

**Appendix A**  
**Yealm Estuary Management Plan Review**

Plan Item Number	Associated Objectives	Targets from Plan	Complete (✓) Partially Complete (P) No movement (N)
<b>A Management Coordination</b>			
1	Organise an Estuary Management Forum, consisting of statutory bodies and elected representatives to provide effective consultation and liaison at all levels	Establish Estuary Management Forum and agree terms of reference by the end of 1997. Forum to meet at six monthly intervals.	✓ ongoing
1i	Progress on the implementation of the management plan will be monitored through the forum with revision of the plan on a five yearly basis		✓ ongoing
1ii	Individuals and organisations may request representation at Forum meetings or in working groups to address or raise issues as they arise via the Forum's Chairperson.		✓
1iii	Information, publications and works of the forum and its members may be sought via relevant lead organisations		✓
<b>B Yealm Steps Improvement</b>			
2	In line with the current working group to discuss and develop design specification, materials and schemes for grant aid.	Establish and report a programme of actions and works by the beginning of the financial year 1998-99	✓
3	Consider the merits of integrating this improvement with appropriate information on fisheries regulations, Harbour Byelaws and sensitive areas for wildlife in the estuary	Agree format, funding and relevant information to communicate by end of 1998	P
<b>C Landscape Conservation and Coastal Defence</b>			
4	Under Objective LNC6 of the AONB Management Plan, work in partnership to ameliorate the effects of existing gabions	Contact Landowners by 2000	N
4a	Establish appropriate guidance on the pros and cons of methods by which existing gabion structures can be 'greened' in situ	Guidance produced by 1999	P
4b	Initiate discussions in relation to the greening of gabions as a policy consideration in consents for their construction	Policy adoption by 2001	N
4c	Conduct a landscape assessment of the estuary corridor to support and assist local authorities in their decision making processes	Completed by 1999	N
5	Under proposal LNC5 of the AONB management plan ensure the conservation and appropriate management of broadleaved woodlands surrounding the estuary	Initial Scoping study by 1999	P

<b>D Nature Conservation</b>			
6	Ensure that the following plans do not conflict in their actions and make the most use of available resources: Local Environment Agency Plan AONB Management Plan Wembury VMCA Management Plan Biodiversity Action Plans (with Action 11.4 of the LEAP) SAC Management plan (forthcoming) NT Property Management Plans	Relevant Management Forum members to report	✓ ongoing
7	Conduct a comprehensive review of literature and data on the wildlife resource of the estuary to assist statutory bodies in decision making processes (as in Action 11.4 of the LEAP)	Completed 1998	P
8	Work towards ensuring that the nationally important population of eel grass at Cellars Beach is conserved and afforded appropriate management and protection		P
8i	Investigate extent and distribution of eel grass beds	Ongoing	P
8ii	As a measure identified in the Biodiversity Action Plan for eel grass, to investigate nature and extent of potential impacts on eel grass populations	Complete by end of 1998	P
8iii	Enter into dialogue with key partners regarding the feasibility of voluntary zoning or exclusion areas in the light of the above investigations	Dependant on above	P
8iv	Consider the implications of promoting the value and sensitivity of this habitat via guides, on site information and other relevant publications.	Information on eel grass to be included in relevant publications from 1998 onwards	ü
9	Conduct a survey of saltmarsh and reedbed communities in the upper Yealm to determine their extent and distribution in comparison to the last survey of 1982.	Complete by the end of 1999	N
10	Analyse current survey work on County Wildlife Sites around the estuary and make recommendations for management and conservation priorities based on the findings of this survey. Assess the extent of maritime grassland and introduce conservation management.	Complete by end of 1999	N
11	Investigate the feasibility of a scientific study to assess the level of disturbance to resident and overwintering birds and other wildlife.	Complete by end of 2000	N
11i	Investigate the nature and extent of disturbance		P
11ii	Communicate sensitive sites and species susceptible to disturbance to estuarine users and other interested parties.		P

<b>E Fisheries Management and Marine related Crime</b>			
12	Consider the merits and implications of producing appropriate literature, and emergency contact numbers for reporting illegal fishing activities. In addition consider providing on site information as part of the Yealm Steps improvement.	Produce literature by May 1999	P
13	Initiate discussions to consider the need and/or implications of further integrating community crime prevention, landowner and fisheries enforcement measures via an agreed communication and coordination strategy.	Establish working arrangements by May 1999	✓
14	Within existing statutory controls, the development of environmentally sustainable shellfisheries will be welcomed and supported.	Ongoing	✓ ongoing
<b>F Recreation and Access</b>			
15	Under objectives CR1-3, assess the potential implications and impact on wildlife and landscape of the current Sustrans proposal for Yealmpton-Plymouth cycle link along a section of the upper reaches of the estuary.	Subject to detailed proposals 1998/1999	P ongoing
16	With full and proper reference to the legal rights and interests of the landowners, discuss the implications and potential for a low key walking route round the margins of the estuary as detailed in proposals CR2-4 of the South Devon AONB Management Plan. Any such proposal should take into account opportunities to secure a route away from the water's edge to minimize disturbance to wildlife.	Initiate discussion by mid 1999	P ongoing
17	In line with policy CR6-7 of the AONB Management Plan undertake a localised parking investigation into congestion management at key access points round the estuary principally Noss Hard and Yealm Steps.	Survey and recommendations made by end of 2000	✓
18	Consider the merits of promoting and advertising Harbour Byelaws, fisheries regulations and sensitive wildlife areas with voluntary codes of conduct (in line with CR7-9 of the AONB Management Plan) at strategic points round the estuary and as part of the Yealm Steps Improvement. This information could refer to the disposal of boat maintenance waste.	working group to establish strategy for environmental interpretation draft by 1999/2000	P
19	Conduct a structural survey of the seasonal ferry landing and launching points and seek funding to undertake improvements.	Survey complete by end of 1999	✓

<b>G Moorings</b>			
20	Maintain moorings in line with current policy and practice. Ensure, where practicable, that the current area occupied by moorings is not increased to the detriment of landscape, nature conservation and the general amenity and usage of the estuary.	N/A	✓
<b>H Historic Environment</b>			
21	Under objective LNC1 to collate existing records from disparate sources to review the extent of current knowledge regarding the resource, including a review of available information on the history of mariculture in any summary document.	Production of summary document by end of 1999	P
22	Under proposal LNC1-2 with relevant partners to establish a programme of survey and recording based on the findings of the above.	Establish programme of works by end of 1999	P
23	Undertake Conservation Area appraisal surveys in parallel with Local Plan Review and LNC2.	Ongoing	P
<b>I Water Quality</b>			
<i>As detailed in the Environment Agency Action Plan (LEAP): item 24</i>			
24	Review of consents, licences and operations against forthcoming Special Area of Conservation conservation objectives.	Complete by 2001	✓
25	Investigate sources of tributyltin in the River Yealm.	By end of 1998	✓
26	Investigate potential diffuse sources of pollution on water quality from related land use around the estuary.	Investigations complete by 2000	P
<b>J Marine Litter</b>			
27	Under objectives LNC7-8 of the AONB Management Plan ensure that at least one remote site is selected and cleared in the upper reaches of the Yealm. It is recommended that this should occur in mid-late summer to compliment the annual 'Harbour clean up'.	One site cleared per annum	✓
28	In line with LNC8 of the AONB Management Plan to assist, where appropriate, with national and regional abatement measures.	Ongoing	✓
29	To monitor new developments and adopt good working practice in the litter abatement and implement in conjunction with the Tamar Estuaries Management Plan.	Ongoing	✓ ongoing

<b>K Oil Spill Contingency Planning</b>			
30	Ensure that the oil spill planning working group develops a programme of works which includes:		P ongoing
30i	Sensitivity mapping and associated clean up methods are revised in light of information gathered through objective No 7.	Complete by the end of 1998	P
30ii	Boom anchor points are identified and tested in light of the above.	by 1999	P
30iii	That the course of action agreed are formulated and tested in varying conditions and scenarios.	Measures completed and tested by 2001	P