



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

***Advisory Group Meeting #6***  
**June 5-6, 2013**  
**Painter's Lodge, 1621 McDonald Road**  
**Campbell River, B.C.**

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**Objectives:**

1. To review process updates and past meeting notes
2. To present and discuss aspatial and spatial components of the first draft of the NVI Plan
3. To introduce and provide an orientation of the marine spatial planning tool (SeaSketch) for use by MPAC members

## Attendance:

### MPAC Members and Alternates:

Jacob Etzkorn, Bill Wareham - *Conservation*  
Alan Thomson – *Public Recreation*  
Rick Snowdon, Jamie Scarrow – *Commercial Recreation*  
Richard Opala, Dave Minato [Day 1] - *Finfish Aquaculture*  
Heidi Soltau, Doug Aberley – *Local Government (MWRD)*  
Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*  
Bruce Storry - *Coastal Forestry*  
Dwayne Mustard – *Recreational Fishing Services*

### MaPP:

Merv Child [Day 1] - *Nanwakolas Council (Marine Working Group)*  
Charlie Short – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (Marine Coordination Team)*  
John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (Technical Team Co-Chair)*  
Matthew Justice – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (Technical Team Co-Chair)*  
Scott Harris - *Nanwakolas staff*  
Greg Johnson - *Nanwakolas staff*  
Jo Smith – *MaPP science coordinator*  
Jillian Tamblyn – *MaPP Technical Team contractor*  
Josie Byington – *MaPP administrator*

**Facilitator:** Colin Rankin

### Regrets:

Ellen Bird, Paul Kariya, Bill Johnson – *Renewable Energy*  
Brian Kingzette, Michele Patterson – *Shellfish Aquaculture*

## Day 1

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### Welcome and Opening:

- John Bones and Matthew Justice welcomed the group on behalf of the North Vancouver Island Technical Team.
- Merv Child welcomed the group on behalf of the Marine Working Group Committee, acknowledging the meeting as a milestone for the draft NVI sub-regional marine plan, and thanking everyone for their hard work. He noted that the draft plan still requires vetting through higher levels of government.
- Introductions were made around the table (including alternates, staff and observers).
- Matthew reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting.

### Advice Review and Updates:

- John reviewed the MPAC membership list. Jamie Scarrow was introduced as the MaPP Commercial Tourism coordinator.

- Matthew provided an overview of the meeting summary for MPAC#5.
- John reported on updates to the advice log, indicating it has been split into two logs: one recording advice on the background Current Conditions and Trends information, and the other recording advice on the draft marine plan document contents.
- Jo provided an update on MaPP outputs and contracts underway, focusing on: Marine Planning Portal; Regional planning tools – Zoning Framework, Vulnerability Matrix, Compatibility Matrix, Indicators for Implementation and Monitoring; Climate Change Risk and Adaptation; Infrastructure.
- Matthew reported on RMAC updates and that next meeting will be in October, 2013.
- John highlighted possible modifications to the MaPP timeline to approximately March 2014.
- John described expectations for the September 9 MPAC in Port McNeill and September 10 field trip.
- John indicated open houses will likely be scheduled in communities in October, in consultation with local government reps.
- MPAC members reported on activities in their sectors, activities and challenges related to information sharing with their sectors, and other relevant issues.

#### **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

- 1. Bruce to share new forestry maps and data sets within a week.**
2. Jacob is moving to another job and will train a replacement who will attend the next MPAC meeting.
3. Suggestion for MaPP to make presentations to Regional Districts when plan is nearer completion.
4. Sector reps to advise Technical Team of willingness to remain involved in process until March 2014.
5. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

## **Review & Discussion: Plan Table of Contents**

### *Overview*

- John presented a high level overview of the Plan table of contents.

### *Chapter synopsis, highlights, gaps, changes*

- Matthew provided details on “front matter” and Chapter 1.
- Jillian provided an overview of content of Chapters 2 and 3.
- Scott provided highlights of Chapters 4 and 5.
- John provided highlights of Chapter 6 and 7.

#### **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

1. Parts of Chapter 2 will end up in a separate document which may be an appendix to the final plan.
2. An executive summary (or separate summary plan) will likely be produced.
3. The PNCIMA EBM vision & goal language may be included in front matter and / or Chapter 4.
4. Clarification provided about which First Nations are part of Nanwakolas Council, and discussion of shared and core territories.
5. Clarification about how advice about the vision was incorporated.
6. Clarification of chapter 6 plan review and appeals; and the Implementation Monitoring Committee would be comprised of the same MPAC sectors.
- 7. Request for stakeholder input to populate the plan assessment table.**
8. MaPP is pursuing funding options for implementation as part of planning phase.
9. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding plan table of contents and chapter text.*

## Lunch

### Review & Discussion: Objectives and Strategies

*Draft plan objectives and strategies: highlights, changes, gaps*

- Jillian presented Community & Economy, Marine Infrastructure, Marine Pollution.
- Scott presented Conservation & Protection, Cultural and Heritage Resources, Marine Recreation and Tourism.
- John presented Log Handling & Storage, Aquaculture, Energy, Fisheries.
- Matthew presented Governance & Collaborative Management, Regulatory Compliance & Enforcement, Research and Education.

#### **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

1. **The report on regional marine pollution prepared by consultants for MaPP will be made available to RMAC and MPAC members and alternates in Dropbox.**
2. Clarification that time and space conflicts are addressed in zoning designations, rather than in strategies.
3. Clarification that capability and suitability issues are addressed in zoning designations.
4. Strategies related to shellfish aquaculture and finfish aquaculture will continue to be located in one Aquaculture section, but strategies for each could be lumped separately.
5. Discussion about distinguishing between guided recreational fishing and self-guided recreational fishing, and nesting recreational fishing under tourism.
6. Clarification that run-of-river energy projects and on-land wind farms are not addressed in the marine plan.
7. Clarification that a final draft plan will be circulated to all interested stakeholders for comment, even if they are not participating in MaPP.
8. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding zoning uses and activities, and definitions of uses and activities documents.*

### Review & Discussion: Area Specific Management Direction

*Overview of the area specific management direction; highlights, supporting tables; advice used*

- John presented the proposed zoning approach and general management statements.
- Matthew presented the accompanying tables: recommended activities and uses; descriptions of activities and uses; capability and suitability; advice used.

#### **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

1. Discussion about clear intent in zones (e.g., economic development, conservation), and IUCN categories, and the need for clear descriptions.
2. Discussion about review of finfish aquaculture tenure applications.
3. Discussion about inclusion of Cohen report recommendations in the plan; and clarification that work is being done to review Cohen Report recommendations for inclusion in the draft plan.
4. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding the area specific management direction and tables.*

### *Overview of Zones and Planning*

- Scott provided an overview of draft maps; area map; identified zones; SMZs, planning units; and application of IUCN categories.

#### **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

1. Clarified intention of “Conditional statements”
2. Clarified general management statements, and how apply to all zones.
3. Clarification of how will use “Recommended Uses and Activities” table for management direction and intent in PMZ, and will assign IUCN category which will give an additional level of direction.
4. Discussion of process how creating sub-zones from “Planning Units”
5. *See advice log for specific advice given zones and planning.*

### **Day 1 wrap and look ahead to Day 2:**

- Colin reviewed key issues recorded through the afternoon, and reviewed the agenda for Day 2.
- Adjourned at 4:30 pm

## **Day 2**

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### **Day 2 welcome and agenda outline:**

- Matthew reviewed the Day 2 agenda.

### **Review & Discussion: Zoning Maps**

#### *Approach & methodology to maps, Boundaries, Discussion on Maps*

- Greg presented the approach and methodology (steps used to develop the maps).
- Scott described planning units.

#### **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

1. Preliminary zoning reflects efforts to reconcile the existing Ha-ma-yas and BC Coastal Plans. Other data layers have not yet been included, e.g., Marxan data.
2. Discussion on definitions of “Recommended” and “Conditional” in the Special Management Zone, and intent of the terms in the table, and the expectations the terms set up for tenure applicants.
- 3. Request for sectors to identify conditions/provisions that are important for them, for consideration for inclusion into the table.**
4. Clarification that a compatibility matrix will be presented as an appendix to the plan.
5. Clarification about the level of scale and detail in the marine plan.
6. Discussion about acknowledging that activities under federal jurisdiction occur within the plan area.
7. Clarification about how finfish aquaculture is addressed in the plan.
8. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding the approach to preliminary zoning.*

## Marine Spatial Planning Tool (SeaSketch)

### *Presentation of the marine spatial planning tool*

- Matthew described purpose of the marine spatial planning tool – provide zoning recommendations.
- Jo demonstrated the marine spatial planning tool.

### **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

1. **Request for MPAC to advise if community names are missing from MSP tool data.**
2. Clarification that the SeaSketch tool belongs to University of California Santa Barbara and MaPP has a license to use SeaSketch for 5 years; after that the MaPP Implementation body will decide on the future of the tool and data.
3. Clarification that MPAC members and alternates can see proprietary layers, but not public users.
4. MPAC will receive usernames and passwords in mid-June. Usernames and passwords are not to be shared. MPAC can demonstrate the marine spatial planning tool to their constituents, not to the public (because of proprietary data layers).
5. GIS contractor (Coastal Resources Mapping) is scheduled to update tenure layer every 2 weeks.
6. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding the marine spatial planning tool.*

## Lunch

## Review & Discussion: Roundtable discussions

### *General discussion and input from stakeholders*

### **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

1. Comments included: recommended changes to maps; add objectives addressing the impacts of users on protected areas; add objectives addressing temporal conflicts; improved language for describing upland areas; clarification about changes in Nanwakolas Council membership; need for more distinction between types of zones; improved format for tables;
2. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding the data overlay exercise.*

## Meeting wrap up & Assignments

- John summarized the topics covered both days.
- Stakeholder feedback on the plan and recommended zoning deadline has been extended to the third week of July. The NVI Team then has 1 month to incorporate comments before distributing a second draft of the preliminary plan.
- NVI Team is available for mapping meetings by request.
- NVI Team will continue to incorporate advice from the Advice Log into Chapter 2 (or relevant document/chapter).
- MaPP will send out instructions on accessing the marine spatial planning tool - anticipate mid-June.

## CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned 3:30 pm.

- Next meeting to be held September 9, 2013 in Port McNeill, at Black Bear Resort, 9:30 am. A field trip will be held September 10, departing Mackay's Whale Watching in Port McNeill at 10:00 am.