



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

Advisory Group Meeting #7b – Special Zoning Meeting
October 10, 2013
Best Western Austrian Chalet, 462 S Island Highway
Campbell River, B.C.

Objectives:

1. To provide process updates
2. To present and discuss Chapter 5: Area Specific Management Direction for the revised draft of the NVI Plan
3. To present and discuss spatial components of the revised draft of the NVI Plan
4. To provide information on participating in the MaPP Marine Planning Portal

Attendance:

MPAC Members and Alternates:

Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*
Ellen Bird – *Renewable Energy*
Dave Minato – *Finfish Aquaculture [afternoon]*
Michele Patterson – *Shellfish Aquaculture*
Rick Snowdon – *Commercial Recreation*
Heidi Soltau – *Local Government (MWRD)*
Bruce Storry - *Coastal Forestry*
Alan Thomson – *Public Recreation*
Kim Wright – *Marine Conservation*

MaPP:

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*
Jillian Tamblyn – *MaPP Technical Planner contractor*
Josie Byington – *MaPP administrator*

Regrets:

Gord Curry – *Marine Conservation*
Brian Kingzette – *Shellfish Aquaculture*
Paul Kariya, Bill Johnson – *Renewable Energy*
Richard Opala – *Finfish Aquaculture*
Dwayne Mustard – *Recreational Fishing Services*

Observers:

Kat Middleton, *David Suzuki Foundation*
Mairi Edgar, *MaPP Technical Planner contractor*

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.

Updates:

- John confirmed the extension of the MaPP Initiative to June 2014. Unless MPAC members notify otherwise, their continued participation is assumed. Stakeholder Support Funding is available for the duration, and a letter inviting submissions has been sent.
- Matthew provided updates on products related to the zoning work: the Zoning Framework has been revised, a Regional framework template has been developed, the Marine Planning Portal is

undergoing Phase 2 revisions. Further on the Portal, Jillian advised that the NVI data layers are online.

- Matthew listed the frameworks for presentation to the RMAC Oct 30-31: Regional Marine Pollution, Regional EBM Governance, Regional Integrated Economic Strategies.
- Jillian reviewed stakeholder input received since June and contributed GIS data from Commercial Recreation, Conservation, Forestry, and RD Mount Waddington.
- John encouraged submission of photos to the Dropbox, for use in the final Plan document.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification that Portal updates to data layers occur bi-monthly. **Jillian to confirm when contributed Forestry Sector and Public Recreation data will be uploaded by GIS contractor.**
2. Clarification that edits to previously contributed data layers should be coordinated through Jillian.
3. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Review & Discussion: Area Specific Management Direction

- John provided an overview of the three major zoning designations being used and their intent.
- Scott presented a comparison of Recommended Uses and Activities in the proposed zones, and explained the recommended uses and activities (RUA) table now being used, and sample provisions and conditions.
- Matthew presented an overview of current draft maps and option areas.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification that when new SMZs were introduced they were taken out of the GMZ in most cases.
2. Discussion about definitions of activities, re-organizing tables by activity, the use of appendices for recommendations related to activities under federal jurisdiction, and proposed changes to tenure renewal referral process to include local government.
3. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding chapter text.*

Detailed Review & Discussion: GMZ, SMZ – Recreation & Tourism, Community

- Matthew presented the Chapter 5 changes to the earlier version of the General Management Zone and the SMZ-Recreation and Tourism.
- Matthew presented the Chapter 5 changes to the earlier version of the SMZ- Community sub-zone.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion about mining activities and its infrastructure and impacts on adjacent areas, floathomes and lodges, Provincial tenuring process, research tenures, special conditions, and compatible uses.
2. Discussion about temporal short-term uses related to potential impacts on marine mammals, method for including map of migration routes for marine mammals, anchorages, use of community sub-zones in industrial areas and consideration for community values, impacts from upland uses, use of special conditions, applying different levels of terrestrial use to community zoning, and definition of upland activities.

3. Discussion continued after lunch about recommended process for expired tenures, referencing local government bylaws, thresholds for environmental impact assessments, assessing impacts on critical marine species and ecological functions for all activities, float homes, avoiding conflict with public recreational activities, definition of type 1 and type 2 docks, need for exchange of information between industries, and need for consultation with First Nations.
4. **Ellen to follow up with Renewable Energy industry to determine thresholds for environmental impact assessment by federal and provincial governments.**
5. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding chapter text.*

Lunch

Detailed Review & Discussion cont'd.: SMZ – Cultural, Aquaculture, PMZ

- Scott presented Chapter 5 changes to the SMZ-Cultural portion of Chapter 5.
- John discussed technical work being to done to explore a potential Aquaculture zone.
- John provided an overview of the three PMZ groups in Chapter 5 and some issues related to uses and activities from a Nanwakolas perspective.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion about the need for two-way consultation between FN and communities, interpretation of “community benefit,” zoning for anchorages, whether to have a zone for aquaculture, application of IUCN zones and recommended uses, linear utilities, ICCA designation, the need for site specificity in zoning, concerns about fishing gear types used by FN in protected areas.
2. Clarification that the Province has a process for consulting with non-participating FN.
3. Clarification that the RUA tables in PMZ are intended as interim guidance until a legal designation is enacted, or where not to be enacted they are intended to be followed for tenure decisions.
4. Discussion about the possibility of a Renewable Energy zone.
5. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding chapter text.*

Zoning Maps

- Matthew, Scott and Greg presented zoning maps, and Jillian presented the SeaSketch version on screen.
- Jillian did a short presentation on how to view the data layers in different ways on SeaSketch.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Feedback received on the zoning in specific areas.
2. **Kim to follow up regarding an extension related to RCAs in Seymour Inlet.??**
3. **Greg to provide process for downloading shapefiles from SeaSketch for Conservation Sector analysis.**
4. **Comments requested on Chapter 5 by end of October.**
5. *See advice log for specific advice given regarding chapter text.*

Wrap-up

- John and Matthew closed the meeting.

CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned 4 pm.
- Feedback on Chapter 5 and zoning maps is due by October 25, and October 31 at the latest.
- Next meeting to be held on November 21-22, 2013 in Campbell River to discuss the next version of the Plan.