



Marine Planning Partnership for the Pacific North Coast (MaPP)

North Coast Marine Planning and Advisory Committee (MPAC)

General Meeting Summary

Advisory Group Meeting #5

March 19-20, 2013

Northwest Community College, 353 5th St Prince Rupert, B.C.

Objectives:

1. Share updates on MaPP, MPAC member and other related activities since last MPAC meeting.
2. Review draft objectives and strategies for key marine issues for the North Coast planning area for: (a) governance; (b) economies and communities; and (c) marine fisheries.
3. Build understanding of MaPP spatial planning tools and input datasets used to support marine spatial planning.
4. Confirm actions for next NC MPAC meeting (June 2013)

Attendance:

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| <p><u>MPAC Members:</u> Mike Ambach – Conservation Andrew Webber – Local Government (KSRD) Bill Johnson – Renewable Energy Mike Viveiros – Coastal Forestry alternate</p> | <p><u>MaPP:</u> Craig Outhet – Co-lead (NCSFNSS) Steve Kachanoski – BC Government (MFLNRO) Charlie Short – Marine Coordination Team (MaPP) Megan Dickinson – MaPP Technical Support Mairi Edgar – MaPP Technical Support Colin Rankin – MaPP Technical Support</p> |
| <p><u>Alternates and Observers:</u> Larry Goldman– Observer Des Nobels– Observer James Casey - Alternate (conservation) Clarence Nelson Senior–First Nations welcome Spencer Wood – Natural Capital Project Karin Bodtker - BCMCA</p> | <p><u>Regrets:</u> Charles Justice – Public Recreation Jamie Scarrow - Tourism Vittorio Venturini – Aquaculture Hermann Meuter – Academia Tracey Hittel – Recreational Fishing Services Jeff Beckwith – Public Recreational Fishing Andrew Webber – Local Government Michael Uehara – Tourism Dave Nicholson - Forestry</p> |

Day 1

Welcome and Updates:

- Clarence Nelson Sr. provided a welcome on behalf of First Nations.
- 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 #4 and Advice Log.

Updates

- Commercial Fishing Caucus's decision to withdraw from the MaPP process was noted. MaPP will continue to pursue input from commercial fisheries interests.
- New MPAC members were identified:
 - Charles Justice – Public Recreation
 - Mike Viverios – Coastal Forestry alternate
 - Jamie Scarrow – Tourism (Michael Uehara becomes alternate)
 - Karl Bergman – Local Government (SQCRD)

Issues, Objectives and Strategies:

- Draft objectives and strategies around a number of topics were presented.
- For each objective, participants were asked:
 - Do you feel that this set of strategies addresses the objective and supports the identified MaPP output? Is anything missing?
 - Do you have any advice or examples of actions to support implementation of the strategies (e.g., priority actions or areas, existing related and complementary projects or proposals)?
- A number of comments were received during group discussion. Key pieces are summarized below, and all comments will be used in refining plan components.

Issues, Objectives and Strategies – Fisheries

Key Discussion Items

- Infrastructure to support commercial fishing and all other marine related activity.
- Education programs and level of competencies to participate in fishing and other marine related activities, ideally with a focus on skills training to support long term employment in various fields/projects.
- First Nations FSC requirements and harvesting in marine protected areas.
- Ecological impact of fisheries and tools able to deal with impacts. Monitoring and sharing of data are important aspects.

Issues, Objectives and Strategies – Governance

Key Discussion Items

- Consistency of provincial Land Act tenuring policy in relation to engagement with First Nations.
- Legislation not considered within the existing Reconciliation Agreement between Coastal First Nations and the province.
- Structures to implement marine use plans and the establishment a network of marine protected areas.
- Role and participation of local governments.

Issues, Objectives and Strategies – Marine Economies and Communities

Key Discussion Items

- Industry economic strategic planning in relationship to ecosystem based management principles and benchmarks.
- Needs and capacity for marine based workforce requirements.
- Contribution and impact of the “non-formal marine based economy”.
- First Nations participation in the marine based economy.

Day 2

Marine Spatial Planning Tools – Building Understanding

Marxan – *presentation*

Guest speaker:

- Karin Bodtker, British Columbia Marine Conservation Analysis (BCMCA)

Key Discussion Items

- History and background of the BCMCA.
- Introduction to the Marxan model.
- Relevance and usefulness to the MaPP marine spatial planning process.
- Need to be clear and transparent regarding limitations and assumptions within the model
- The use of the BCMCA Marxan analysis for the MaPP planning area as a representation of ecologically high value areas.

Compatibility Matrix

Key Discussion Items

- Introduction to the concept of a compatibility matrix as a marine spatial planning tool.

Marine InVest – presentation

Guest speaker:

- Spencer Wood, Natural Capital Project

Key Discussion Items

- Introduction to the Marine InVest suite of models.
- Usefulness at the MaPP planning scale.

Building Understanding - Data

- A series of maps were presented in gallery format and live GIS.
- Map data represented a number of the key input datasets that will be used to inform MaPP marine spatial planning.
- Map data was reviewed for completeness, gaps, and general opinion on relatedness to the process.

Key Discussion Items

- The requirement for finer scale planning in certain areas.
- Provincial Land Act tenures

What's on tap and wrap up

- June meeting – three day June 12-14 in Prince Rupert.
- June meeting likely to involve a one day field trip.