

Avon BAP Coastal and Marine Group Meeting
 5th October 2005, 2.00pm – 4.00pm
 BRERC Ashton Court Visitors Centre
 Chair: Rachel Sharp (AWT)
 Minutes: Lucy Rogers



Item	Actions
<p>1. Introductions & apologies</p> <p>Present:, Tim Corner (BRERC), Rachel Sharp (AWT), Sue Ford (EA), Richard Bland (BNS), James Field (North Somerset Levels & Moors), Lucy Rogers (Avon Biodiversity Partnership).</p> <p>Apologies: Helen Hall (BCC), Robin Marshall-Ball (BASC), Bob Corns (EN), Alison Slade (SGC), Pauline Homer (NSC), David Villis (SGC), Allan Davies (JSPTU), Ruth Barden (WW).</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC to ensure biotope survey data goes to BRERC – TC will ask BC and ensure this happens. TC • RB modifying Estuary WeBS count data so BRERC can use. RB and TC to liase. Copy of counts will be emailed to group. Also counts are soon to be available from EN and CCW. RB/TC • EN ditch survey data not collected in a form useful to BRERC – JF to organise meeting with representative from EN, BRERC and C&M group to resolve. JF • Aerial photos – TC has asked EN, no more photos are available. • SF provided protochamp CD to NSC, SCG, AWT and BRERC. SF • SF to email summary of CHaMP study to inform next shoreline management plan to LR. • SF has investigated relationship between CHaMP and ASERA MP – run in parallel, CHaMP runs along side ASERA, rather than under the umbrella of. • TC to draft letter to send to Unis re estuary data – agreed that LR to draft letter and liase with TC. LR/TC • Fish records – SF still chasing obtaining data from national fish population data base. SF • SF - Consents work – At stage 2 of 4 stages (this will be emailed round). Due to finish in 2010. SF will keep group updated. • SF has provided LR with an electronic version of Severn Estuary Habs Directive and this will be put on the Partnership website. • Flight pond management day was successful and well attended. • LR will liase with RMB about a rep from angling group attending C&M group meetings. LR/ RMB • PH/BC to investigate getting records from marine anglers – carried forward PH/BC • JH to ensure NT and WW invited to group next time – LR has approached NT and WW, and Ruth Barden will represent WW at future meetings. • Access and Leaflet issues – to be covered under items 3 and 4 of agenda. • Marine week – Well organised with good events but unfortunately not well attended. • BARS – web link circulated. PH 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach nuclear power station, work with them using 'biodiversity by design'. AS has met them. LR to ask AS. • Port authorities – could also use biodiversity by design. 	LR
<p>9. Updates round the table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most already updated group during meeting. • RB – Web counts continue, Severn beech group and Clevedon group monitor daily, and data feeds into websites and reports. Birds that are synonymous with SE are shell duck – attractive, easy to recognise and relatively tame. Numbers OK, but vulnerable as lives in rabbit holes. Also Dunlin, overwinters on estuary, 6-8000, have international obligations for its conservation. (spends summer in Canada/Siberia). • RS – AWT managing Ashlands site, using managed retreat. Site inundated for first time this summer. Trust continue to monitor this. AWT are commenting on the planning of the proposed windfarm, and the barage proposed by the port of Bristol authority. Clevedon wildfowlers want an extension of shooting rights, trust are working with them on a 5 yr management plan. • JF – working with wildfowlers. Planning flight ponds to attract wildfowl in winter. 	
<p>9. Next meeting date Wednesday 1st March 2-4.30pm. Venue tbc.</p>	