



**Marine Planning Partnership for the Pacific North Coast (MaPP)**

***North Coast Marine Planning and Advisory Committee (MPAC)***

***General Meeting Summary - Final***

***Advisory Group Meeting #6***

**June 12-14, 2013**

**North Coast Meeting and Convention Centre**

**240 West First Ave. Prince Rupert, B.C.**

**Objectives:**

1. Share updates on MaPP, MPAC member and other related activities since last MPAC meeting.
2. Review spatial planning tools developed in support of MaPP marine spatial planning.
3. Review draft high value human use layers.
4. Provide understanding and clarity around the MaPP analysis and zoning approach.

**Attendance:**

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| <p><u>MPAC Members:</u><br/>         Mike Ambach – Conservation (WWF)<br/>         Andrew Webber – Local Government (KSRD)<br/>         Dave Nicholson – Coastal Forestry<br/>         Janie Wray – Academia<br/>         Karl Bergman – Local Government (SQCRD)<br/>         Charles Justice – Public Recreation<br/>         Jamie Scarrow – Tourism<br/>         Vittorio Venturini – Aquaculture</p> | <p><u>MaPP:</u><br/>         Craig Outhet – Co-lead (NCSFNSS)<br/>         Steve Kachanoski – Co-lead (Province of BC)<br/>         Matthew Justice – Marine Coordination Team (MaPP)<br/>         Megan Dickinson – MaPP Technical Support<br/>         Michele Thomas – MaPP Administrative Support<br/>         Gillian Dusting – MaPP Communications Coordinator<br/> <b>Facilitator:</b><br/>         Colin Rankin</p> |
| <p><u>Alternates and Observers:</u><br/>         Clarence Nelson Senior – First Nations welcome<br/>         Larry Goldman – Observer<br/>         Des Nobels – Observer<br/>         Barb Faggetter – Observer<br/>         Kennard Hall – Observer<br/>         Andrew Dumbrilly – Observer<br/>         Kim Johnson – Observer<br/>         Ron McKay – Observer</p>                                   | <p><u>Regrets:</u><br/>         Bill Johnson – Renewable Energy<br/>         Tracey Hittel – Recreational Fishing Services</p>  |

## Day 1 – June 12

### Welcome and Updates

- Clarence Nelson Sr. provided a welcome on behalf of First Nations, and congratulated members on the 1 year anniversary since first meeting.
- Agenda review and introductions of all the participants.
- First Nations, Province and MPAC member updates.
- PNCIMA update provided, specifically in relation to MaPP.
- Review of MPAC Meeting #5 and Advice Log.
- Introduction of new members

### Updates

- Provincial election has not affected the leadership levels within Ministry of Forest, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations. Minister and Deputy Minister remain the same.
- New MPAC members were identified:
  - Janie Wray – Academia alternate (Hermann Meuter is member).

### **Marine Spatial Planning - Process and tools: Review MaPP process for MSP**

#### Key Discussion Items

- Process and timelines for the marine spatial planning component of the plan.
- Provincial and First Nations technical staff to draft protection and special management zone scenario(s) during the summer for review and advice by MPAC early fall.
- Development process for high value human use layers, spatial planning tools, and zoning scenario(s).

### **Marine Spatial Planning - Process and tools: Review of support tools**

#### Key Discussion Items

- Compatibility Matrix
  - A human use compatibility matrix is an identified output of the spatial planning component of the MaPP process.
  - Background sources used in the development of the MaPP compatibility matrix.
  - Advice was requested concerning:
    - Characterization and definition of human use categories.
    - Characterization and definition of interactions and stated incompatibilities.
    - Identified incompatibilities between uses (as per Conflict Reference Numbers noted in the matrix).
- Recommended Use Table (Acceptable use table in the agenda)
  - Recommended use table will communicate recommended, conditionally recommended, and not recommended uses within planning zones.
- Marine Planning Portal/SeaSketch
  - Online GIS tool for MPAC members and the general public was demonstrated.
  - Intended and possible use of the tool for data discovery and collaboration.
  - Update on alpha and beta testing of tool, and when tool will be available for all users.

- Viewable in demonstration mode - <http://www.seasketch.org/#projecthomepage/50e58ab28aba4075183f8fc0/about>

## Marine Spatial Planning - High Value Human Use Layers

### Key Discussion Items

- High value human use layers were reviewed using live GIS.
- Continuation of an ongoing effort to define areas of high value for human use activities.
- High value human use layers will be used to identify areas of potential or real human use conflicts, and to aid in analysis regarding positive and negative impacts to human values as a result of marine spatial planning.
- Data sources
- Assumptions and criteria used to define “high value” for each human use.
- High value layers were reviewed and discussed for:
  - Shellfish Aquaculture
  - Marine based Forestry Operations
  - Marine based Renewable Energy Generation
  - Fisheries: Recreational guided and non-guided
  - Fisheries: Commercial
  - Marine Commercial Recreation
  - Marine Public Recreation
  - Marine Transportation
  - Administrative Boundaries
  - Marine Pollution sources
- Advice was requested concerning:
  - Presentation of “best known” or “best available” data. Is there missing information?
  - Assumptions and criteria in the definition of “high value” by sector activity.

## Marine Spatial Planning – Analysis and Zoning Approach

### Key Discussion Items

- Regional MaPP Spatial Zoning Framework update and amendments.
  - Developed to guide and coordinate spatial planning across the four MaPP sub-regions.
  - Framework identifies principles for establishing zones, zoning objectives, and zone definitions.
  - Zone definitions include General Management, Special Management, and Protection Management.
  - Framework contains appendices to support spatial planning
- Special Management Zone
  - Example zone emphasis may include, but are not limited to:
    - Shellfish Aquaculture
    - Cultural Heritage
    - Recreation and Tourism
    - Renewable Energy
  - Use of Special Management Zones to reduce conflict, and to protect future use opportunities.

- MaPP process for development of Special Management Zones.
- Protection Management Zone
  - Relationship between Protection Management Zone, and a proposed network of Marine Protected Areas. A subset of zones with a protection management designation will be recommended for the MPA network.
  - International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) MPA designations.
  - Marxan ecological scenarios as a basis for protection zone design.
  - MaPP process for development of Protection Management Zones.

### North Coast Communications Considerations

Presentation by Gilian Dusting, MaPP Communications Coordinator

#### Key Discussion Items

- Role of the MaPP Communications Coordinator, and current focus.
- In terms of communication within MaPP, advice was requested concerning:
  - Challenges
  - What's working
  - What's not
  - Key audiences
  - How do they best receive information
  - What information tools could help to do a better job
- Communication needs to decision makers for approval of plan.
- Communication needs of MPAC members to constituents.

### What's On Tap And Wrap Up

- Next meeting date is set for September 25-26. Location TBD. Expected topics include:
  - Review of the aspatial components of the NC plan (non-spatial objectives and strategies).
  - Review of the initial draft of the spatial components of the NC plan.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.