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Welcome to the first Marine Social Science Network newsletter!

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Through our quarterly emails we'll keep you updated with ongoing events, case studies, and opportunities from all over the world

If you want to contribute to the next newsletter, contact us on
info@marsocsci.net



Case study - Fukushima Fish

In our first case study we navigate through the intersect between ecology, sociology and marketing involved in breathing life back into Fukushima fisheries. Read more [here](#).

Marine Social Sciences in the UK

Dr Emma McKinley (Cardiff University and Chair of the Marine Social Sciences Network) is working with Defra to carry out a review of marine social science research activity and capacity across the UK with a view to identifying key themes of activity (for example, ocean literacy, blue growth, the values associated with the UK's marine and coastal environment, and fisheries to name a few). This project also seeks to highlight evidence gaps and support the development of future priorities for Defra, the wider UK government, the devolved administrations and the social science research community more broadly.

How can you be involved?

This work will involve an [online questionnaire survey](#), which you can access through the following link:

There will also be a series of workshops being held in January and February 2019 - for more information and to register for the events click on the links below:

Edinburgh – January 29th 2019: https://marsocsci_edinburgh.eventbrite.co.uk

London – February 5th 2019: https://marsocsci_london.eventbrite.co.uk

Cardiff – February 12th 2019: https://marsocsci_cardiff.eventbrite.co.uk

Belfast – February 26th 2019: https://marsocsci_belfast.eventbrite.co.uk



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Call for papers

The Marine Social Sciences Network is excited to support the [MARE Centre](#) and their forthcoming [People and the Sea Conference](#) planned for July 2019. Please click the links for relevant Calls for Papers from within the MarSocSci Community:

- [Contemporary Issues in Cruise Tourism : The People and the Ports](#)
- [Researching people and the sea: methodologies and traditions](#)

If you would like us to send out a Call for Papers or information about an upcoming event, please let us know by emailing info@marsocsci.net.

Research funding opportunity - Assessing participation of the fishing sectors in UK science and management

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is commissioning for an original piece of social science research, assessing the degree and nature of participation by UK commercial fishers and recreational anglers in fisheries science and management. The scope of the project includes their past and current levels of participation, as well as their future desired participation.

For more details of the invite to tender please proceed to Defra's e-tendering [portal](#) and either use your existing login or create a new account. Use the "view current opportunities" function to find the project, 'Assessing Participation of the Fishing Sectors in UK Science and Management'. Single institution and consortium responses are welcome. [**The application deadline is 7th January 2019 @ 12 midday.**](#)



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MarSocSci on tour!

The first regional MarSocSci meet up took place in November, with the first meeting of the Marine Social Science Network in Plymouth on Wednesday 21st November, hosted by the Pub on the Hoe. In attendance were representatives of local business and initiatives, such as the National Marine Aquarium, academics, a local councillor, and council staff. At the top of everyone's minds was the plan for the first national marine park in Plymouth, and how a network of marine social scientists can bring together interdisciplinary skills and ideas to make the park impactful across the city, and a vehicle of social change. Alongside discussions about the marine park, a range of new connections and plans were made in just this small inaugural group. There was considerable discussion about what the network might do and a plan was made to meet every other month for informal discussion, and to look at developing a marine social science network seminar series to more formally engage a wide audience and share specific work. Additionally, the group was keen to engage with new research and literature and it was agreed to share a paper for discussion at each meeting. There was a strong sense of wanting to take a diverse, interdisciplinary, and practically applicable approach to connecting people with the sea.

If you would like to be involved in the sharing of information at marsocsciplym then please contact Pam pb381@exeter.ac.uk.

If you would like to organise your own local/ regional MarSocSci meet up, let us know on info@marsocsci.net and we can discuss how we can support you!



The European Commission provides a free fortnightly Science for Environment Policy newsletter which may be of interest to members - find out more [here](#).

This recent [publication](#) from the European Marine Board examines current state-of-the-art in Europe

and beyond and recommends key areas where marine ecosystem modelling capability could be strengthened.

To contact the Marine Social Sciences Network to submit to our Collection of Case Studies and Success Stories, for information about upcoming events, or to be added to our newsletter, email us on info@marsocsci.net and follow us on Twitter using @MarSocSci.

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