



Marine Planning Partnership for the Pacific North Coast (MaPP)
Central Coast Marine Plan Advisory Committee
(MPAC)

Meeting Summary

Advisory Group Meeting #9

January 16th-17th, 2014

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel
Richmond, BC

Objectives:

- 1) Address common questions raised in survey responses
- 2) Enable discussion related to common concerns about the draft spatial plan
- 3) Brainstorm proposed revisions to the spatial plan that accommodate the interests of multiple sectors

Attendance:

MPAC Members and Alternates:

Diana Chan and Karin Bodtker – *Conservation*

Nick Heath – *Public Recreation*

Warren Warttig and Hans Granander - *Coastal Forestry*

Alison Sayers - *Local Government, Central Coast Regional District*

Richard Opala – *Finfish Aquaculture*

Kim Olsen and Jim Mclsaac – *Commercial Fisheries*

Evan Loveless and Mairi Edgar – *Commercial Tourism*

Mike Pfortmueller and Sid Keay – *Recreational Fishing Service Providers*

MaPP:

Gord McGee – *Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance (Co-Chair)*

Ken Cripps -- *Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance (alternate Co-Chair)*

Sally Cargill – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (Co-Chair)*

Craig Darling - *Facilitator*

Matthew Justice (Day 1) – *Marine Coordination Team*

Steve Diggon – *Marine Coordination Team*

Melissa Meneghetti – *Coastal Resource Mapping*

Fiona Kilburn – *MaPP Technical Support*

Kelly Wozniak – *MaPP Technical Support*

**Regrets:**

Paul Kariya – *Renewable Energy*
Anne Salomon – *Marine Academic*
Gary Wilson - *Shellfish Aquaculture*

Observers:

Julie Carpenter
Mike Reid
Alejandro Frid
Ted Walkus
Dan Edwards

Day 1: Jan 16th**Welcome and Opening:**

- Gord provided a welcome on behalf of the Central Coast Technical Team and reviewed the agenda
- The agenda for the meeting was developed based on responses to the survey sent out by the co-leads and will be adapted to encompass additional issues/ polygons the sectors want to discuss together

Survey Review:

- Gord provided an overview of survey responses received from each sector
- Common questions and concerns were highlighted

Round Table:

- MPAC member responded to the summary of feedback provided by Gord and presented additional information, concerns, and/or interests
- Points of discussion included:
 - The pace of the planning process
 - Use of IUCN categories
 - Treatment of anchorages
 - Inclusion of local knowledge
 - The scope of the plan, and
 - Socio-economic impacts of the plan
- The agenda was amended in order to allow for further discussion on the MPA Network planning process.

MPA Network Planning Process:

- Steve Diggon explained that one of the main outputs of MaPP is a recommendation to the MPA network strategy for the northern shelf bioregion. The MPA network strategy will use IUCN categories, which is why MaPP is using IUCN categories as well.



- The benefits and drawbacks of using IUCN categories were debated, and alternative approaches discussed.

Actions:

- Sectors to include comments related to the application of the IUCN categories in their advice logs

Information Discussion:

- Gord, Sally and Ken reviewed the socio-economic data, local information, traditional ecological knowledge and scientific research that contributed to SMZ and PMZ design
- Many of the data layers that were used during development of the spatial plan can be viewed (along with their metadata) on SeaSketch
- New/ updated information is available for some sectors. While it is too late for general information submissions, relevant information can be referred to when submitting proposed edits to the spatial plan

Actions:

- MPAC members to submit any information that they use to rationalize proposed edits to the spatial plan when they submit their advice log
- Jim to resubmit the commercial fishery data he provided to the Haida Technical Team in the fall

Public Engagement Process:

- MaPP is working with an engagement consultant to develop a public engagement strategy
- Open houses will likely be held in Bella Coola and Shearwater in late April to early May

Actions:

- MPAC members to let Sally and Gord know if they have suggestions for increasing public involvement in plan review

Conflict Resolution:

- Discussions on developing conflict resolution mechanisms that can be used during implementation of the plan are being held at the regional level
- Steve Diggon provided an overview of the issues that are being considered

Actions:

Sectors interested in obtaining a copy of the conflict resolution framework can make a request to Jim McIsaac directly

Recommended Uses and Activities (RUA) Tables:

- An addendum will be circulated with some corrections to the language in the RUA tables
 - Recommendations for commercial and recreational anchorages are not intended to apply to commercial towboat reserves or provincially designated boat havens
 - Conditional statements for recreational fisheries and transportation should include a reference to IUCN guidelines and/or appropriate federal agencies
 - All lines that say "commercial ships including tankers" should say "transportation"



Actions:

- Sally and Gord to circulate RUA table addendum to MPAC

First Nation Harvest and Traditional Use:

- There were some questions about what First Nation harvest and traditional use meant
- The intent is harvest for food, social and ceremonial purposes, not to create exclusive commercial opportunities for First Nations
- Allowing traditional use aligns with IUCN guidelines to recognize First Nation rights

Management Plans:

- Any protection management planning will be done in the next stage of plan implementation
- Until it is known what mechanism(s) will be used to establish the PMZ it is difficult to know what the management planning process will look like
- The need for adaptability was expressed by many sectors

Anchorage:

- A number of sectors expressed concern with the inclusion of anchorages in PMZ where anchorage is not allowed or is conditional
- The need for safe anchorages and ability to transit to anchorages was discussed
- Since anchorage definition does not apply to commercial towboat reserves or provincially designated boat havens, sectors should review anchorages of concern against these datasets. Where there is overlap between these, the Recommended Uses and Activities (RUA) tables do not apply.

Actions:

- MPAC members to highlight PMZs and SMZs that include important anchorages in their advice logs

Discussion on Gaps

- The potential of developing SMZs for historical sites was discussed for the following areas:
 - Restoration Bay
 - Spider Anchorage
 - Ocean Falls
 - Eucott Bay

Actions:

- Sally to look into whether any of the above sites have status under the *Heritage Conservation Act*
- MPAC members to include proposals for Cultural Heritage SMZ or PMZs in their advice logs to capture historical sites of interest



Day 2: January 17th

Welcome and Recap of Day 1

- Craig reviewed the meeting objectives and discussed the agenda for the day
- The discussions on IUCN categories and anchorages were revisited

Actions:

- MaPP to consider revising the RUA tables to state explicitly that in an emergency any anchorage should be open and available for use

Polygon Review:

- The following polygons were reviewed and discussed:
 - PMZ 64 – IUCN II (Bella Coola Harbour)
 - Concern was expressed over the impact this protection level could have on any future economic development in the harbour
 - Non-First Nation community members would be restricted from harvesting directly outside their community
 - SMZ 9 (Aquaculture)
 - Currently overlaps with a marine park, suggested to remove this overlap
 - Another anchorage within the zone identified and concern over potential impacts to it if aquaculture was developed
 - SMZ 20 (Aquaculture)
 - Suggestion to remove Bolin Bay from this aquaculture zone and add that area to the adjacent PMZ 23 IUCN II
 - Identified as an important bird area which would support the change to a PMZ
 - Milbanke Sound generally
 - One of the highest value areas for the commercial fishing industry on the BC Coast
 - Concern expressed over any restrictions to fishing that may be placed here
 - PMZ 71 – IUCN II (Burke Channel)
 - Concern expressed over potential impacts to recreational fishing as well as forestry interests at the proposed protection level
 - PMZ 34 – IUCN 34 (Spiller Channel)
 - Area identified as important for herring spawning and salmon fishery
 - Conservation sector will be submitting advice for a higher level of protection for a portion of this polygon
 - PMZ 158 – IUCN II (Rivers Inlet)
 - Concern expressed over impacts to recreational fishing and future development in area for the forest industry
 - PMZ 105 – IUCN IV (Duncanby Landing)
 - Rationale table suggests that eelgrass is an important habitat within the polygon, but it was noted that it only occurs at the head of the estuary. What are the other values that are then driving the need for protection within the zone?
 - PMZ 69 – IUCN II (Kwatna Inlet)



- Forestry concerns noted as this inlet is the only access for harvesting in the watershed

Actions:

- MPAC members to submit their suggested edits to the above polygons (and any others) in their advice logs

Wrap-up:

- It was generally felt the meeting helped people get a better sense of the interests and concerns of the sectors around the table

Actions:

- Sally and Gord to put draft timeline up on dropbox
- MaPP to add provincially designated boat havens to SeaSketch
- MPAC members to contact co-leads if they are interested in a bilateral
- MPAC members to submit advice logs by January 31st