Storylines for possible futures in the UK

Attributes	Nature@Work	Local Stewardship	World Markets	
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GDP	High	Low	Moderate/high	Lo
Population	Moderate	Low	High	M
Investment capital available	High	Low	High	M
Leisure & tourism	 outdoor activities more popular; countryside attractive, well used; sense of place important to well-being. 	 local service provision is key; environmental settings strongly influential; fewer people travel far for leisure; pride in local landscapes high. 	 huge decline in internal & overseas tourism; UK losing out as tourism destination; recreation in UK more home-based; 'high quality' rural recreation expensive. 	• c • l • r • k
Landscape	• highly protected.	• diverse, different regional characteristics.	•more homogenous & industrial.	•h
Capture fisheries	 fisheries more productive because better managed and mostly at maximum sustainable yield; trawl and dredge fleet effort reduced. 	 locally caught sustainable fish species more popular, managed by local quotas, number of small vessels increases, but some over- exploitation in coastal waters; national quotas for transboundary fish populations. 	 Common Fisheries Policy removed, little sustainable management, fish stocks over- exploited, some species locally extinct; trawl and dredge fleet effort increases; most seafood imported from Asia. 	•f f U •r
Aquaculture	 some increase; better environmental stewardship & development of fish feeds from non-marine sources; use of some non-native species. 	 greater emphasis on integrated farming – aquaculture practices & cultivation of herbivorous fish & shellfish at local level. 	 significant increases, focused on production volumes/value, for consumption & export; produced at expense of natural environment & wild fish stocks; increasing use of non-native species. 	•ii p f •e
Marine energy	 UK's resources developed considerably, some energy exported; widespread networks of wind/wave energy; marine habitats around energy farms increase = no fishing grounds. 	 renewable marine energy supported by government; wave & tidal energy sources common but do not conflict with biodiversity; energy prices high. 	 dependency on nuclear power & fossil fuels continues; renewable energy little used, but large tidal barrage schemes = ~5% UK's energy; energy prices high. 	•o n •ti •e
Other maritime industries	• marine biotechnology spin-offs develop from increased research & development for aquaculture.		 marine aggregate extraction increases; shipping increases due to greater trade with other countries. 	
Species diversity & protection	 marine/coastal margin habitats protected; biodiversity conservation boosted & many species' populations in better health; some trade-offs between biodiversity, food provision & energy. 	 Intensive land management & landscape heterogeneity = fairly healthy biodiversity; climate change still a threat, but a 'softer' landscape aids species' migration & diversity. 	 most habitats decline due to climate change, land use change, pollution; increases in invasive species reduce native species diversity. 	• b la
Water quality	 vastly improved everywhere; polluters heavily fined so few mistakes; sustainable land management technologies = less risk of fertiliser/pesticide pollution. 	 significantly improves due to more sustainable agricultural practice & tighter environmental legislation. 	 declines to mid-1980s levels - lower environmental standards for industry & agriculture. 	• d p

