

A Maritime and Marine Historic Environment Research Framework for England

The University of Southampton have been commissioned by English Heritage to co-ordinate the development of a research framework for the maritime, marine and coastal archaeology of England.

Research Framework News:

Consultation: Resource Assessment Chapter Working Drafts.

The framework's resource assessment chapters will be online for consultation for the next six weeks. Each of the nine chapters, for each period from the Palaeolithic to the present day, contains a characterisation of the research so far undertaken into the maritime, marine and coastal archaeology of England, alongside discussion of key themes and key research gaps. These are assessments of the state of our knowledge about the marine historic environment from which we can develop a research agenda over the next few months – *so we want to hear your views now*.

The chapters are *working drafts*, produced by leading academics and practitioners in their own time over the last six months, and are open to consultation at this early point so that everyone's views are included in the development of the framework. It is a challenge to compress all the relevant research in each period into one short chapter, so, whether you are interested in one or all of the periods, we want your comments on what needs to be expanded, compressed and added.

The consultation will be open from **Monday 15th March until April 26th**.

The chapters can be downloaded from the project webpages:

http://www.southampton.ac.uk/archaeology/research/projects/maritime_research_framework.html

Project Conference: Saturday May 1st 2010

Following the consultation, the final Project Conference, will be on **Saturday May 1st** at the University of Southampton. It will be a one day event (with no conference fee), and everyone involved in the maritime, marine and coastal archaeology of England is welcome.

The Resource Assessment findings will be presented along with the results of the consultation and then, crucially, the Research Agenda will be up for discussion. The conference offers the opportunity to help shape England's marine historic environment Research Agenda.

If you would like to attend, please contact Jesse Ransley at framework@soton.ac.uk
