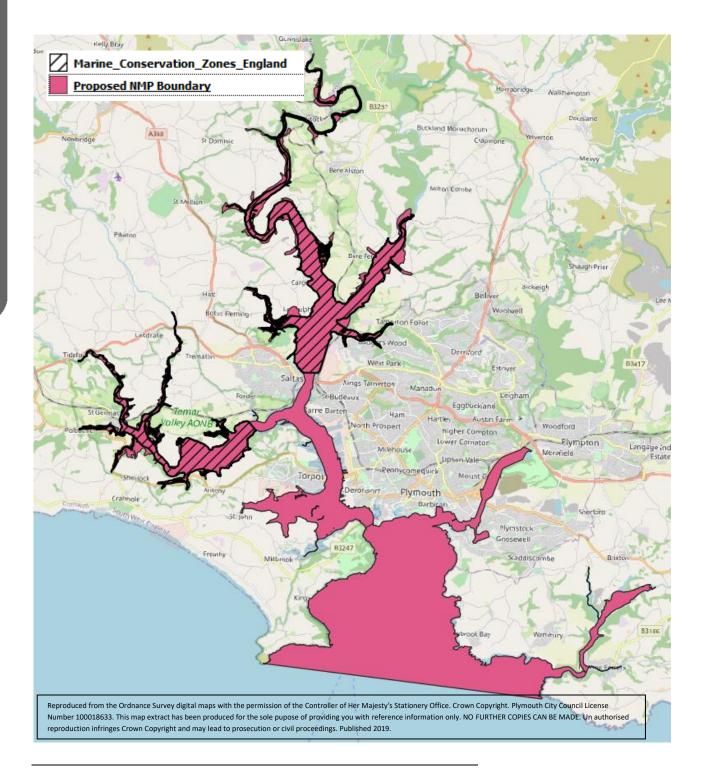
- <u>Circulation of draft Extension text to TECF members (Spring 2019).</u>
- Extension agreed Summer 2019.

#### 1.7 How will it link with other plans?

Additional text:

"Any exit from the EU, the South West Inshore Marine Plan and the proposed National Marine Park will all require adjustments to management in order to address local issues, whilst also working within a broader strategic framework. It will be important that all work taken forward through this document continues to integrate with these important initiatives in order to ensure that the waters of Plymouth Sound and the Tamar Estuaries achieve sustainable management delivering balanced outcomes that address economic, social and environmental benefits."

#### An addition to Figure 4. Location of Tamar Estuaries Marine Conservation Zones and proposed National Marine Park Boundary.



## Part 2: Plymouth Sound & Estuaries European Marine Site

<u>All references to the "Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010" and "Habitat</u> <u>Regulations 2010" or any variations to be changed to "Conservation of Habitats and</u> <u>Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and "Habitat Regulations 2017".</u>

#### 2.1 Why is this a management consideration?

Additional text needed:

<u>Under Regulation 37 of the Habitat Regulations, Natural England have published Advice</u> packages that set out site information, supplementary advice and advice on operations. <u>Relevant Authorities will need to have regard to these advice packages when carrying out</u> their duties and the advice needs to inform the Management Plan.

## Part 3: Managing the Critical Risks to the European Marine Site

Changes to text needed:

Replace all references to "Natural England's Regulation 34 Advice Package" to "Natural England's Regulation 37 Advice Package." **for deliver** 

No other changes are required.

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