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Notes of the 8th meeting of the Consultation Group which was held on Thursday 24th Nov. 1988 in the Town Hall, Bridge St. Bideford at 7pm.

<u>Present.</u>	R.Kimberley	(DSF/Chair.)
	K.Bower	(DSF)
	L.Hobbs	(BSAC)
	R.Tait	(DTNC)
	N.Willcox	(LC Ltd/Lundy Warden)
	J.Baker	(RYA)
	P.Cole	(LFS/Hon.Sec.LMCG)

It was noted that D.Clutterbuck had retired from the Group because of ill health and his position as representative for the RYA had been taken by J.Baker who was welcomed to the meeting. The secretary was asked to send a letter of appreciation to Mr.Clutterbuck.

1 Apologies for absence were received from: R.Gomm; R.Evans; J.Puddy; H.Warden; R.George.

2 Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th Nov. 1987 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising. Copies of the 38th, 1987 Annual Report of the Lundy Field Society had been distributed to all members of the Group.

4 Report from the reserve. N.Willcox reported that there been considerable potting round the island during 1988 with five boats in regular attendance from Feb. to Nov. L.Hobbs said that divers were concerned because the number of crawfish appeared to be down and also because of the number of floating ropes and poorly marked strings of pots there were around Lundy. Plastic detergent bottles were being used as buoys. Was overfishing taking place? K.Bower pointed out that there could not be trawling and potting and static fishing caused least damage to the ground. Whilst the type of rope to be used was not specified most professionals used leaded rope whilst it was only required that pots should be 'properly marked'. DSF would advise on this. NW said that there had been fewer weekend divers around the island but an increase in the numbers staying longer and using the facilities on the Divers Beach which made them easy to contact. R.Tait was told that the catches of registered boats were recorded. Could divers assist in the monitoring of pots? It was confirmed that the stock of lobsters in the Bristol Channel appeared to be depleted.

5 Activities 1988 & 1989. Sub-littoral monitoring had been carried out in 1988 and had indicated little change except for a rise in sedimentation which was confirmed by L.Hobbs. Bad weather had prevented a seal pup count in 1988.

6 Construction of pier. Work on the construction of a road across the Landing Beach to Divers Beach had now

started. Work on a pier out from the Divers Beach was planned to start in 1989.

7 Any other urgent business. P.Cole reported that the LMCG had been consulted as to the dumping of 11 million of capital spoil arising from Port Talbot Harbour and Channel. He had expressed concern and urged that informed scientific guidance should be sought before a decision was made. K.Bower confirmed that a licence for this dumping had not been issued.

8 Date of next meeting. It was agreed that with the present level of activity in the Lundy reserve it would be sufficient if the Lundy Marine Consultation Group met only once per year and that the next meeting should be on Thursday 23rd Nov.1989 in Bideford.

PBFC.Hon.Sec.LMCG.