

Interactive comment on “Flooding in river mouths: human caused or natural events? Five centuries of flooding events in the SW Netherlands, 1500–2000” by A. M. J. de Kraker

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The paper presents a detailed review of the history of flooding in the SW Netherlands. This is a well considered piece with extensive research, I would recommend that the author add some of the original references into the paper, so that it is clear where the materials are being cited from, or where further details could be found, particularly in relation to human activities which may be of interest to others, as this could have much broader interest to the historical community.

I have attached a scanned copy of the annotated comments on the paper, these are

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predominantly English language related (a paper copy has been posted the author as I appreciate it is not easy to read all of these from the scanned version). Whilst these are not critical I hope that they will help the author in reviewing the paper. If any present a difficulty in reading I am happy for the author to contact me by email.

Minor points:

Avoid language that has preference towards 'man' and replace with anthropogenic or human

Note, 1953 in the UK also caused a number of sites along the Norfolk coast to flood which resulted in loss of life, though some of the worst was along the Thames estuary (see Baxter, 2005, Phil. Transactions A, DOI: 10.1098/rsta.2005.1569)

On pg 1456, climate change has not caused recent flood events

Would it be worth adding a ranking to Tables 1 & 2 to indicate magnitude of flood?

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Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<http://www.hydrol-earth-syst-sci-discuss.net/12/C353/2015/hessd-12-C353-2015-supplement.pdf>

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