

**Marine Bill consultation:
a meeting at the National Lobster Hatchery, Padstow
Wednesday 14th June, 2-5.30pm**

Background

The Marine Bill is being prepared by Defra to help deliver the UK Government's vision for the marine environment. Published in 2002 as *Safeguarding our Seas*, this vision is "clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse" oceans and seas.

Defra launched the Marine Bill consultation document on 29th March 2006 to "ensure that all interested parties have the opportunity to contribute their opinions at an early stage of policy development." Comments have to be received by Defra by 23rd June 2006.

This meeting is a chance to contribute to comments sent to Defra.

Meeting details

After a brief introduction, Peter Barfield of Sea-nature Studies will give an overview of the Marine Bill consultation. Participants will identify questions / groups of questions to be tackled (see attached pdfs) and we will aim to produce comments that represent the views of the groups present. (If necessary, the proposed comments will be circulated as soon as possible after the meeting for modification before forwarding them to Defra.)

At 5.30 Dom Boothroyd, manager of the NLH, will give a brief guided tour.

After the NLH tour we suggest continuing informally over fish & chips - Rick Stein's chip shop is just across the quay, cod & chips costs about £6.

There is no charge for attending the meeting and refreshments will be provided. Note that car parking on South Quay costs £4.50 for 4 hours.

The Venue

The National Lobster Hatchery is on South Quay, next to the main car and coach park in Padstow.



To arrive here →

From N & E:

follow A39 past Wadebridge, after White Cross turn R onto A389, Padstow

From S & W:

from A30 L onto A39 at Fraddon L onto B3247 at Winnards Perch road becomes A389



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Some Useful Links

Defra's Marine Bill site

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/marine/uk/policy/marine-bill/index.htm>

the consultation document as a pdf

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/marinebill/consult.pdf>

the Marine Bill Newsletter, May 2006 issue

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/marine/uk/policy/marine-bill/pdf/newsletter0605.pdf>

information on *Safeguarding our Seas* and *Seas of Change* follow-up

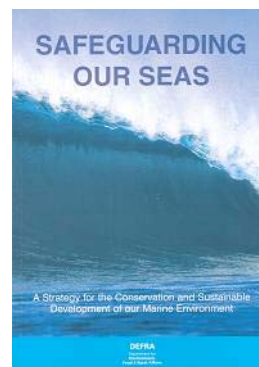
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/consult/seas/index.htm>

Wildlife & Countryside LINK, a broad grouping of voluntary organizations with wildlife interests

http://www.wcl.org.uk/marine_campaign.htm

their latest bulletin pdf

http://www.wcl.org.uk/downloads/2006/Link_Marine_Bill_Bulletin-Issue7.pdf



Where to send comments on the bill

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