**SWME17 Programme**

**8.30 Doors open & refreshments**

**Session 1 Events & Observations in 2016**

**9.30 Welcome Chair: Martin Attrill, Plymouth University Marine Institute**
**9.35 Events & observations in 2016** *facilitated by* **Bob Earll & Natasha Bradshaw**

 ***Comment on events and bring along your observations of 2016***

10.00 **The Events of 2015 – SWME Annual Report Keith Hiscock**, Marine Biological Association

10.10 **Predicting and projecting variability and climate change in the (physical) marine**

 **environment Jonathan Tinker**,Met Office Hadley Centre

10.30 **Western Channel Observatory update** **Steve Widdicombe**, Plymouth Marine Laboratory

10.50 **Satellite-derived environmental drivers for top predator hotspots** **Peter Miller**, PML

11.10 **Seasearch SW diver record highlights Charlotte Bolton,** Seasearch/

Marine Conservation Society

**Short Updates**

11.30 **Community Seagrass Initiative** **Jessica Mead**, National Marine Aquarium

**11.35 Marine Ecology and Conservation Network      Zara Botterell,** University of Exeter

**11.40 – 12.30 First break**: Sandwiches and refreshments

**Session 2   Seabirds & Mammals**

**Chair: Matthew Witt** Environment and Sustainability Institute, University of Exeter **12.30**  **The influence of tidally driven processes on harbour porpoise distribution**

 **Duncan Jones**, Marine Discovery and Falmouth Marine School

12.50 **Acoustic monitoring of SW odontocetes** **Nick Tregenza**, Chelonia Ltd

13.10 **Trends in callouts over the past ten years in Cornwall & unusual events of 2016**

 **Dan Jarvis**, British Divers Marine Life Rescue

13.30 **CWT Marine Strandings Network** **Abby Crosby**, Cornwall Wildlife Trust

**Short updates**

13.50 **Bottlenose dolphin photo-id work** **Ruth Williams**, Cornwall Wildlife Trust

13.55 **2016 seal highlights** **Sue Sayer**, Cornwall Seal Group Research Trust

14.00 **National seabird census 2015 – 2019** **Alex Banks**, Natural England

14.05 **Collaborative monitoring of the Eddystone Special Area of Conservation**

 **Matthew Witt**, University of Exeter

**14.10 - 14.50** **Second break**: Cakes and refreshments

**Session 3 Using science to inform marine management**

**Chair: Libby Ross** Devon & Severn Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority

**14.50** **South West Marine Plan** **Neal Gray**, Marine Planner, Marine Management Organisation

15.10 **Response of benthos to zoned exclusion of towed demersal fishing gear in Lyme Bay;**

 **5yrs after closure Martin Attrill,** Plymouth University

15.30 **Anchoring & Mooring in MPAs: impacts, risk and management**

 **Olivia Langmead**, Marine Biological Association and Plymouth University Marine Institute

15.50 **Somerset’s Brilliant Coast Nigel Phillips,** Coast Ambassador, Somerset Wildlife Trust

**Short Update**

16.10 **Cornish Plastic Pollution** **Claire Wallerstein**, Cornish Plastic Pollution Coalition

16.15 **Inspiring images from the north coast** **Sue Sayer** with Annabelle & Chris Lowe, Marine Life

Boat Surveys

**16.30    Close** and refreshments