



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

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

**General Meeting Summary - FINAL**

**Advisory Group Meeting #7**

**Sept 25-26, 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 Draft North Coast Marine Plan.
3. Review preliminary zoning and associated planning products.
4. Confirm actions for next NC MPAC meeting (November 2013).

**Products for review:**

- North Coast Marine Plan – Draft Version 1.
- Draft Recommended Uses and Activities tables and rationale for Special Management Zones
- Special Management Zones – Draft Version 1.

**Attendance:**

<u>MPAC Members:</u> Mike Ambach – Conservation (WWF) Andrew Webber – Local Government (KSRD) Dave Nicholson – Coastal Forestry Karl Bergman – Local Government (SQCRD) Charles Justice – Public Recreation Vittorio Venturini – Aquaculture	<u>MaPP:</u> Craig Outhet – Co-lead (NCSFNSS) Steve Kachanoski – Co-lead (Province of BC) Steve Diggon – Marine Coordination Team (MaPP) Megan Dickinson – MaPP Technical Support Michele Thomas – MaPP Administrative Support <b>Facilitator:</b> Colin Rankin
<u>Alternates and Observers:</u> Clarence Nelson Senior – First Nations welcome Des Nobels – Observer Sieg Kreigl – Observer Robert Bennett – Observer	<u>Regrets:</u> Bill Johnson – Renewable Energy Tracey Hittel – Recreational Fishing Services Hermann Mueter – Academia Jamie Scarrow – Tourism

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## Day 1 – Sept 25

### Welcome and Updates

- Clarence Nelson Sr. provided a welcome on behalf of First Nations.
- Agenda review and introductions of all the participants.
- Review of MPAC Meeting #6 and Advice Log.

### Updates

- New Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations is Tim Sheldan, replacing Dave Peterson who has been acting in the role since the retirement of Doug Konkin.
- New Director for the North Coast Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society is Robert Grodecki.
- Formal extension to the MaPP planning process to June 2014, including implications to MPAC members.
- General updates from members.

### North Coast Marine Plan - Draft 1 Review

First draft of the North Coast Marine Plan was presented. Participants were asked to review and provide advice on draft sections including introduction, planning approach, over-arching themes, and issue-specific management direction.

### Review Process

- Overview of general structure and expectations for MPAC review. Presentation of document review template for collecting comments and advice related to the Draft 1 North Coast Marine Plan.
- Members were asked to provide detailed comments on plan text using a provided template.

### Plan Review

- Overview of plan structure and content.
- Review and discussion of chapters included:
  - Introduction
  - Planning Approach
  - Overarching Themes
    - Ecosystem Based Management, Cumulative Effects Assessment, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
  - Issue-specific Management Direction
    - Compliance and Enforcement, Monitoring and Stewardship, Protection, Pollution, Tenured Activities (General Tenures, Renewable Energy, Aquaculture, Forestry Operations), Tourism and Recreation, Fisheries, Governance, Economy and Communities, First Nations Resource Use and Management
- See advice log for specific advice given regarding plan objectives and strategies.

**Day 2 – Sept 26**

**North Coast Marine Plan - Draft 1 Review, continued.**

**Marine Spatial Planning - Process Review**

Key Discussion Items

- Update on process and timelines for the marine spatial component of the plan. Progress since June MPAC meeting was highlighted.
- First Nations and Provincial technical staff have drafted a special management zone scenario for review, including Recommended Use and Activities tables (RUA) and rationale documentation for each zone.
- First Nations and Provincial technical staff continue to develop zones for protection management, with the intent to present these as a complete marine spatial zoning scenario (including SMZs and zones identified for MPA designation) with Draft 2 of the North Coast Plan.
- Timeline for spatial planning and how it fits into the overall timeline extension for the NC planning process.

**Marine Spatial Planning – Recommended Use and Activities (RUA) tables**

Key Discussion Items

- Development of RUA tables and how they are structured.
- Clarity around the utilization of RUA Tables in guiding tenure management decision making.
- RUA tables were reviewed for, and advice was provided on:
  - Shellfish Aquaculture
  - Renewable Energy
  - Tourism and Recreation
  - Community Economic

**Marine Spatial Planning – Special Management Zoning**

Key Discussion Items

- Rationale and impact assessments were presented for individual areas within the SMZ scenario.
- Individual areas were reviewed for, and advice was provided on:
  - Shellfish Aquaculture
  - Renewable Energy
  - Tourism and Recreation

### What's on Tap and Wrap Up

- SeaSketch will be used by MPAC members for the NC zoning review. Planning team is working to refine zoning recommendations. There will be a new tutorial available for MPAC members.
- All comments on the Draft 1 should be received by October 4<sup>th</sup>. All comments should be submitted using the review template and provide suggested revisions.
- Next meeting date is set for November. Location TBD. Expected topics include:
  - Review of the aspatial and spatial components of the NC plan.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.