



Marine Planning Partnership for the Pacific North Coast (MaPP)

***Central Coast Marine Plan Advisory Committee  
(MPAC)***

***General Meeting Summary – Final Draft***

***Initial Advisory Group Meeting***

**June 26-27, 2012**

**Sheraton Vancouver Airport**

**7551 Westminster Highway**

**Richmond, BC**

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**Objectives:**

1. Meet the members of the Central Coast MPAC.
2. Provide an opportunity to understand the MaPP process, and to understand the issues and opportunities in the marine environment.
3. Clearly set expectations.
4. Communicate current efforts and work.
5. Gain a better understanding of the human activities and sector aspirations in the Central Coast.

## **Attendance:**

### MPAC Members:

Evan Loveless – Commercial Tourism (Day 2 only)  
Diana Chan – Marine Conservation  
Anne Salomon – Marine Academic (Day 1 only)  
Warren Warttig - Coastal Forestry  
Mike Pfortmueller – Commercial Recreational Fisheries  
Jim McIsaac – Commercial Fisheries

### MPAC Alternates:

Jessica McIlroy – Renewable Energy (Part of day 1)  
Fraser Koroluk – Commercial Tourism  
Hans Granander – Coastal Forestry  
Karin Bodtker – Marine Conservation  
David Stevenson – Marine Academic  
Les Neasloss – Finfish Aquaculture

### MaPP

Ken Cripps – MaPP Central Coast Co-Lead, Central Coast First Nations  
Gord McGee – MaPP Central Coast First Nations Technical Planner  
Sally Cargill – MaPP Central Coast Co-Lead, Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations  
Charlie Short - MaPP Marine Coordination Team, Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations  
Laura Feyrer - Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations  
Marjan Bagheri - Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations  
Steve Diggon – MaPP Marine Coordination Team, Coastal First Nations Great Bear Initiative (Day 1 only)  
Fiona Kilburn – MaPP Administrative and Financial Assistant  
Jo Smith – MaPP Science Coordinator

### Special Guests

Frank Brown – Coastal First Nations Great Bear Initiative (Part of day 1) - traditional welcome

### Regrets:

Paul Kariya, Member for Renewable Energy  
Sid Keay, Alternate Member for Commercial Recreational Fisheries  
Ian McAllister, Member for Conservation  
Roberta Stevenson, Member for Shellfish Aquaculture  
Richard Opala, Member for Finfish Aquaculture

## Day 1

### Welcome and Opening:

- Chief Frank Brown provided a welcome on behalf of First Nations
- Charlie Short provided a welcome on behalf of the Province, MaPP Working Group and MaPP Marine Coordination Team.
- Charlie Short reviewed agenda.
- Introductions of all the participants.

### Introduction to MaPP

- Background of MaPP and accomplishments to date.
- Key agreements including First Nations and B.C. Letter of Intent.
- MaPP organization.
- Review of broader area of MaPP and the four sub-regions – refer to website for maps
- Boundaries are reflective of both political boundaries and First Nation territories and claims. Provincial jurisdictional boundaries include inland waters and between the ‘jaws of land’ using the head land to head land rule. The PNCIMA boundary is different due to federal jurisdiction.

### Discussion Items

- Discussion around the science advisory committee (SAC) and its members. Clarification about the communication process between this group and SAC and that future questions to SAC will be framed and posed as a group.
- Discussion around identifying areas, plants and data gaps in the process and existing opportunities to fill those data gaps (e.g. research by students, existing data inventory).
- Clarification on how to best communicate with the science advisory committee questions.

### Action Item

- **ACTION:** Change governance slide to show arrows go each way (Province and First Nations and to add SAC)

### MaPP and Central Coast Linkages to other Initiatives

#### Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance

- First Nations Marine Planning in the Central Coast.

### Discussion Items

- It was noted that the TEK and SE studies for all four nations are available for review at: [www.ccira.ca](http://www.ccira.ca).
- Ken Cripps offered to share the Central Coast marine plan with the group. He noted that he is not sure whether the individual nations will share their marine plans.

## Province of British Columbia

- Relationship between current and past marine and land use planning processes and MaPP.

### Discussion Items

- Discussion around existing legislation and whether the MaPP process can be backed up.
- Noted that the risk analysis tools are not available yet.
- Discussion around the planning team's ability to get the work done within the specific timeframe.
- Questions around where local governments fit into the broader governance structure. It was communicated that local government was invited to participate but weren't able to attend today's meeting. It was also noted that based on previous land use planning, the local government is represented by the Province of B.C. We are looking to have the local government here to get a better understanding of the local issues.

### Action Items

- **ACTION:** To confirm Forestry reps for other sub-regions with Hans.
- **ACTION:** Presentations to be sent to the group in pdf including the summary notes.

## Role of Advisory Group and Meeting Schedule Review

- Overview of the roles and expectations for the MPAC, based on the CC MPAC terms of reference.
- Review of concerns and questions about the MaPP process and the role of the committee.

### Discussion Items

- Confirmed the terms of reference as final draft but noted that if certain things are not working we can look back and rectify.
- Meeting procedures piece: It was stressed by some members that items or advice from previous meetings that require follow up should be open to a discussion or update in the next meeting. Specifically, has the advice been heard, and is it being acted upon, etc.
- Roles and responsibility piece in the terms of reference refers to how the broader MaPP process is laid out. MaPP communications consultant responsible for public communication.
- Was identified that an "advice log" would be maintained, and made available for review throughout the planning process. It will be a part of the agenda at every meeting.
- It was clarified that members at the meeting are free to discuss MaPP process with their stakeholders.
- It was communicated that we would like alternates and members to have a discussion prior to providing advice. It is preferred that advice be provided by member, however, we will also take advice directly from alternates.
- Discussion around the process for the advice log. It was articulated that this committee doesn't necessarily need to come to a consensus on advice.

### Action Items

- **ACTION:** MaPP (Fiona) to provide link to provincial policy on planning - in terms of providing advice etc.

### **Building Understanding**

- What would an effective Central Coast Marine Plan look like to you?
- What are the current opportunities and challenges that you see?

### Discussion Items

- Suggested that former background on planning (eg. LRMP) can be useful for this process.
- Stress was placed on doing good planning, that is effective and not so overly complicated as to create more goals than can actually be achieved.
- Concern was expressed that the federal government and local government were not present, and how this might impact what the plan can accomplish.
- Communicated that this is an opportunity to build relationships between different sectors, people involved on the coasts and the Government of B.C. It also allows for time to build solutions which is valuable in the long term.
- Talked about a plan that's regularly evaluated and includes input by local government and First Nations.
- Concern around data collection being trustworthy.
- Assuring that First Nations views are addressed accordingly.
- Making sure that the plan has a strong implementation component with clear direction from different government agencies while collaborating to make this plan happen. Discussion around establishing an effective plan that everybody around the table has bought into.
- It was suggested that a data sharing place could be helpful as a kind of repository with research and information available for public to access.

## Day 2

### **Ecosystem Based Management (EBM) Definition and Principles**

- Overview of ecosystem based management.
- Definition and principles adopted from previous planning work, mainly PNCIMA.

#### Discussion Items

- Historically sectors have been managed individually, with a sector-specific scope in mind and not much integration involved. EBM encourages the integration of all sectors, and is how this approach is different to what we would otherwise do.
- We will review previous work done on EBM measurements and indicators for possible application to our process and outputs and how they relate to the interest represented on this committee.
- Adaptive management is a component, but has not yet been defined for this process in terms of monitoring and timelines.

### **Draft Plan Topics**

- Overview of the MaPP outputs currently under consideration for inclusion in the MaPP planning process.

#### Discussion Items

- Clarification that the initiative will not singularly address marine transportation, fisheries, national security/defence on their own, because they are outside of the jurisdiction of the provincial government. There will be acknowledgement of the existence of these activities when looking at topics such as cumulative impacts and socio-economic activities.
- Relationship between sub-regional outputs and the larger regional framework.
- Marine protection - BC/CAN MPA network (refers to draft version of the fed/prov document) – This work may identify new MPA boundaries or modify existing boundaries or new measures to existing boundaries; includes protection for eco-systems and people.
- Broadening the fisheries marketing opportunities to tourism and other ‘branding’ possibilities
- Clarification was sought on what tenures would be addressed – shore-based only or also marine?

#### Advice Given

- Concerns around marine infrastructure and marine pollution - look for early wins on strategies
- Provide marine classification systems available.

## Base Case Introduction

- Introduction to the base case that will be used to describe the current conditions of plan components.
- A draft table of contents and eight component examples were presented.

### Discussion Items

- Clarified that base case will be developed for each sub-region and for the region.
- Indicated that the governance section is a straw dog.
- Advised that the draft table of contents will be circulated.
- Indicated that provincial and federal Marine Protected Areas are separate but could be combined.
- Clarified that the base case will remain a draft copy and evolve throughout the process.

### Action Items

- **ACTION:** MaPP to communicate process for receiving comments on the base case; MPAC is expected to provide comments on full base case
- **ACTION:** MaPP to provide criteria and rationale for selection of base case features to MPAC. To be included in an updated version of the draft Central Coast base case and distributed to MPAC members.
- **ACTION:** MaPP to distribute document identifying and listing provincial marine tenures.

### Advice Given

- Under employment section to list by community rather than by band to provide clarity on and off reserve stats.
- There are buffer areas associated with estuaries that are strongly linked with herring - size and age of herring has a big impact from a commercial fishing stand point.
- Missing red and blue listed species – a feature that fits with EBM.
- Clams are missing from the base case - concern for invasive species in the area and the impact on these populations.