



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

Advisory Group Meeting #4
January 22-23, 2013
Maritime Heritage Centre, 621 Island Highway
Campbell River, B.C.

Objectives:

1. Review and discussion of Conditions and Trends documents
2. Introduction, review and discussion of draft Plan issues, objectives and strategies
3. Introduction, review and discussion of Zoning Framework
4. MaPP Initiative updates

Attendance:

MPAC Members and Alternates:

Jacob Etzkorn, Bill Wareham - *Conservation*
Nick Heath – *Public Recreation*
Andrew Jones [part of Day 1] – *Commercial Recreation*
Ellen Bird – *Renewable Energy*
Richard Opala [Day 1] - *Finfish Aquaculture*
Michele Patterson – *Shellfish Aquaculture*
Heidi Soltau – *Local Government (MWRD)*
Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*
Bruce Storry, Jonathan Armstrong [Day 1] - *Coastal Forestry*
Lorena Hamer, Dan Edwards – *Commercial Fishing*

MaPP:

John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (Co-Chair)*
Matthew Justice – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (Co-Chair)*
Scott Harris - *Nanwakolas staff*
Bill Zinovich – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations*
Jillian Tamblyn – *MaPP contractor*
Josie Byington – *MaPP administrator*

Regrets:

Dwayne Mustard – *Recreational Fishing Services*

Day 1

Welcome and Opening:

- John Bones and Matthew Justice, MPAC Co-Chairs, welcomed the group on behalf of the North Vancouver Island Technical Team and the Marine Working Group Committee.
- Introductions were made around the table (including alternates, staff and observers).
- John reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. A facilitator will attend future NVI MPAC meetings to manage conversations and advice on draft spatial designations and draft versions of the NVI Plan.
2. Use of “final” in C&T and IOS document filenames indicates final draft. These documents will be incorporated into the draft Plan and so formats and titles may be amended.

Planning Updates and Advice Review:

- Matthew reviewed the MPAC membership list.
- John reported on the meeting summary for MPAC#3, and reiterated the purpose of the summary.
- John/Matthew reported on new studies/contracts underway by consultants for MaPP: review of marine infrastructure; oil spill response times; Implementation Financing contract; Decision Support Tool contract; upcoming work on EBM Indicators.
- John reported on the Regional Monitoring and Enforcement Framework being developed by MaPP.
- Matthew reported on the first RMAC meeting, December 10, in Richmond and the next RMAC meeting to be held March 4, in Richmond.
- MPAC members reported on activities in their sectors, their workload related to MaPP, and other relevant issues.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. The C&T and IOS documents are not being updated right away, but advice received from stakeholders will be considered and reflected when these drafts are incorporated into a draft Plan.
2. Clarification that Sub-regional MPACs will have an opportunity to review and comment on Indicators being developed at the regional level.
3. Clarification that the RMAC does work of regional scope, addressing topics not addressed in sub-regional plans, and does not evaluate the sub-regional plans.
4. Sectors can make a request to Nanwakolas Council to view the Ha-ma-yas plan and /or meet with Nanwakolas staff to discuss this First Nations' plan, which is a basis for Nanwakolas input to the joint planning work.
5. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Review & Discussion of New Draft Material:

Aquaculture

- Matthew reviewed the C&T document, and comments were received from stakeholders
- Bill reviewed the Strategies document, and comments were received from stakeholders.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Comments on the C&T document included: corrections to maps; clarification on tenure applications; timeframes for statistical analysis; Cohen Report; marine plant aquaculture (mariculture) activities; legislative transition in aquaculture industries.
2. **Technical Team to refine presentation of data on aquaculture for plan development.**
3. **Technical Team to include relevant information from Cohen Report when drafting the Plan.**
4. Comments on the Strategies document included: compatibility of clam gardens and recreation; impacts of aquaculture; clarification that assessing conflicting uses is part of environmental assessment processes; Cohen recommendations; cumulative effects; sustainability certification programs; collaboration among sectors; differentiation of two aquaculture sectors; mariculture.
5. Clarification that bilateral discussions among stakeholders are encouraged, especially for Plan review purposes.
6. **Technical Team to address provisions for resolving conflicts, and will revise strategies accordingly.**
7. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding aquaculture documents.*

Lunch

Review & Discussion of New Draft Material (continued):

Log Handling

- Jillian reviewed the C&T document, and comments were received from stakeholders.
- Scott reviewed the Strategies document, and comments were received from stakeholders.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Comments on the C&T document included: clarification that earlier feedback on this document will be considered; and two maps are being produced by Forestry.
2. **Bruce to provide maps to Technical Team.**

3. Comments on the Strategies document included: commercial fisheries and log dumps; local benefit/employment; terminology; DFO assessment process; heli-drops and impacts; remediation of areas of high biodiversity or that include species of concern; reactivation of old sites; active vs. inactive sites; underwater debris; shared use.
4. **Jacob to provide information on acoustic studies.**
5. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding marine pollution documents.*

Energy

- Jillian reviewed the C&T document, and comments were received from stakeholders.
- Bill reviewed Strategies document, and comments were received from stakeholders.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Comments on the C&T document included: need to include more recent data; clarification that document addresses offshore wind; costs of offshore power; BC Energy Plan; transmission access; public vs. private lines; tidal energy proponents; local government zoning; EA process; seabird colonies at the north end of Vancouver Island.
2. **Ellen to send written comments.**
3. Comments on the Strategies document included: terminology -*stakeholders* rather than *local community*; local government; terrestrial components; *key species*; diesel dependent communities and renewable energy development; proactive strategies; conservation of energy.
4. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding the energy documents.*

Infrastructure

- John reviewed the C&T document, and comments were received from stakeholders.
- Scott reviewed the Strategies document, and comments were received from stakeholders.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Feedback received regarding request from consultant (Hemmera) to stakeholders re: marine infrastructure contract.
2. **Co-leads to contact Science Coordinator over concerns with request by consultant.**
3. General comments on the Strategies document included: definition of *infrastructure*; private and public infrastructure; overlap with marine pollution paper; shellfish aquaculture inspection; availability of fuel on the coast; terminology; zoning.
4. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding infrastructure documents.*

Day 1 wrap and look ahead to Day 2:

- John summarized the main items discussed on Day 1.
- Adjourned at 4 pm

Day 2

Day 2 welcome and agenda outline:

- John summarized the Day 1 discussions and reviewed the Day 2 agenda.

Review & Discussion of New Draft Material:

Collaborative Management and Governance

- Jillian reviewed the C&T document, and comments were received from stakeholders.
- Scott reviewed Strategies document, and comments were received from stakeholders.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Comments on the C&T document included: recent changes in federal legislation; Wild Salmon Policy; local government; corrections to maps; professional accountability; integrated advisory boards for fishing; governance reform; terminology.
2. Comments on the Strategies document include: system gaps and goals of the plan; EBM; job creation and economic diversification; use of professionals; collaboration between governments of all types; integrated management.
3. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding the collaborative management and governance documents.*

Monitoring and Enforcement

- Bill reviewed Strategies document, and comments were received from stakeholders.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Comments made on Strategies included: centralization and violation reporting; Coastal Guardian Watchmen; educational programs; funding; monitoring for SARA-listed species; alternative monitoring opportunities; training and coastal; performance indicators; adaptive zoning.
2. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding the monitoring and enforcement documents.*

Marine Research and Education

- Jillian reviewed the C&T document, and comments were received from stakeholders.
- Scott reviewed Strategies document, and comments were received from stakeholders.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Comments made on the C&T document included: connection of C&T and Strategies; research gaps; declining funding for research; training and outsourcing information; scope of the paper.
2. **Michele to send information about student transferability between VI institutions.**
3. **Technical Team to add strategies on training.**
4. Comments made on Strategies document included: education; sub-regional consistency; hands-on training; citizen science; research undertaken at alternative “stations”; climate change impacts on SARA-listed species; local government; inventory of research done or underway; adaptive management related to tenure allocation; training in communities; educational programs.
5. **Technical Team to develop a research inventory.**
6. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding marine research and education documents.*

Lunch

Review & Discussion of New Draft Material (continued):

Communities and Economy

- Jillian reviewed the Demographics C&T document, and comments were received from stakeholders.
- Bill reviewed Strategies document, and comments were received from stakeholders.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Comments on the C&T document included: Statistics Canada data; use of statistics; VIHA data.
2. **Technical Team to clarify source of Regional District data.**
3. Comments on the Strategies document included: training programs for youth; distribution of local seafood; transmission infrastructure for renewable energy development; thresholds and limits for industries; new species related to climate change; carbon footprint; local communities; scope of strategies; Ocean Certification Blue Ribbon panel; processing infrastructure and climate change impacts; local food safety inspection; subsidies for processing and food safety infrastructure.
4. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding the communities and economy documents.*

Zoning Framework for Spatial Designations

- John presented an overview of the Zoning Framework for Spatial Designations.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Comments on the Zoning Framework included: use of BCMCA Marxan analysis; corrections to maps; Food-Social-Ceremonial use; legislative tools for zones; IUCN categories; new types of conservancies; timing; shipping lanes; scale of zoning.
2. **Jim to provide Technical Team with correct SRD zoning areas.**
3. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding the zoning framework.*

Meeting wrap up & Take-aways:

- John summarized the topics covered on Day 2.
- The meeting summary will be distributed within 2 weeks.
- Stakeholder feedback requested in 2 weeks on draft materials presented at the meeting.

CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned 3:15 pm.
- Next meeting to be held March 6-7, 2013 in Campbell River, at the Maritime Heritage Centre.