



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

Final Meeting Summary

Advisory Group Meeting #2
September 26-27, 2012
Hakai Beach Institute
Calvert Island, B.C.

Objectives:

1. Update MPAC members on MaPP and related activities since initial MPAC meeting – open houses, MaPP products, advice tracking log, member updates
2. Discuss the Desired Future State of the Central Coast marine areas
3. Develop a Vision Statement for the Central Coast marine areas
4. A review of Key Marine Issues
5. Review Draft Strategies for Marine Pollution
6. Introduce Marine Spatial Planning
7. Confirm actions for next CC MPAC meeting

Attendance:

MPAC Members and Alternates:

Diana Chan, Karin Bodtker – *Marine Conservation*
Janice Kyle – *Public Recreation*
Fraser Koroluk – *Commercial Tourism*
Richard Opala, Les Neasloss - *Finfish Aquaculture*
Warren Warttig - *Coastal Forestry*
Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fisheries*

MaPP:

Gord McGee – *Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance (Co-Lead)*
Sally Cargill – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (Co-Lead)*
Charlie Short – *MaPP Marine Coordination Team, Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations*
Allan Lidstone – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations*
Steve Diggon – *MaPP Marine Coordination Team, Coastal First Nations Great Bear Initiative*
Gary Runka - *Facilitator*
Jo Smith – *MaPP Science Coordinator*
Fiona Kilburn – *MaPP Administrative and Financial Assistant (recorder)*

Regrets:

Mike Pfortmueller – *Member for Recreational Fishing Service Providers*
Anne Salomon – *Member for Marine Academic*
Paul Kariya – *Member for Renewable Energy*
Roberta Stevenson – *Member for Shellfish Aquaculture*
Evan Loveless – *Member for Commercial Tourism*
Ken Cripps - *Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance (Co-lead)*

Observers:

Chantelle Saunders – *Nuxalk First Nation*

Day 1

Welcome and Opening:

- The MPAC Co-Chairs (Gord McGee and Sally Cargill) provided a welcome on behalf of the Central Coast Technical Team, and introduced Gary Runka the meeting facilitator.
- Les Neasloss provided an opening blessing.
- Allan Lidstone provided opening comments on behalf of the Province of B.C.
- Sally and Gord reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting.
- The meeting participants introduced themselves (including alternates and MaPP participants).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Confirmation that both MPAC members and alternates can participate in the committee discussions for this meeting.
2. Addition of 'review of key marine issues' as an objective of the meeting.

Updates and Advice Review:

- Sally presented:
 - Review of MaPP project and the role of the stakeholder
 - Review of sub-regional boundary noting it has been updated since last meeting
 - Organization and Stakeholder Engagement chart updated from last meeting to include Science Advisory Committee (SAC)
 - Review of materials distributed
 - Update on the Bella Coola Open House that was held in July
- Fiona provided an update on the Stakeholder Support Funding Proposals.
- Jo Smith provided an update on the Base Case.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Agreement of MPAC on accepting the addendum to the MPAC terms of reference.
- Discussion about the website and challenges finding information. Location of Science Advisory Committee list on mapocean.org web site and requests of the committee by MPAC: <http://mapocean.org/how-mapp-works/collaborative-approach/science-advisory-committee/>
- MaPP approach to output for aquaculture and scope of jurisdiction: Fisheries is under federal jurisdiction; Province has jurisdiction on tenuring and size of infrastructures on the foreshore.
- Discussion about Base Case: moved to producing two reports 1. current conditions and trends (due end of November 2012 and 2. Base Case due end of January 2013; how the 20 features were selected – current conditions and trends report will inform the choice of features which may vary by sub-region; is the base case a living document? – no plans to update it beyond 2013

Action Items:

1. Sally to send an introduction to how drop box works and link
2. Doodle poll for November and January meeting dates
3. Jo to share all 70 features (base case) with MPAC
4. Fiona to send SSF info and application to Janice Kyle
5. Sally to share email address for feedback with all MPAC members

MPAC Member Updates:

- Participant round table - Updates from each sector on any news relevant to the planning process
- Commercial Fishing advised the MPAC at the last meeting they were observers and since that time have become full members of the MaPP planning process with representation at all sub-regional committees
- Province of B.C. – Charlie Short advised that a call for nominations for the Regional Marine Advisory Committee (RMAC) are being received and evaluated; the first convening of RMAC is being planned

No discussion or action items noted

Intro to Marine Spatial Planning:

- Charlie Short presented a primer on marine spatial planning to give an indication of where MaPP is heading and the key elements. Referred to two page hand out in meeting package and power point presentation.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- After the presentation each sector was asked to provide feedback; review benefits to sector; and indicate what the sector would like to see in the MSP
- Request for clarity on definitions, i.e. what is an estuary; MaPP will use using existing federal and/or provincial definitions

Marine Vision Statement:

- Gord provided an introduction to vision statement: definition, principles; outlined the process to develop a vision statement for the CC Sub-region – It will be a touchstone that we can always come back to.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Defined the audience as segments of the public represented by the sectors, provincial government and First Nations
- Agreement from the committee to use option 2 as a starting point and incorporate words/phrases: sustainable prosperity; we see a future...; convey the inter connectedness of marine environment – transnational, connecting land, people and sea;
- Sally and Gord agreed to review advice provided and present an updated vision statement for review on Day 2

Day 2

Day 2 welcome and agenda outline:

- Sally, Gord and Gary welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda.

Key Marine Issues and Trends:

- Steve Diggon provided background on the process for the identification of key issues; Sally presented the background on key issues and tasked the committee to review the background document and provide advice

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Clarification that zoning will be looked at as a regional zoning framework at the RMAC and input from sub-region will come once the regional framework is developed
- Jo provided information on developing the cumulative effects framework
- Discussion around confidentiality of information available on First Nation's archaeological sites; acknowledged the issue and the difficulty in building best management practices with other agencies to share and keep information confidential

- Clarification that lack of proper fishing infrastructure for First Nations includes things like ice plants, processing plants, dry-docks

Marine Vision Statement Review:

- Gord and Sally presented a draft vision statement based on advice received.
- General agreement from all sectors on this statement with wordsmithing as noted in advice log

Action Items:

6. Final vision statement to be circulated.

Desired Future State:

- Gord presented an overview of the objective of the exercise; presentation of draft current conditions and trends documents by Jo Smith
- Sally reviewed the list of homework questions and the mapping exercise to identify the high interest areas that support the desired future state; outcome to show conflicts

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Clarification that the input of this committee will guide decision-making;
- Clarification it is not a modelling exercise because of the constraints of time and money; will look at current conditions and trends and then strategies to change, maintain or reverse the trends;
- Review of current conditions and trends information; edits required
- Round table overview of each sectors desired future state

Action Items:

7. MaPP will provide MPAC members with conditions and trends documents and ask them to respond to three questions on each topic and perform a mapping exercise
8. MaPP to provide maps in a nautical format
9. MaPP to provide regional boundaries in GIS format

Issues, Objectives and Strategies on Marine Pollution

- Sally presented topic and reviewed homework assignments

Action Items:

1. Co-leads will re-work the document and re-circulate

What's on tap and wrap up:

- Each sector provided an overview of the meeting, facilitation and facility
- Sally and Gord reviewed next steps
- Next meeting late November to be determined by Doodle Poll

CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned 5:00 pm.