Marine Management Organisation - South West Marine Plan Devon Countryside Access Forum response

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About you

1 What is your name?

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2 How can we get in touch with you?

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3 Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation

Organisation:

Devon Countryside Access Forum. The Forum is a local access forum, set up under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to advise on the improvement of public access to land for the purposes of open-air recreation and enjoyment. It has fifteen members who represent land managers, access users and other relevant interests.

4 Which sector or topic does your response relate to?

Sector or Topic: Recreation

Please add a second sector if appropriate:

Social & Cultural

Other please specify:

Recreational access interfaces with seascape/landscape and tourism too.

5 Do you give us permission to contact you regarding matters relating to your response and wider marine planning communications

Yes, regarding this engagement, Yes, marine planning communications

6 Would you like your response to be confidential?

No

If you answered Yes to this question please give your reason:

Overall Comments and Feedback

1 Do you have any general comments about the information presented to you in this survey?

You might want to consider: How policies may work together, how can we make policies more locally specific or comments which refer to policies in other plan areas:

The commentary on recreational access appears thorough. The relevant associated policies in the SW marine plan draft Social section relate primarily to access, heritage, seascape/landscape, social, and tourism and recreation. These seem comprehensive and laudable, both in terms of protecting recreational access and the associated environment. However, there are many factors and the interrelationship between these mean that a change in one could create other unexpected and potentially damaging outcomes.

It is important that the Marine Management Organisation continues to consult with as many different organisations as possible so unexpected difficulties are flagged up earlier rather than later.

2 Overall, how satisfied are you with this online survey?

Not Answered

Please provide any comments or suggestions on how we could improve the survey in the field below: