



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

Advisory Group Meeting #7
September 9, 2013
Black Bear Resort, 1812 Campbell Way
Port McNeill, B.C.

Objectives:

1. To review process updates and past meeting notes
2. To present and discuss aspatial components of the revised draft of the NVI Plan
3. To overview the progress made in the spatial component of the NVI Plan
4. To have an on the water orientation of a portion of the plan area with conversation about areas viewed.

Attendance:

MPAC Members and Alternates:

Gord Curry, Kim Wright – *Marine Conservation*
Alan Thomson – *Public Recreation*
Rick Snowdon – *Commercial Recreation*
Brian Kingzette, Michele Patterson – *Shellfish Aquaculture*
Heidi Soltau – *Local Government (MWRD)*
Bruce Storry - *Coastal Forestry*

MaPP:

Merv Child [Day 1] - *Nanwakolas Council* (Marine Working Group)
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*

Regrets:

Ellen Bird, Paul Kariya, Bill Johnson – *Renewable Energy*
Jamie Scarrow – *Commercial Recreation*
Richard Opala, Dave Minato – *Finfish Aquaculture*
Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*
Dwayne Mustard – *Recreational Fishing Services*

Observer:

Meaghan Calcari-Campbell, *Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation*
Gilian Dusting, *MaPP* (Communications Consultant)
Jennifer Barolet, *BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources, Port Hardy office*
Kat Middleton, *David Suzuki Foundation*

Day 1

Welcome and Opening:

- John Bones and Matthew Justice welcomed the group on behalf of the NVI Technical Team.
- 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. He noted that the co-leads hope to bring Tim Campbell (marine transportation) into the conversations in the near future and receive draft Plan feedback. Gord Curry was introduced as the new member for Marine Conservation, replacing Jake Etzkorn,

and Kim Wright as interim alternate for Marine Conservation, replacing Bill Wareham. Kat Middleton will likely be the future alternate for Marine Conservation.

- Matthew provided an overview of the meeting summary from MPAC#6.
- John provided an update on MaPP outputs and contracts underway, focusing on: Coastal Infrastructure Gaps and Needs, updated demographic profile, Regional Economic Strategies and Regional Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework.
- Matthew reported on the Marine Policy Analysis contract.
- John reported that new MaPP communications activities are underway with a web site overhaul and other tools to reach the public, and invited group members to speak with Gilian Dusting, MaPP communication consultant, during the next two days.
- John reported a probable extension to the MaPP timeline to June 2014 and indicated that it will be assumed all MPAC members are willing to continue in the process, unless they provide notice to the contrary. Expenses will continue to be covered and Stakeholder Support Fund contracts will be amended.
- Matthew provided details about the next RMAC meeting, October 30-31 focusing on: economic strategies, marine pollution, and ecological monitoring.
- Matthew reported on plans for open houses in the spring during the Plan public review period.
- John reported on recent updates to the Advice Log.
- 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. Planning is underway for Matthew to attend DFO Shellfish Advisory meeting in October to speak about MaPP and the importance of marine spatial planning and to the shellfish sector.
2. Shellfish sector reps reported some challenges getting onto the agenda of Shellfish Growers' Association to provide MaPP updates.
3. Coastal Forestry has a new map to contribute within days (low to very low risk mapping for Forestry, comparison of marine eco-sections and TRIM mapping).
4. Recreational Tourism distributed Draft 1 of the Plan to the diving and boating community, presenting Draft 2 to the BC Council of Yacht Clubs on September 20.
5. Commercial Recreation will present to the Wilderness Tourism Association and Sea Kayak Guides of BC in late October/early November.
6. RDMW has a new planner starting at the end of September. Over the summer the RD completed a comparison of OCP zoning and MaPP zoning to determine if there are conflicts.
7. Marine Conservation experienced staff turnover and new personnel will continue to provide feedback.
8. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Review & Discussion: Plan Revisions, Overview and Chapter 2, The Plan Area

- John presented an overview of changes to the draft Plan since the June 2013 version.
- John provided details about revisions to Chapter 2.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification of MaPP study area boundary vs. NVI sub-regional boundary.

2. Clarification that information from reports by MaPP consultants will be incorporated into the Plan where relevant.
3. Clarification that NVI Team will continue working with new information provided by Marine Conservation; some feedback is still to be addressed.
4. Gord offered to review information on grey whales, humpback whales and sea otters and provide feedback on the background description of the Plan Area.
5. Clarification that NVI Team will revisit yellow highlighted text in the Draft Plan.
6. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding chapter text.*

Review & Discussion: Chapter 4, General Management Direction

- Matthew presented the chapter Overview, Plan Vision, and EBM Principles.
- Jillian presented updates to the Community and Economy, Pollution, and Infrastructure sections.
- Scott presented updates to the Conservation and Protection section.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification that EBM Principles and Assumptions from PNCIMA Plan are included verbatim. When finalized, relevant PNCIMA EBM Objectives are expected to be incorporated (decision to be made by the Province since Nanwakolas is not part of PNCIMA).
2. Clarification about how Regional cumulative effects assessment methodology would be applied to Sub-regional assumptions, e.g., for pollution.
3. **Request for MPAC to provide feedback on GMD topic preambles, to ensure they reflect or represent strategies and objectives covered in the GMD topics.**
4. Information provided about ICCA designation for conserved areas and their potential use for protection management zones.
5. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding chapter text.*

Lunch

Review & Discussion: Chapter 4, General Management Direction, cont'd.

- Scott presented updates to the Recreation and Tourism section.
- John presented updates to Forestry Operations, Aquaculture, Energy, and Fisheries sections.
- Matthew presented updates to Governance and Collaborative Management, Regulatory Compliance and Enforcement, and Research, Education and Training sections.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion and clarification about the tenure renewal notification process.
2. Discussion about upstream impacts and viewscape guidelines for forest industry.
3. Discussion about the role of the Cumulative Effects Assessment tool being developed by MaPP.
4. Discussion about strengthening the language describing economic development opportunities.
5. Clarification that the draft Plan will be sent to representatives of the Commercial Fishing sector.
6. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding chapter text.*

Review & Discussion: Chapter 6, Plan Implementation

- John presented the updates on Plan Implementation, and noted that Chapter 7 was not updated in this draft.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion about plan variance request process.
2. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding chapter text.*

Review & Discussion: Chapter 5 Zoning (Specific Management Directions)

- John provided an overview of recent work in Chapter 5, and noted that the version in the current draft Plan is the same as the June version.
- Jillian presented the updates to the Recommended Uses and Activities table.
- Scott presented the revised Zoning Approach.
- Greg presented the substantive changes to maps.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. An updated version of Chapter 5 will be distributed in 4-6 weeks' time for a special Zoning meeting.
2. Discussion about the inclusion of oil and gas exploration in the RUA table.
3. Request for MPAC to contribute geographic-specific conditions for zoning.
4. Rick provided details on the commercial recreation areas map.
5. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding chapter text.*

Day 1 wrap-up, review, and orientation for Day 2

- Scott presented the map showing the route for the zoning tour and described the agenda. He encouraged MPAC members and alternates to speak with Gilian Dusting for stories for the MaPP web site and newsletter.
- Photos can be uploaded to a new Dropbox for use on the Plan cover and MaPP web site.
- John summarized the topics covered today.

CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned 5 pm.
- Next meeting to be held in Campbell River to discuss Chapter 5 (spatial zones). A Doodle poll is underway and the meeting date will be shared with MPAC members and alternates next week.