



Marine Planning Partnership for the Pacific North Coast (MaPP)
**North Vancouver Island Marine Plan Advisory
Committee (MPAC)**
Final Meeting Summary

Advisory Group Meeting #1
July 9-10, 2012
Coast Discovery Inn, 975 Shoppers Row
Campbell River, BC

Objectives:

1. Meet the members of the North Vancouver Island MPAC (including alternates) and MaPP staff and contractors.
2. Provide an opportunity to understand the MaPP process, and related marine issues and opportunities.
3. Clearly set expectations.
4. Communicate current efforts and work.

Attendance:

MPAC Members and Alternates:

Jacob Etzkorn, Bill Wareham - *Conservation*
Rupert Gale –*Public Recreational Fishing*
Nick Heath, Alan Thomson – *Public Recreation*
Andrew Jones, Rick Snowdon – *Commercial Recreation*
Paul Kariya – *Renewable Energy*
Richard Opala - *Finfish Aquaculture*
Michele Patterson – *Shellfish Aquaculture*
Heidi Soltau – *Local Government(MWRD)*
Bruce Storry - *Coastal Forestry*
Harley Elias – *Recreational Fishing Services*

MaPP:

John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (Co-Chair)*
Laura Feyrer – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (Co-Chair)*
Charlie Short - *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations*
Scott Harris - *Nanwakolas staff*
Greg Johnson - *Nanwakolas staff (Day 1)*
Chris Roberts - *Nanwakolas staff (Day 2)*
Jillian Tamblyn – *MaPP contractor*
Josie Byington – *MaPP Administrator*

Special Guests:

Dallas Smith – *President, Nanwakolas Council*
Allan Lidstone - *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations*

Observers:

Kim Wright – *Living Oceans Society*

Regrets:

Jim Abrams – *Local Government (SRD)*
Resja Campfens – *Renewable Energy (Alternate)*
Lorena Hamer – *Commercial Fishing (Member)*
Brian Kingzette – *Shellfish Aquaculture (Alternate)*
Dave Morgenson – *Coastal Forestry (Alternate)*

Day 1

Welcome and Opening:

- Charlie Short provided a welcome on behalf of the Marine Coordination Team of MaPP
- The MPAC Co-Chairs (Laura Feyrer and John Bones) provided a welcome on behalf of the North Vancouver Island Technical Team.
- Dallas Smith provided a welcome on behalf of Nanwakolas Council member First Nations and the MaPP Working Group.
- Allan Lidstone provided a welcome on behalf of the Province of B.C. and the MaPP Working Group.
- Charlie Short reviewed agenda.
- The meeting participants introduced themselves (including alternates, staff and observers).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Participation of First Nations not part of the Nanwakolas Council: both province and Nawakolas have communicated with other First Nations; MaPP agreements are with Nanwakolas member Nations.

Introduction to MaPP:

- Charlie presented background to the MaPP initiative and accomplishments to date, including key agreements and the MaPP organization (*presentation to be distributed*).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Plan scope with respect to fisheries management: jurisdiction limits the scope of fishery management outputs in the NVI Plan.
2. Upland boundary of the plan: will extend from high water mark, and will consider adjacent upland zones, bylaws and tenures.
3. Extent of federal-provincial collaboration on the plan: federal departments have been invited to participate and provide comments on MaPP products.
4. Stability of the MaPP initiative: agreements are in place for funding and collaboration.

MaPP and North Vancouver Island Linkages:

- Scott presented information on Nanwakolas marine community and aggregated planning work and its intended use in the NVI Plan (*presentation to be distributed*).
- Charlie presented information on current and past provincial government marine and land use planning processes and MaPP and how they will be integrated (*presentation to be distributed*).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Use of member First Nation plans: They will be used to inform the development of plan products with the province, reviewed by MPAC.
2. Geographic gaps in NVI, including Scott and Triangle Islands: these are covered by other processes or else outside Nanwakolas member nation plan areas.
3. MaPP plan hierarchy and relationship with other planning processes: PNCIMA linkages still exist, and complementarity of outputs at regional level is desired.
4. Difference in technical approach between PNCIMA and MaPP: PNCIMA is a risk management approach and MaPP applies a future state approach.
5. Effect on existing provincial plans: MaPP NVI Plan could result in updates to existing coastal plans.

Role of Advisory Group and Meeting Schedule Review:

- Laura provided an overview of the roles and expectations for the MPAC, as per the NVI MPAC terms of reference (*presentation to be distributed*).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. The regional advisory committee vs MPAC: RMAC is not intended to over-ride MPAC advice; regional outputs will be different than sub-regional outputs.
2. Distributing meeting materials: staff may set up a drop-box for MPAC, as well as using website.
3. MaPP expense claim procedure: allows for the either the MPAC representative or alternate to attend a meeting, not both, with the exception of this initial meeting.
4. Funding of experts: funds would be provided through stakeholder support fund grant, but permission would be required to bring technical experts to address an MPAC meeting.
5. Documentation of comments: An “advice log” will be maintained, and distributed for tracking member feedback on draft products.
6. *See Advice Log for details on advice given regarding MaPP Process and Meetings.*

Day 2

Building Understanding:

- Members and alternates described their sectors/ areas of interest and opportunities and challenges provided by the MaPP initiative.
- Members commented on the question “What would an effective North Vancouver Island Marine Plan look like to you? “

Opportunities/ Challenges Identified:

1. Address competing uses.
2. Provide necessary foreshore and upland access to resources and areas.
3. Identify important areas for recreational fishing in MPAs.
4. Consider ancillary use requirements (transmission lines, infrastructure, local community services).
5. Accommodate new users, such as commercial tourism.
6. Reduce/ streamline tenure approval and regulatory bodies.
7. Address industry growth and diversification.
8. Develop new best practices and regulations for industry.
9. Maintain ecological health.
10. Address climate change, ocean health and the changing global environment.
11. Draw on previous plans and studies (Limits to Growth).
12. Address safety provisions.
13. Provide approaches to recreation site maintenance and monitoring.
14. Develop a science based plan with integrated, adaptive management and EBM framework.
15. Integrate of national MPA strategy with MaPP.
16. Address changing global economy, capital, branding, social licence, and other industry vulnerabilities.
17. Address opportunities for capitalization, branding, marketing, local processing, and food security.
18. Implement new technology and accommodate science in management practices.

EBM Definition and Principles:

- Charlie provided an overview of ecosystem based management definition and principles adopted from previous planning work, mainly PNCIMA (*presentation to be distributed*).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Incorporation of PNCIMA work: will be reflected in MaPP planning outputs.
2. Availability: definition will be posted on MaPP website.

Draft Plan Topics:

John provided an overview of the MaPP outputs currently under consideration (*presentation to be distributed*).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Fisheries marketing opportunities: this will be expanded to include other industries, or removed. Where marketing efforts are already underway, the plan would validate or reinforces them.
2. Limitation to “shore based tenures”: the strategies and designations will reflect upland interests and needs.
3. Marine pollution: the scope of this topic is being developed, but focuses on marine spills and areas requiring remediation.
4. Information exchange between advisory groups: This will be accomplished through representation and through posting of meeting summaries, as well as sector participation in these bodies.
5. Scope of PNCIMA SECOA and EBM Framework : These documents apply at regional level and will be used as a basis for more detailed NVI work.
6. Human well being: This topic will be expanded as the plan is developed, for it includes many specific sub-topics.
7. Climate change scope: This will be focused on changes affecting NVI, and how to respond to them..
8. *See advice log for details on advice given regarding draft outputs table.*

Base Case Introduction:

Jillian provided an overview of the draft base case document that will be used to describe the current conditions for plan components, focusing on nine feature examples (*presentation to be distributed*).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Rationale for selecting the features in the base case: clarification will be provided in next draft, including the initial list of features considered.
2. Scope of marine tourism: noted that support services like hotels and restaurants are not currently included.
3. Map resolution and content: noted that features on maps need to be easy to see; some communities are missing; data sources are not referenced.
4. Water quality: noted that other metrics addressing water quality are not included.
5. Census data: noted that population numbers and sources need to be improved.
6. Shellfish industry: noted that the base case implies the industry is larger than it really is.
7. Upland areas and the impact of other uses, opportunities and risks associated for the marine environment: noted that this information is not currently provided.
8. Recent regulatory changes: noted that recent changes (last six months) are currently not included.
9. Additional base case comments: requested advice be provided by members by Aug. 3.

10. See advice log for details on advice given regarding the draft base case for NVI.

CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned 4pm.
- Next meeting to be held September 27-28 in Campbell River, and linked to a public open house in Campbell River.