Broads Forum 31 July 2014 Agenda Item No 7

Summary of Progress/Actions/Response Taken Following Discussions at Previous Meetings Report by Administrative Officer

Date of Meeting and Minute No	Discussion	Responsible Person	Summary of Progress
6 October 2011 Minute 5/11 Grant Aid for Anti Fouling Paints	A member enquired about a grant aid of £800 which had been awarded in 2009 for research into copper based antifouling paints. Request to investigate this grant.	Senior Ecologist	Report on this agenda
25 July 2013 Minute 1/9 Water Quality Across the Broads and Habitats Regulations Assessment	The Broads Authority is considering its response to technical information renewal of two agricultural abstraction licences around Catfield Fen. To assist the Authority in gaining independent hydrological advice.	Senior Ecologist	The Environment Agency is considering the renewal of two agricultural abstraction licences around Catfield Fen area to determine the potential impacts they are having on the Ant Broads and Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest, component of The Broads Special Area of Conservation, Broadland Special Protection Area and Broadland Ramsar. The Agency is working through the key stages of the Habitat Regulations Assessment. Since April this has involved consulting with Natural England and Broads Authority as statutory consultees, before moving through to producing their determination report and consulting on their 'minded to' decision, prior to making their final decision. The EA have delayed the process and are now

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			aiming to reach the 'minded to' stage in September.
01 May 2014 Minute 4/18 Matters to be discussed at the next meeting	Members considered that it would be helpful if a representative from Defra (Natural England and Rural Payments Agency) could provide a report on the changes to Agri-Environment payments and the implications for the Broads.	Senior Ecologist	NE have scheduled to do a joint presentation with the BA at the November meeting.
01 May 2014 Minute 4/18 Matters to be discussed at the next meeting	RS raised concerns that there appeared to be a number of rowing boats which were using outboard motors but not paying a full toll and queried whether there was any means of identifying this.	Head of Ranger Services / Head of ICT	On Chief Executive Report.
01 May 2014 Minute 4/18 Matters to be discussed at the next meeting	Peter Medhurst supported by others suggested that it would be very helpful and beneficial if Richard Starling could provide the Forum with a report giving an overview of the work undertaken by the Reed and Sedge Cutters, the difficulties and challenges they faced and possible ways in which matters could be improved in order to provide members with a greater understanding of the changes which had taken place and the issues involved.	BRASCA Representative	Item on agenda.