



## **Tay Estuary Forum and Forth Estuary Forum Conference Community Approaches to Coastal and Marine Planning Speaker Biographies**

**Session 1 Communities at the Heart of coastal/marine issues**

**Chair: Iain Rennick FEF**

**Mario Ray, St Abbs and Eyemouth Voluntary Marine Reserve**

***Real Relationships: the St Abbs and Eyemouth Voluntary Marine Reserve***

Mario recently started a new role as Marine Reserve Coordinator at the St. Abbs and Eyemouth Voluntary Marine Reserve having completed a masters in Marine Systems and Policies from the University of Edinburgh. Prior to moving to Scotland he was living in Ethiopia, working with Desert Rose Innovation, a team of anthropologists and engineers helping companies and organisations better adapt their initiatives to the Horn of Africa. He has worked with schools in the Maldives and spent much time living with coastal communities in Madagascar where he helped to facilitate coastal community exchanges and assess the socio-socio-economic impact of aquaculture within locally managed marine areas.

**Real Relationships** - the VMR believes that people living with challenges are often best placed to solve them. We bring an anthropological approach to our work. We don't want to presume to fully understand the challenges facing coastal communities and innovate our own solutions. We want to start from the other end: building relationships, eating together, living together. We take the time to learn as much as we can from local communities within the context of everyday life. This helps us understand how people frame their challenges, what they need, and what they don't need. Only then may we work with community members to facilitate the design of solutions that people want to adopt.

**Heather McFarlane, Fidra**

***Ways to engage local concerns over environmental issues***

Heather has worked for science and environmental NGOs around the world. With a Master's degree in chemistry from the University of Edinburgh Heather now works on chemical pollutants at Fidra. She is interested in citizen science projects and finding ways the public, industry, scientists and retailers can work together for our environment.

Fidra, an environmental charity based in East Lothian, uses best available science to identify and understand environmental issues, develop pragmatic and proportionate solutions through inclusive and collaborative dialogue with the public, industry and government. Fidra's work on plastics includes [The Great Nurdle Hunt](#), a citizen science project that raises awareness of plastic pellet pollution and [The Cotton Bud](#)

[Project](#), which has encouraged retailers and manufacturers to stop selling and manufacturing plastic cotton bud stems.

More information is available on the website at [www.fidra.org.uk](http://www.fidra.org.uk)

**Catherine Lloyd, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership**  
***The Angus Coastal Festival: Exploring Scotlands' Undiscovered Coast***

Catherine has been the Tayside Biodiversity Co-ordinator since 2000, acting as the Fife Biodiversity Co-ordinator before that. Her background in land and tourism management has stood her in good stead where initiating new projects and events is concerned. She ran large-scale festivals for the Partnership in 2009 and 2010 and has since worked with different organisations to raise awareness of the Small Blue Butterfly, Swifts and amphibians. The first Angus Coastal Festival is a joint initiative with Angus Council.

**Session 2 Planning Our Future Coasts**  
**Chair: Derek McGlashan, Forth Ports and Director of FEF**

**Zoe McKay, Marine Management Organisation**  
***Marine Planning in the North East of England***

Zoe has been the marine planning officer for the north east marine plan area since January 2018. As such she is the point of contact for information related to the north east marine plan areas and the developing marine plans. Prior to her taking up the position as a marine planning officer she was a statistical consultant specialising in marine science studies. She also has a background in seabird, marine mammal and benthic ecology and have provided advice to offshore industries. She has a MSc in Applied Marine and Fisheries Ecology and a BSc in Marine Biology.

**Lorna King/Morag Campbell, Marine Scotland**  
***Scottish Marine Planning Update***

Morag Campbell has a background in fisheries research and now works in Marine Scotland's Planning and Policy Division. She leads on marine litter policy and legislation development, such as the bans on plastic microbeads in toiletries and plastic-stemmed cotton buds. In her spare time she is learning to kite surf.

**Session 3 Forth and Tay Current Issues**

**Chair: Graham Russell FEF**

**Alan Munro, SEPA**  
***What is New for Coastal Flood Risk Management***

Alan is a recent Master's graduate in coastal and marine management. He previously worked at Marine Scotland where he supported the development of a pilot Marine Spatial Plan for the Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters. Now he works as a flood risk policy officer at SEPA, where he supports flood risk management activities in the south east of Scotland.

**Lynda Gairns, SEPA**  
***The Leven Catchment Initiative***

Lynda currently works as a river restoration specialist in SEPA's Water Environment Unit. Her job involves working with partners to restore downgraded rivers and to ease fish migration on historic weirs and dams. Prior to this she was a River Basin Planner covering the Tay and North Forth area.

**John Reddish, Technical Manager Red Rock Power Ltd**  
***Inch Cape Wind Farm Project Update***

John has a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Strathclyde and is a Chartered Engineer with over 30 years' experience in the offshore energy industry. Since 1985, he has worked for McDermott, Occidental, Elf, Talisman and J P Kenny in structural, subsea and heavy lift installation engineering roles.

John joined the Beatrice Wind Farm Demonstrator Project in 2005 to lead the design team for the first ever jacket substructures for offshore wind turbines. He went on to manage the engineering required for the offshore installation of the two jackets and turbines at the site in the Moray Firth. At 5MW, these were the largest ever offshore wind turbines and the first to be pre-assembled onshore and installed in deep water by a floating crane.

In 2008 John carried out a similar role on the installation of the Jacky oil platform in the Moray Firth for Ithaca Energy. He joined SeaEnergy Renewables in 2009 as Engineering Manager and, following its acquisition and renaming by Repsol in 2011 and then SDIC Power in 2016, he is now Technical Manager for Red Rock Power.

Consent was received from the Scottish Ministers in October 2014 for the Wind Farm for up to 110 turbines. Inch Cape is currently progressing a new application for the site taking advantage of developing technologies with an aim to install fewer (up to 72 turbines) but more powerful turbines. After presenting a brief overview of the Wind Farm, Tom will provide a short update as well as a summary of next steps for the Inch Cape Project.