

Remediation Strategy Sounding Board Meeting Report.

Both Alan Lomax and I attended the meeting and have waited until we have received the information from that meeting before reporting back to the RYDA membership.

The information comprises of three different documents.

1. Remediation Strategy Sounding Board slides- presented at the Meeting.
2. Remediation Strategy Sounding Board Meeting Summary- issued after the meeting.
3. Target Remediation Area Supporting Narrative- requested at the meeting and issued after the meeting.

The first three slides set out who was who and that the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and the Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) are the public bodies who need to approve the work and sign it off before any work can be carried out on the site. The remaining slides set out the proposed Remediation work.

Geosyntec then ran through what would be happening on the site. (Target Remediation Area Slide)

The area of the site will be excavated, taken by barge to Plymouth and then the area backfilled with clean, inert and suitable material. The contaminated sand etc will be sent to a specialist company who deals with this type of waste. The site will be split into smaller areas and each area will be excavated and backfilled in the same day. This will be surveyed daily.

In questioning the Presentation Team assured that because the TBT is in the sediment currently that there is no perceived risk to human health. With the contaminated material being removed from the riverbed and the area then backfilled with clean, inert and suitable material. in the remediation process that again there was no perceived risk to human health.

The matter of the level of mercury and Cadmium was raised and this will be removed from the site as part of the remediation strategy.

There are low levels of TBT in most estuaries as it has been used for anti-fouling for years and often stripped off where boats lay. These levels present no risk to human health.

There will be an open meeting in September where the Remediation Team will be open to questions from everyone.

Kind regards

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RYDA Chair