



Marine Planning Partnership for the Pacific North Coast (MaPP)

Central Coast Marine Planning and Advisory Committee (MPAC)

General Meeting Summary - Final

Advisory Group Meeting #5

March 20-21, 2013

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond, BC

Objectives:

1. Update MPAC members on MaPP and related activities since last MPAC meeting –MaPP products, advice log, and member updates
2. Review Objectives and Strategies for Governance
3. Review the marine spatial planning development process
4. Introduce marine spatial planning tools
5. Review primary spatial input layers for marine spatial planning
6. Confirm actions for next CC MPAC meeting

Attendance:

MPAC Members and Alternates:

Karin Bodtker – *Conservation*
Janice Kyle – *Public Recreation*
Warren Warttig - *Coastal Forestry*
Paul Kariya – *Renewable Energy* (Day 1 only)
Brian Lande - *Local Government, Central Coast Regional District*
Richard Opala – *Finfish Aquaculture* (Day 2 only)
Evan Loveless, Jamie Scarrow – *Commercial Tourism*
Anne Salomon – *Marine Academic* (Day 1 only)

MaPP:

Gord McGee – *Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance* (Co-Chair)
Sally Cargill – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations* (Co-Chair)
Gary Runka - *Facilitator*

Steve Diggon – *Marine Coordination Team (Day 2 only)*
Fiona Kilburn – *MaPP Technical Support*
Kelly Wozniak – *MaPP Technical Support*

Regrets:

Mike Pfortmueller – *Member for Recreational Fishing Service Providers*
Roberta Stevenson – *Member for Shellfish Aquaculture*
Ken Cripps - *Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance (Co-lead)*

Observers/ Presenters:

Julie Carpenter – *Heiltsuk Marine Use Planning Coordinator*
Julie Beaumont – *GIS Coordinator, Coastal First Nations (Day 2 only)*
Spencer Wood – *Natural Capital Project (Day 1 only)*
Carrie Robb – *Living Oceans Society (Day 2 only)*

Day 1

Welcome and Updates:

- The MPAC Co-Chairs (Gord McGee and Sally Cargill) provided a welcome on behalf of the Central Coast Technical Team and introduced Jamie Scarrow who will be representing Commercial Tourism, Julie Carpenter who was observing, and Kelly Wozniak who is the new Central Coast Contract Planner for MaPP.
- Sally and Gord reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting.
- Meeting participants introduced themselves and provided a brief update on their sectors.

Updates and Advice Review

- Commercial Fishing Caucus's decision to withdraw from the MaPP process was noted. MaPP will continue to pursue input from commercial fisheries interests.
- MPAC representatives are still sought for some sectors. MPAC members are encouraged to make recommendations to fill these vacancies.
- Kelly Wozniak provided an update on MaPP Outputs

Objectives and Strategies – Governance

- Gord presented the draft objectives and strategies for Governance

Items Discussed and Clarified

- Discussed the terms “shared decision-making” versus “joint decision-making”
- Explained how the Province is engaging with local government

Marine Spatial Planning Development Process

- Gord outlined the process that will be followed during development of the marine spatial plan

Items Discussed and Clarified

- Explored some of the benefits and challenges of marine spatial planning
- Reviewed the different zones that will be included in the spatial plan
- Explained the marine spatial planning development timelines
- Discussed opportunities for MPAC feedback

Marine Spatial Planning Tools – Compatibility Matrix

- Kelly introduced the concept of the compatibility matrix and explained how it will be used during development of the marine spatial plan

Items Discussed and Clarified

- Explained the difference between the compatibility matrix and the vulnerability matrix
- Heard request to include IUCN protected area categories in the compatibility matrix

Marine Spatial Planning Tools – Marine InVest

Guest speaker: Spencer Wood (Natural Capital Project)

- Spencer introduced the Marine InVest tool and explained how it can help in spatial planning

Items Discussed and Clarified

- Clarified that the composite number is additive (i.e., analysis does not take synergistic effects into account because synergistic effects are not always known)
- Discussed the benefits and limitations of the Marine InVest tool
- Emphasized that analysis should be iterative -- discussions around inputs and outputs are key
- Brainstormed questions that Marine InVest might be able to help the table answer

Day 2

Day 2 welcome and agenda outline:

- Sally, Gord and Gary welcomed everyone back, reviewed the agenda, and introduced MPAC members (Richard Opala) and presenters (Carrie Robb, Julie Beaumont) that were not present during Day 1.

Marine Spatial Planning Tools – Marxan

Guest speaker: Carrie Robb (Living Oceans Society and BC Marine Conservation Analysis)

- Carrie introduced the Marxan model and explained its relevance and usefulness to the MaPP marine spatial planning process

Items Discussed and Clarified

- Summarized history and background of the BCMCA
- Discussed the datasets and targets being incorporated into Marxan analysis

- Explored limitations and assumptions within the model

Marine Spatial Planning Tools – Web Mapping Portal

- Sally introduced the Web Mapping Portal that is being developed and described how it will be useful for MPAC members

Items Discussed and Clarified

- Emphasized that MPAC members should review the datasets and advise the co-leads if they have data that should be added
- Explored live examples of Web Mapping Portals used in other marine spatial planning processes

Marine Spatial Planning Data – Map Gallery and Review of Primary Spatial Input Layers

Sally introduced some of the input layers that will be considered and Julie Beaumont (GIS Coordinator, Coastal First Nations) provided a live GIS demo of some of these datasets

Key Discussion Items

- Described key input datasets that will be used to inform MaPP marine spatial planning
- Reviewed maps presented in a gallery format
- Identified corrections that should be made in the annotation layer
- Summarized key information that needs to be included from each sectors perspective

Wrap up

Gord and Sally thanked members and alternates for their input and reviewed potential June and September meeting dates. The next meeting will be on the Central Coast sometime in late June.