

# Wetland Futures 2015 – Programme

Bridging the conservation gap between freshwater, saltwater & transitional wetlands

Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 October 2015, Priory Rooms, Birmingham

**Chair:** Martin Harper, RSPB

## DAY ONE

09.30-09.55 *Registration and refreshments*

09.55-10.00 Introduction from chair

### Connectivity Source to Sea

10.00-10.45 From here to eternity: all things are connected  
Professor Brian Moss, University of Liverpool

10.45-11.30 Cultural benefits of coastal wetlands – the Coastal Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and Sustainability project  
Dr. Marco Boeri, Lecturer in Environmental Economics, Queen's University of Belfast

### Nutrient Pollution

11.30-12.15 Nutrient flux to inland and coastal waters: nature, origins and impacts  
Professor Penny Johnes, University of Bristol

12.15-13.15 *Lunch*

13.15-14.00 Reversing nutrient levels in Poole Harbour- from aquifer to avocets  
*Fiona Bowles, Chair of Poole Harbour Catchment Initiative*

14.00-14.45 Wetlands within a landscape approach to improving downstream and coastal water quality  
*Dr. Matt Simpson and Tim McGrath, Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust and Consultancy*

14.45-15.15 *Break*

#### 15.15-17.15 **Panel and Workshop on communication and engagement**

How do we currently communicate and engage across the freshwater/salt water divide across sectors and with the general public, are there good examples, are there things we could perhaps do better?

*On the panel: Dr Charlie Bell (CaBA), Amy Pryor (Coastal Partnerships Network), George Gerring (Environment Agency), Andrew Walker (Yorkshire Water), James Grischeff (CSF, Natural England), Paul Tame (NFU)*

### Evening drink and canapes

## DAY TWO

09.15-09.45 *Refreshments*

### Flood Management and Coastal Squeeze

09.45-10.30 Flood management and coastal squeeze of fresh water and salt water wetlands  
*Tim Collins, Principal Specialist – Coasts & Flood Management, Natural England*

10.30-11.15 Fresh and salty - the broads national park  
*Andrea Kelly, Senior Ecologist, Broads Authority*

11.15-12.00 Shifting Shores – Living with Change  
*Phil Dyke, Coast and Marine Adviser, National Trust*

12.00-13.00 *Lunch*

### Invasive Non-native Species

13.00-13.45 Tackling invasive non-native species in the aquatic environment  
*Olaf Booy, GBNNSS*

13.45-14.30 Landscape scale action on invasive non-native species – the Wash  
*Katy Owen, Coordinator of the Norfolk Non-native Species Initiative & Technical Coordinator of SEFINS (Safeguarding the Environment From Non-Native Invasive Species), Norfolk County Council*

14.30-15.00 *Break*

### 15.00-16.20 **Panel Session and Open Floor on the multiple stressors involved in wetland conservation**

How we can best conserve our fresh/salt and transitional wetlands/waters given the multiple pressures we all need to consider, again looking for good examples, where we could do better, issues, barriers & solutions

*On the panel: Alison Briggs, Shire Group Internal Drainage Board, Stewart Clarke, National Trust, Dr Rachel Brown, Marine Management Organisation, Simon Wightman, RSPB, Andrew Bell, Devon Council/North Devon Biosphere reserve*

16.20-16.45 **Closing remarks/summing up**  
*Debbie Pain, Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust*