



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

Advisory Group Meeting #2
September 27-28, 2012
Coast Discovery Inn, 975 Shoppers Row
Campbell River, B.C.

Objectives:

1. Update MPAC members on activities since MPAC meeting #1.
2. Review and obtain feedback on components of NVI Marine Plan.
3. Round table discussion of desired future state from sectors and the potential role of the NVI Plan in their achievement.
4. Introduction to Issues, Objectives and Strategies approach.
5. Confirm next MPAC meeting dates and agenda topics.

Attendance:

MPAC Members and Alternates:

Jacob Etzkorn, Bill Wareham - *Conservation*
Rupert Gale –*Public Recreational Fishing*
Alan Thomson – *Public Recreation*
Andrew Jones, Rick Snowdon – *Commercial Recreation*
Ellen Bird – *Renewable Energy [Day 2]*
David Minato - *Finfish Aquaculture*
Michele Patterson – *Shellfish Aquaculture*
Heidi Soltau – *Local Government (MWRD)*
Bruce Storry - *Coastal Forestry*
Dwayne Mustard – *Recreational Fishing Services*
Lorena Hamer – *Commercial Fishing*

Special Guests:

Dallas Smith – President, *Nanwakolas Council*

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, *consultant*

Regrets:

Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*

Day 1

Welcome and Opening:

- The MPAC Co-Chairs (John Bones and Matthew Justice) 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.
- John reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting.
- The meeting participants introduced themselves (including alternates, staff and observers).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Confirmation that MPAC members and alternates can distribute MaPP-generated documents provided for meetings to their constituents for feedback, with the understanding that the documents are drafts, for discussion.
2. Clarification that 20-25 years is the planning horizon for future vision.

Updates and Advice Review:

- John presented a MaPP refresher (*presentation to be distributed*).
- Matthew presented on co-lead changes and staffing on the NVI Technical Team.
- John presented the Addendum to the MPAC Terms of Reference.
- Matthew presented the status of MPAC membership.
- John presented the status of Stakeholder Support Fund applications.
- Josie Byington described use of the Dropbox for MPAC members.

- Matthew reviewed the Summary from the last MPAC meeting in July.
- John reviewed the input received to the Advice Log.
- Matthew reported on the Open House in Campbell River on September 26th.
- John reviewed changes to the MPAC schedule and topics.
- Matthew led a participant round table addressing, “What is new since last meeting that may have implications for the North Vancouver Island marine plan?”

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Delay in release of PNCIMA plan: public review in February 2013.
2. MaPP approach on issues under federal jurisdiction: recommendations will focus on indirect effects of MaPP outputs on fisheries and marine transportation, such as tenure conflicts, MPA candidate selection, and infrastructure.
3. MaPP study region boundary and the NVI sub-region boundary: study region uses an ecological boundary, while sub-region boundary reflects Nānwaḡolas Council First Nations plan area only.
4. Scope and function of Regional Marine Advisory Committee (RMAC): to provide feedback on regional products; there is no RMAC representative designated to sit on PNCIMA – while no formal linkages have been sought, some RMAC members also sit on the PNCIMA IOAC.
5. The Science Advisory Committee (SAC) membership list is on mapocean.org web site: <http://mapocean.org/how-mapp-works/collaborative-approach/science-advisory-committee/> If MPAC wants SAC advice on a specific topic area, they can request this information from the co-chairs. It would not apply to issues outside of scope of MaPP.
6. The Advice Log currently captures only advice received verbally at MPAC meetings. This will be amended so that the Advice Log will also capture written comments submitted to co-chairs, consistent with the timing of product development.
7. The Stakeholder Support Fund creates concerns over tax implications for smaller organizations, and those individuals representing their sector but who do not have an official organization. Clarification will be provided by MaPP staff (Fiona Kilburn).
8. *See advice log for details on advice given regarding planning for future open houses.*
9. Recent Provincial government restructuring may have implications for fisheries recommendations in the NVI marine plan.
10. *See advice log for details on advice given regarding updating knowledge around recent organizational changes in the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture including staff and seafood marketing plans.*

Action Items:

1. MaPP personnel to add to Dropbox the template to be used by MPAC members for preparing written advice on Plan products.
2. By next meeting, MaPP staff will update and merge the two advice tracking logs (verbal and written feedback).
3. Co-chairs to request follow-up from Fiona Kilburn regarding funding arrangements through the Stakeholder Support Fund.

New Information Review:

- John presented information on how the original “phase 1” base case work has been modified, to provide a clear separation between “current conditions” and “base case” key features for evaluating the plan (*presentation to be distributed*).
- Bill Zinovich presented the Issues Paper describing how key issues being addressed relate to the approved plan outputs (*presentation to be distributed*).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Conditions and Trends papers are freestanding documents and the Base Case will be developed later.
2. The draft PNCIMA EBM definition and principles have been accepted as the basis for the draft MaPP plan.
3. The process of populating the compatible use matrix with specific activities and how the matrix will be used was described.
4. *See advice log for details on advice given regarding defining boundaries used in compatible use matrix.*
5. Integration of non-MaPP issues in cumulative effects assessment: confirmation that other impacts will be considered.
6. Research, monitoring and adaptive management: MaPP will deliver an implementation strategy with funding sources identified to provide research, monitoring and adaptive management activities in future.
7. *See advice log for details on advice given regarding clarifying wording on slide #8, Collaborative Management & Governance.*
8. Run-of-the-river projects are not being addressed by MaPP.
9. Marine infrastructure was raised as a missing issue; is currently not being considered as a separate topic, but part of other topics.

Action Items:

1. MaPP personnel to update Issues presentation based on advice given, prior to posting to Dropbox.

Day 1 wrap and look ahead to Day 2:

- Adjourned at 4:45 pm

Day 2

Day 2 welcome and agenda outline:

- John welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda.

Building Understanding – Conditions & Trends as Input to Desired Future State:

- Jillian Tamblyn presented Conditions & Trends Papers (Log Handling and Storage, Demographics, Pollution, Shellfish Aquaculture, Fisheries Infrastructure, Finfish Aquaculture) (*presentations to be distributed*).
- Bruce Storry presented a response to Log Handling and Storage Paper.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. *See advice log for advice on the Log Handling and Storage, Demographics, Pollution, Shellfish Aquaculture, Fisheries Infrastructure, Finfish Aquaculture papers.*
2. *See advice log for advice regarding sharing draft papers prior to presentation.*
3. *See advice log regarding use of statistics for trends.*

4. Tenuring applications and renewals: questions around whether renewals are a public process (are they sent out to Regional Districts for comments), and what is the present process for tenuring.
5. Acoustic pollution on marine mammals: noted as an effect of industry activity, and could be considered in cumulative effects.
6. Nanwakolas member population figures used in Demographics paper: the figure is the total members of the bands, not number of residents.
7. Data lumping and splitting, limitations: challenges due to different ways that data are reported in source documents.
8. Impact of global trends: value of our dollar and cost of fuel are trends to consider; price fluctuations of seafood exports; changing and/or growing markets.
9. Missing link in with academic institutions.
10. Economic focus should include other more progressive indicators: health status; obesity; diabetes rates; crime...
11. Treaty processes are ongoing, and are independent of MaPP process. Member Nations have collaborated to contribute to Marine Plan.
12. Population data for the areas can be deceptive, as transient camp populations.

Action Items:

1. Jillian to update the foreshore area figure in the Log Handling and Storage Paper.
2. Scott to clarify number of Nanwakolas member residents in Demographics Paper.
3. Jillian to follow up with Jacob on RDMW coordinated workforce strategy report.
4. Jillian to determine status of boat holding tank legislation.
5. Michele to forward Shellfish aquaculture report (2010) to Jillian.
6. Heidi to help identify fishing lodge locations.
7. Jillian to clarify whether aquaculture projections included shellfish aquaculture.
8. Jillian to determine Spill clean-up response time for Campbell River/Sointula (if numbers available)

Morning Wrap-up

- John informed group of intent of Nanwakolas to share recently complete draft Ha-Ma-Yas Marine Plan
- Matthew asked group to provide any relevant sector-specific strategic plans to the Technical Team

Towards a Plan Vision:

- John presented an outline of a Plan Vision statement, values and goals and how they link to objectives and strategies (*presentation to be distributed*).
- Individuals then broke into small groups to work on filling in components of a vision statement.
- Presentation of vision statement work was made by groups to the table.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- There is general consistency in key words and descriptors of future vision for NVI.
- Reduction in overlap and repetition would create a good vision statement for further discussion.

Action Items:

1. Co-leads to use the input received to present a draft vision for next MPAC meeting.

Plan Issues, Objectives, and Strategies:

- John presented an outline of issues, objectives and strategies as linked to issue and output topics (*presentation to be distributed*).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Scale of planning in NVI sub-regional marine plan and zoning designations: scale is still to be determined, but at the sub-regional level, have the ability to propose zoning for bays and inlets (fine-scale).
2. Some sectors have strategic vision statements: encouraged to forward to MaPP.

What's on tap and wrap up:

- Conditions and Trends papers on other topics will be discussed as part of the associated strategies.
- Conditions and trends, and associated strategies will be distributed ahead of next two MPAC meetings, and meetings will focus on the objectives and strategies.

CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned 3:15 pm.
- Next meeting to be held November 28-29, 2012 in Campbell River, with location still to be determined.