

Update for SEMS Management Group Meeting – 20th September

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Update to SEMS AMR

- Recognition of reduce target for disturbance by human activity for SPAs
 - Information first published in conservation advice packages in 2017/18 and so not new information
 - Brought into SEMS AMR to better align advice
 - Condition assessment needs to be undertaken for all SPAs
- Recognition of byelaw review work being undertaken by Southern IFCA
 - Any changes will need to be captured in future SEMS AMR updates
- Acknowledgement of INNS as an adverse condition reason
 - Update following recent surveys undertaken by Natural England and Marine Biological Association
 - Formal condition assessment for Solent Maritime SAC to be updated soon to reflect this



Current Priorities

- Conservation Advice
 - Draft Yarmouth to Cowes MCZ – live October 2023
 - Update to The Needles MCZ planned to go live in March 2024
- Condition Assessment – expected timeline
 - Portsmouth Harbour SPA – in progress due to complete end 2023
 - Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA – in progress due to complete March 2024
 - Solent and Southampton Water SPA – begin March 2024, expected to complete December 2024
 - Solent and Dorset Coast SPA – expected to begin December 2024
 - All MCZs – expected to begin 2025
 - National ornithology team producing guidance on how to consider Highly Pathogenic Avian influenza when undertaking condition assessment
- Monitoring
 - Intertidal seagrass habitat mapping – surveys happening now – reporting March 2024
 - Noise disturbance monitoring – surveys start October 2023 – reporting March 2024



LIFE Recreation ReMEDIES Update

- Installation of Osborne Bay Voluntary No Anchor Zone
- Interpretation Panels to be installed soon
 - Huge thanks to Hampshire County Council, Langstone Harbour Board, Sue Hawley, Cowes Harbour Commissioners and Yarmouth Harbour for all of their support
- Restoration continuation by Ocean Conservation Trust
 - New seed injection method
 - Likely to commence October 2023 (dates TBC)
- Recreational activity surveys
 - Organised by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
 - About to complete Yr 3
- Lots of good engagement e.g Southampton Boat Show, Beaulieu Conservation Awareness day, webinars and workshops
- Mapping debris project
 - Awarded last week – reporting March 2024

