

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

General Meeting Summary

Advisory Group Meeting #7
Sept 25-26, 2013
Hakai Beach Institute
Calvert Island, BC

Objectives:

- 1) Review, discuss, and seek advice on the following emerging products:
 - a. Draft Central Coast Marine Plan
 - b. Draft Recommended Uses and Activities Tables for Special Management Zones and Protection Management Zones
 - c. Draft Vulnerability Matrix
- 2) Determine how to optimize engagement during spatial plan development process
- 3) Develop understanding of the review process for the Central Coast Marine Plan

Products for Review:

- Draft Central Coast Marine Plan
- Vulnerability matrix and backgrounder
- Draft Recommended Uses and Activities tables for Special Management Zones
- Draft Recommended Uses and Activities tables for Protection Management Zones



Attendance:

MPAC Members and Alternates:

Diana Chan and Karin Bodtker – *Conservation*Janice Kyle – *Public Recreation*Warren Warttig - *Coastal Forestry*Brian Lande and Alison Sayers (by phone) - *Local Government, Central Coast Regional District*Gary Wilson (by phone, Day 1 only) – *Shellfish Aquaculture*Richard Opala (by phone, Day 2 only) – *Finfish Aquaculture*

MaPP:

Gord McGee – Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance (Co-Chair)
Sally Cargill – Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (Co-Chair)
Craig Darling - Facilitator
Allison Paul – MaPP Technical Support
Matthew Justice – Marine Coordination Team
Fiona Kilburn – MaPP Technical Support
Kelly Wozniak (by phone) – MaPP Technical Support

Regrets:

Mike Pfortmueller – Recreational Fishing Service Providers Evan Loveless – Commercial Tourism Paul Kariya – Renewable Energy Anne Salomon– Marine Academic

Day 1: Sept 25

Welcome and Opening:

- Gord provided a welcome on behalf of the Central Coast Technical Team
- A minute of silence was held for Gary Runka
- Craig reviewed logistics and explained his role as facilitator
- Craig reviewed the agenda

Updates and Advice Review:

- Jamie Scarrow resigned as MPAC representative for commercial tourism and Sid Keay resigned as MPAC alternate for recreational fishing service providers. The following MPAC seats are unfilled: Marine Transportation; Public Recreational Fishing; Commercial Fishing
- The advice log was circulated with the pre-meeting package. It explains how MPAC advice was incorporated into the latest draft of the Central Coast Marine Plan
- The Next MPAC meeting will be November 14-15 in Richmond, BC
- Allison Paul provided an update on MaPP contracts and outputs on behalf of the Science Coordinator

Actions:

MPAC members to contact Sally and Gord if they have any questions about the advice log



Sally and Gord to circulate an updated draft of the Compatibility Matrix to MPAC members

Developing the Spatial Plan

- Gord provided an overview of what has been done to date and what remains to be done
- Gord explained MaPP products that will be used during review/ refinement of spatial zones
- Options for optimizing MPAC opportunities for feedback were discussed. It was noted that MPAC members would like more than two weeks to compile sector feedback

Actions:

- Allison to consider splitting the forestry operations category in the compatibility matrix and vulnerability matrix into four separate categories (heli-drop, new log dumps, fallow dumps and long term dumps) to allow for more accurate assessment of impacts
- Sally and Gord to confirm timeframe for receiving comments on the spatial plan after the November meeting
- Gord and Sally to confirm that they can share shapefiles with MPAC members who prefer working with shapefiles over the web-mapping portal
- Sally and Gord to look into whether higher resolution jpg files can be saved onto the web-mapping portal

The Review Process for the Central Coast Marine Plan

- Sally provided an overview of the review process for the Central Coast Marine Plan (including both spatial and aspatial components). The sign-off date has been extended to June. There will be additional MPAC meetings scheduled for April and May as well as a final celebration in June.
- MaPP has a communications consultant that is exploring ways to effectively engage a larger audience

Actions:

• Sally to connect Gilian Dusting with Brian, Janice and Alison for advice on outreach to Central Coast communities. Suggested ideas include PO Box letter drops in Bella Coola and Shearwater and recommendations for how to message the CC Marine Plan on the CCRD facebook page.

Draft Central Coast Marine Plan Review

- Sally and Gord led a review of the draft Central Coast Marine Plan. Advice on introductory language, objectives and strategies was provided by MPAC members and captured in the advice log.
- There were detailed discussions about the need to improve education related to compliance and enforcement, monitor EBM indicators, support the marine economy, and make the protection strategies more explicit.

Actions:

 Sally and Gord to consider the advice provided by MPAC members during the meeting and captured in the advice log



Day 2: Sept 26

Welcome and Recap of Day 1

• Craig reviewed the meeting objectives and discussed the agenda for the day

Draft Central Coast Marine Plan Review (continued)

- Sally and Gord led a review of the draft Central Coast Marine Plan. Advice on introductory language, objectives and strategies was provided and captured in the advice log
- There were detailed discussions about clarifying some of the language used in the tenures section, referencing training opportunities in the forestry sector, and marketing and branding of sustainable seafood products

Actions:

- Sally and Gord to consider the advice provided by MPAC members during the meeting and captured in the advice log
- MPAC members to provide Sally and Gord with populated advice logs with their written advice on version 1 of the draft plan by October 11th

Recommended Uses and Activities (RUA) Tables

- Gord explained how the RUA Tables were developed and how they would be used during implementation of the plan
- MPAC members provided advice on uses that were missing and flagged concerns they had related to recommended uses for each category of the SMZ and PMZ Tables. This advice was captured in the advice log.

Actions:

- Sally and Gord to consider the advice provided by MPAC members during the meeting and captured in the advice log
- Sally and Gord to correct the Aquaculture SMZ RUA Table so that it refers to all aquaculture, not just shellfish aquaculture

Vulnerability Matrix

- Allison Paul explained what the vulnerability matrix is, how it was developed, and how it will be used during development of the plan
- Some questions were raised about how scores were assigned. It was felt that the vulnerability matrix should be reviewed by the MaPP Science Advisory Committee.

Actions:

 Allison to have the Science Advisory Committee review the vulnerability matrix and provide comment



Demo of Web-Mapping Portal

- Data layers continue to get added to the web-mapping portal every two weeks. Discussion forums will be added and drawing tools made available when draft zones are uploaded to the portal
- Sally showed a series of screenshots that demonstrated how to use the forums and drawing tools.

Wrap up

- MPAC members have until October 11th to submit their advice log comments on the objectives and strategies
- The next MPAC meeting is November 14-15th in Richmond. The focus of the meeting will be providing advice on the spatial plan. It was recognized that MPAC members will have a lot of work to do to collate sector feedback before and after the November meeting
- Gord and Sally thanked everyone attending for their input
- Craig recapped the meeting objectives and discussed how they were met

Actions:

- The Draft spatial plan will be provided in shapefile format 2 weeks before the next MPAC Meeting
- MPAC members and alternates will be provided an additional 2 weeks after the next meeting for their review of the draft spatial plan