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David Parham is appointed a member of the Advisory Committee on Historic Wrecks (ACHWS)

Margaret Hodge, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Dave Parham has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee on Historic Wreck Sites. His term of appointment will run from 17th September 2009 to 16th September 2013.

Biographical notes

Dave Parham is Senior Lecturer in Marine Archaeology, with Bournemouth University (2004 to date). Prior to this, he was Project Manager for the Nautical Archaeology Society, and then with the Trust for Wessex Archaeology (1997 to 2001). He then joined Bournemouth University as Research Fellow in 2004. Currently, he serves as a member of Institute of Field Archaeologists Maritime Affairs Group, the Ministry of Defence, the Warship Sussex Archaeological Executive, and the Dorset & East Devon Coast World Heritage Site Archaeology Working Group. He has undertaken no political activity during the past five years.

Background

The Advisory Committee was set up to advise Ministers following the passing of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973. This advice covers the suitability of wreck sites to be designated for protection on the grounds of historical, archaeological, or artistic interest in accordance with the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973, the issue of licences for the surveillance and excavation of designated sites by named individuals, along with the conditions to be attached to such licences, as well as other general underwater archaeology issues which may affect historic wrecks within UK waters.

ACHWS members give their services on an honorary basis. Travelling expenses, incurred by ACHWS members in the performance of their duties, are reimbursed.

This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.