



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

***Advisory Group Meeting #3***  
**November 28-29, 2012**  
**Maritime Heritage Centre, 621 Island Highway**  
**Campbell River, B.C.**

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**Objectives:**

1. Review draft plan Vision Statement, and draft Conditions and Trends documents
2. Introduction, review and discussion of draft plan issues, objectives and strategies for:
  - EBM
  - Climate Change
  - Marine Pollution
  - Marine Conservation and Protection
  - Cultural and Heritage Resources
  - Marine Recreation & Tourism
  - Commercial, Recreational & First Nations' Fisheries
3. MaPP Initiative updates

## Attendance:

### MPAC Members and Alternates:

Jacob Etkorn, Panos Grames - *Conservation*  
Alan Thomson, Nick Heath – *Public Recreation*  
Rick Snowdon – *Commercial Recreation*  
Ellen Bird – *Renewable Energy*  
Richard Opala [Day 1], David Minato - *Finfish Aquaculture*  
Brian Kingzett – *Shellfish Aquaculture*  
Heidi Soltau – *Local Government (MWRD)*  
Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*  
Bruce Storry, Jonathan Armstrong - *Coastal Forestry*  
Dwayne Mustard – *Recreational Fishing Services*  
Lorena Hamer – *Commercial Fishing*

### Special Guests:

Craig Sutherland – Assistant Deputy Minister,  
*Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations*  
Jonn Braman, Laura Feyer – *Federal-Provincial Tsunami Debris Coordinating Committee*

### 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*

### Observers:

Mairi Edgar, *MaPP contractor* [part of Day 2]

### Regrets:

Rupert Gale – *Public Recreational Fishing*

## Day 1

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### Welcome and Opening:

- John Bones and Matthew Justice, MPAC Co-Chairs, welcomed the group on behalf of the North Vancouver Island Technical Team.
- Introductions were made around the table, (including alternates, staff and observers).
- Craig Sutherland, ADM for FLNRO thanked the table for their participation in the MaPP process on behalf of the Province.
- Josie reviewed meeting and venue logistics.
- John reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting.
- Roundtable introductions were given

### Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion was held on meeting overlap with other sub-regional MPAC meetings, and it was reiterated that overlaps will be avoided as much as possible.

### Planning Updates and Advice Review:

- Matthew reviewed the MPAC membership list and welcomed new Alternates.
- John provided updates on the Stakeholder Support Fund (SSF).

- Matthew reviewed the Dropbox process, and Jacob noted that it is possible to download an entire folder into a zip file.
- John reported on the meeting summary for MPAC#2, and clarified the purpose of the summary as well as how advice is captured in the advice log.
- John reported on the upcoming RMAC membership and first meeting, Dec. 10 in Richmond.
- John reported on new studies underway by consultants for MaPP: marine pollution and marine infrastructure.
- John and Matthew provided information on Open Houses in Port McNeil, October 3, and Port Hardy, October 4, 2012.

**Items Discussed and Clarified:**

1. Stakeholders may submit expenses incurred for MPAC#1 & 2 to SSF, and SSF contracts are 1 year in duration and will be considered for renewal.
2. The advice log captures both verbal and written feedback. Advice will be evaluated, and addressed either directly through action, or indirectly as part of a draft plan that combines all the specific papers that are being presented at MPAC meetings.
3. Sub-regions are developing individual vision statements and a Regional vision statement is not anticipated.
4. RMAC meetings are expected to include workshops where needed, and will normally be 2 day meetings.
5. Some sectors have information on marine pollution that may be useful to the marine pollution contract.
6. **The Technical Team will provide to the marine pollution project contractor any information received by sectors.**
7. *See advice log regarding comments on marine transportation sector representation on NVI MPAC and the process to include them.*

**Review & Discussion of New Draft Material:**

*Revised Vision Statement*

- Scott reviewed the process used at MPAC#2 to develop the revised vision statement and read the document.
- Stakeholders offered comment.
- Further written feedback invited.

**Items Discussed and Clarified:**

1. Suggestions received around shortening the vision statement, the use of terms, and considering plan goals. **Written feedback was requested from MPAC.**
2. *See advice log for advice given regarding edits to the vision statement.*

*EBM – Issues, Objectives & Strategies*

- Bill presented the EBM Strategies document.
- Stakeholders offered comment.

**Items Discussed and Clarified:**

1. Discussion held about the scope of the draft EBM objectives and strategies, and whether this fits into the plan's general management objectives and strategies.

2. **The Technical Team committed to move EBM section to be an overarching component of the marine plan.**
3. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding EBM.*

#### *Climate Change – Conditions & Trends; Issues, Objectives & Strategies*

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

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

1. Clarification given about the map on sensitivity to sea level rise and data sources used.
2. SRD has detailed mapping for emergency planning; **Technical Team will contact SRD GIS department for emergency planning data and vulnerability assessment information.**
3. Comments on the C&T document included information on geostatic rebound, extreme weather events, ocean acidification, sources for ocean condition data, and mitigation for ocean acidification.
4. Comments about Strategies document included the need for alignment of federal and provincial guidelines with regional guidelines, rewording text for clarity, vulnerability assessment, proactive approach to reduce impacts of climate change, marine industries with lower carbon footprints, scale of impacts.
5. Discussion around awareness of climate change at various jurisdictional levels.
6. **Brian K will send a link to WA State 42 recommendations on mitigation for ocean acidification.**
7. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding climate change documents.*

#### **Lunch and Special Presentation: BC's Tsunami Debris Management Plan**

- Jonn Braman and Laura Feyer, Federal-Provincial Tsunami Debris Coordinating Committee

#### **Review & Discussion of New Draft Material (continued):**

##### *Marine Pollution*

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

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

1. General comments on the C&T document included data sources for effects of acoustic pollution on marine mammals, forestry ocean dumping sites, forestry activity, Cohen Commission recommendations around pollution.
2. General comments on the Strategies document included use of the term “mitigation,” responsibility for derelict vessels, public education, costs funding required for assessment, greater clarity in text around limits, identification of critical habitat areas, sewage treatment facilities and boat waste dumping, emergency response, jurisdiction, environmental assessment,
3. **Technical Team to research forestry ocean dumping site data.**
4. **Technical Team to research dumping of boat waste.**
5. General discussion topics included funding for plan implementation, assessments, timelines in strategies.
6. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding marine pollution documents.*

### *Marine Conservation & Protection*

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

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

1. Comments on the C&T document included additional items to include such as targets, IUCN definitions, changes to display of data on the map, the percentage of coast in protected areas, rationale for MPAs.
2. Clarification over scope of marine park and regional provincial park.
3. Comments on the Strategies document included updating now that aquaculture is a fishery under federal legislation, rationale for MPAs, addition of local government to strategies, activities in protected areas such as log towing, costs and importance of monitoring, promotion of parks to public, park watch programs, identify goal for representation of habitat, consideration of budgets when rolling out MPAs, clarification on intent of temporary protection, clarity on use of conservancies and other available tools.
4. **Technical Team will do further work to expand on ICCA tools.**
5. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding marine conservation & protection 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**

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

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

### **Review & Discussion of New Draft Material:**

#### *Cultural & Heritage Resources – Conditions & Trends; Issues, Objectives & Strategies*

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

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

1. Comments on the C&T document included discussion of the *Heritage Act*, role for the plan in addressing decision-making process for protection, zoning, local government process to identify heritage areas, lighthouses.
2. Comments on the Strategies document included ways to provide better information about locations of heritage sites to landowners and industry, guardian watchmen and other opportunities for monitoring personnel, guidelines for cultural designation, database of sites, incorporation of non-aboriginal sites, method prioritizing sites, capacity of FN to respond to requests, need for FN to agree to stories and site locations that can be shared with the public and personnel/places to distribute that information, opportunities for FN employment in tourism.
3. Technical Team will clarify point about shipwrecks, look at SRD zoning for heritage areas, and include a strategy that deals with protocol for engagement with FNs.
4. Request to stakeholders to share information on cannery sites and resources/mapping products to identify heritage sites.

5. See advice log for specific advice given regarding cultural and heritage resources documents.

*Marine Recreation & Tourism – Conditions & Trends; Issues, Objectives & Strategies*

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

**Items Discussed and Clarified:**

1. Comments made on the C&T document included clarification over data sources for tables, limitations of tourism studies, consistency around including FN territories, marketing the area, addition of specific locations, clarification needed on Table 4, importance of ranking priorities when the plan is written and links to information sources.
2. **Technical Team to refine data presentation in tables**
3. **NVI to check on map boundaries re: Homalco FN lands.**
4. **Dwayne will look for improved client base data.**
5. **Rick to contribute diving and wildlife sites, kayak camps, kayak routes.**
6. Comments made on Strategies included expanding economic development strategies to additional sectors, clarification on the term “sea garden,” the safe anchorage system, suggestion to see what resources Destination BC has available, consideration of different ways to look at managing ecosystems and ecotourism, tenure considerations, including the concept of natural infrastructure, opening dialogue with area organizations to ID sensitive areas, use of signage at sensitive sites.
7. General comments around need to easily access information about neighbouring tenure holders, and information about Geo BC and Front Counter BC.
8. **NIV Team to clarify “sea garden” term.**
9. See advice log for specific advice given regarding marine recreation and tourism documents.

## Lunch

### Review & Discussion of New Draft Material (continued):

*Commercial, Recreational & First Nations’ Fisheries – Conditions & Trends; Issues, Objectives & Strategies*

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

**Items Discussed and Clarified:**

1. Comments on the C&T document included adding the concept of food security as a value; presentation of map data; clarifications to text; corrections to data; clarification on use of farm gate value, landed value, ex-vessel; improvements to maps; clarification on fishery card numbers.
2. Comments on the Strategies document included addition of youth training programs, suggestion to study the Cohen Report recommendations around ocean ranching; discussion around branding of local products; already established sustainable certifications; habitat restoration/rebuilding; inclusion of aquaculture (a fishery) in the strategies; use of term “facilitate” in economic development strategies.
3. **Jillian to follow up with Dwayne around information he can supply on training and education requirements**
4. **Jillian to revisit Table 8 & 9 to improve clarity**
5. **Technical Team to improve maps**
6. **Jillian to send the Christensen study to Lorena.**

7. See advice log for specific advice given regarding commercial, recreational and First Nations fisheries documents.

### **Overview of Provincial Tenuring Process:**

- Bill presented an overview of the Provincial tenuring process.
- Discussion followed.
- Link to tenuring web site:  
[www.for.gov.bc.ca/Land\\_Tenures/crown\\_land\\_application\\_information/policies.html](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/Land_Tenures/crown_land_application_information/policies.html)

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

1. Definition of submerged land; clarification over investigative permits; tenure renewals; inclusion of local government in the renewal process; notifications to existing tenure holders

### **Meeting wrap up & Assignments:**

- John summarized the topics covered on Day 2.
- The meeting summary will be distributed within 2 weeks.
- Stakeholder feedback requested in 3 weeks on draft materials presented at the meeting.
- **The Advice Log prior to MPAC#3 to be added to the Dropbox in a few days for review;** verbal advice will be added to the Advice Log, and written comments as received.

### **CLOSURE:**

- Meeting adjourned 3:15 pm.
- Next meeting to be held January 22-23, 2013 in Campbell River, at the Maritime Heritage Centre.