

Marine Planning Partnership for the Pacific North Coast (MaPP)

Central Coast Marine Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC)

Meeting Summary

Advisory Group Meeting #6

**June 25-26, 2013
Spirit Bear Lodge
Klemtu, BC**

Objectives:

- 1) Update MPAC members on MaPP and related activities since last MPAC meeting –MaPP products, advice tracking log, and member updates
- 2) Review Draft High Value Human Use Layers for all sectors
- 3) Review Marxan Cost Layer methodology and criteria
- 4) Review draft Compatibility Matrix
- 5) Review Special Management Zone criteria and intent
- 6) Gain understanding of MaPP Web Mapping tool
- 7) Participate in Field Trip

Attendance:

MPAC Members and Alternates:

Karin Bodtker, Diana Chan – *Conservation*
Janice Kyle, Nick Heath – *Public Recreation*
Warren Warttig - *Coastal Forestry*
Alison Sayers - *Local Government, Central Coast Regional District*
Les Neasloss – *Finfish Aquaculture*
Jamie Scarrow – *Commercial Tourism*
Gary Wilson –*Shellfish Aquaculture*

MaPP:

Gord McGee – *Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance (Co-Chair)*
Sally Cargill – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (Co-Chair)*
Gary Runka - *Facilitator*
Jo Smith – *MaPP Science Coordinator*
Charlie Short – *Marine Coordination Team*

Fiona Kilburn – *MaPP Technical Support*
Kelly Wozniak – *MaPP Technical Support*

Regrets:

Mike Pfortmueller – *Recreational Fishing Service Providers*
Brian Lande – *Local Government, Central Coast Regional District*
Richard Opala – *Finfish Aquaculture*
Evan Loveless – *Commercial Tourism*
Paul Kariya – *Renewable Energy*
Anne Salomon – *Marine Academic*

Observers:

Whitney Sadowski – *Kitasoo/ Xai'Xais Community Marine Use Planning Implementation Coordinator*
Vern Brown – *Kitasoo/ Xai'Xais GIS Technician*
Mike Sharko – *Production Manager at Marine Harvest*

Day 1

Welcome and Opening:

- Gord McGee provided a welcome on behalf of the Central Coast Technical Team
- Gord introduced Alison Sayers who is representing Local Government, Gary Wilson who is representing Shellfish Aquaculture, Les Neasloss who is representing finfish aquaculture, and Whitney Sadowski, Vern Brown and Mike Sharko who were observing
- Gord reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting.
- Meeting participants introduced themselves and provided a brief update on their sectors

Updates and Advice Review:

- Charlie to ensure MPAC/ RMAC members are on PNCIMA list serve
- MPAC members to direct members of the public to Sally or Gord if they are unable to answer questions from members of their sector or the public
- MaPP to develop a briefing note on the key components of the federal MPA Network Design document that will relate to MaPP
- Next Meeting will be September 24 –27 in Hakai, followed by another meeting likely late October
- Jo provided a brief update on MaPP Contracts

Review Spatial Planning Process and Tools:

- Gord provided an overview of the spatial planning process and timelines, highlighting opportunities for MPAC to provide feedback
- Jo reviewed how regional and sub-regional Marxan analyses fit in with spatial planning
- Jo reviewed revisions that have been made to the Regional Zoning Framework
- Gord provided detail on the process for developing Special Management Zones

Items Discussed and Actions

- Gord to add a copy to the MPAC dropbox of the Marine Spatial Planning flowchart contained within the Spatial Planning Process and Tools presentation

- MPAC members to let Gord and Sally know if they have ideas/ suggestions about how to engage communities/ sectors during the public review phase
- Discussed how Marxan selects high priority conservation areas
- Latest version of the Regional Zoning Framework is more explicit
- Clarified that there will likely be several different types of Special Management Zones
- Development of Special Management Zones will be informed by Compatibility Matrix and High Value Human Use Layers

High Value Human Use (HVHU) Layers:

- Sally and Gord explained how the HVHU layers were developed and how they will be used

Items Discussed and Actions

- Printable 8.5x11 maps of each HVHU layer will be placed on dropbox
- Sally and Gord to clarify sources of Transportation Layer
- Sally to double check accuracy of “private” land on Administrative HVHU layer
- Sally and Gord to follow up with sectors to obtain their HVHU data and/or refine the effectiveness and accuracy of their HVHU layers

Day 2

Day 2 welcome and agenda outline:

Sally, Gord and Gary welcomed everyone back, reviewed the agenda

HVHU Layer Wrap-Up:

- Reviewed outstanding concerns about the HVHU layers
- Reiterated that HVHU layers will be used through the spatial planning process to identify current and potential future conflicts, to identify areas of high value to sectors, and to help assess potential impacts of the plan on sectors

Items Discussed and Actions

- Conservation sector to present HVHU layer that delineates areas of high value for conservation
- Jo to follow up with Bill Johnson regarding refinement of the renewable energy HVHU Layer

Compatibility Matrix:

- Jo described the purpose of the compatibility matrix and explained how it was developed.

Items Discussed and Actions

- Matrix will be an appendix to the Regional Zoning Framework
- MaPP staff to clarify in compatibility matrix text that conservation compatibilities will be addressed through the Recommended Uses and Activities Tables
- Jo to get feedback from John Day and Bud Ehler regarding whether or not to include conservation in the compatibility matrix
- MaPP staff to add language in the compatibility matrix text about EBM
- MaPP staff to take away for consideration MPAC comments on particular matrix cells, compatibility designations, annotation, and categories

Marine Spatial Planning Tools – Web Mapping Portal:

- Jo introduced the MaPP Web Mapping Portal and explained how it can be used by MPAC members and the public

Items Discussed and Clarified

- Live release will occur by July 8
- Public will be able to access everything but the protected layers
- Discussed design of the forum feature on the Portal
- Jo to look into the issue of the storage of the log of forum conversations and find out how/if it can be done
- Jo to follow up on MPAC request for the forum feature to allow MPAC members to invite other sector reps and/or invite other MPAC sector representatives into a conversation
- Jo to look into getting the eelgrass and kelp layers unprotected as the protected part of that database is located in the Capital Regional district not the Central Coast
- Jo to look into adding an invasive species layer—in particular Green Crab

Wrap up

- Gord and Sally thanked members and alternates for their input
- Gord and Sally will be following up with sectors that have not provided info for HVHU layers
- The next meeting is Sept 24-27 at Hakai
- MPAC members will get the draft plan at least two weeks before the September meeting and should be prepared to bring their comments and advice to the meeting
- Will likely be a meeting in Richmond in late October or early November to review draft 2 of the spatial plan component of the Central Coast Marine Plan