

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

Meeting #10

June 5-6, 2014

Painter's Lodge, 1625 McDonald Road

Campbell River, B.C.

# **Objectives:**

- 1. To present the changes from the public review period and final MPAC review
- 2. To present the final draft plan for discussion and indication of support
- 3. Celebrate the conclusion of the plan development process

## Attendance:

#### **MPAC Members and Alternates:**

Jim Abram – Local Government (SRD)
Jonathan Armstrong [Day One] – Coastal Forestry
Ellen Bird – Renewable Energy
Gord Curry, Kat Middleton – Marine Conservation
Dan Edwards – Commercial Fishing
Rick Snowdon, Mairi Edgar – Commercial Recreation
Heidi Soltau – Local Government (MWRD)

#### 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

#### Faciliatator:

Craig Darling - CanAccord

## Regrets:

Brian Kingzette, Michele Patterson – Shellfish Aquaculture
Paul Kariya – Renewable Energy
Dwayne Mustard – Recreational Fishing Services
Richard Opala, Dave Minato – Finfish Aquaculture
Bruce Storry - Coastal Forestry
Alan Thomson, Nick Heath – Public Recreation

#### Observer:

Morag Carter, Marine Conservation

#### Day 1

# **Welcome and Opening:**

- John Bones and Matthew Justice welcomed the group on behalf of the NVI Technical Team.
- Craig Darling, facilitator, set the context for the meeting.
- Introductions were made around the table (including alternates, staff and observers).
- Craig reviewed the agenda and purpose of the meeting.

# **Updates and Next Steps:**

- Matthew provided a summary of MPAC#9 and follow-up meetings with sectors.
- John provided an update on the Advice Log.
- Jillian provided a summary of open house attendance and feedback received.

- John discussed Regional and Sub-regional updates and steps to completion, including a potential nocost extension of the overall MaPP process to October 31, 2014.
- Scott advised of an upcoming MaPP Geographic Response Plan workshop, to be held on June 25 in Campbell River, and the opportunity for MPAC member participation.
- Jillian provided an update on the Current Conditions and Trends reports.
- MPAC members provided updates of their sector plan review activities.

## **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

- 1. Clarification provided on status of consultation with non-participating First Nations, the process for reviewing and evaluating public and MPAC feedback, open house turnout, and follow-up from the Port Hardy Open House with the District of Port Hardy and with recreational fishing representatives.
- 2. See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.
- 3. ACTION: MaPP team to add the public comment log to the Dropbox.
- 4. ACTION: Scott to provide GRP community workshop information to Regional District offices.

## **Review & Discussion: Chapter 1-3 Revisions**

- Jillian presented the changes to the front matter and Chapters 1, 2 and 3.
- Detailed comments were provided and noted for consideration.
- Indications of general support for Chapters 1, 2 and 3 were received from MPAC members present, and all concerns were noted.

#### **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

- 1. Discussion about the nature of DFO feedback on the Haida Gwaii plan and MaPP plans in general, and the presentation of finfish aquaculture tenure data.
- 2. See advice log for specific advice given regarding chapters 1, 2, and 3.

## **Review & Discussion: Chapter 4 Revisions**

- Jillian presented the changes to Chapter 4.
- Detailed comments were provided and noted for consideration.
- Indications of support for Chapter 4 were received from MPAC members present, and all concerns were noted.

## **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

- 1. Discussion related to: adjustments to certain strategies, namely transportation, forestry, aquaculture; and, clarification around certain uses and activities.
- 2. See advice log for specific advice given regarding chapter.

## **Review & Discussion: Chapter 5 Revisions**

- Jillian presented the changes to Chapter 5.
- Greg presented changes on the zoning maps.
- Detailed comments were provided and noted for consideration.
- Indications of support for Chapter 5 were received from MPAC members present, with the forestry representative reserving judgement.

#### **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

- 1. Clarification of the timeframe for the plan
- 2. Discussion held on: appropriate terminology; zoning adjustments for specific areas; engagement of federal agencies in implementation; shellfish aquaculture zoning; discussion of area-based conditions in specific areas.
- 3. See advice log for specific advice given regarding chapter text.

# **Review & Discussion: Chapter 6 Revisions**

- John provided an overview of changes.
- Detailed comments were provided and noted for consideration.
- Indications of support for Chapter 6 were received from MPAC members present, and all concerns were noted.

#### **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

- 4. Discussion held on: role of the implementation advisory committee; variance process; and fundraising for implementation financing.
- 5. See advice log for specific advice given regarding chapter text.

## Wrap-up and Look ahead to Day 2

• Craig closed the meeting. Discussion on the Appendices to continue on Day 2.

## Day 2

# **Welcome and Opening**

- Craig welcomed participants back to the meeting.
- John reviewed the agenda.

# Review and Discussion (continued): Appendices Revisions

- Jillian presented changes to the Glossary and Appendices.
- Detailed comments were provided and noted.
- Indications of support for the Glossary and Appendices were received from MPAC members present.

#### **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

- 1. Discussion about: need to better define certain terms, and scope of management plans.
- 2. See advice log for specific advice given regarding chapter text.

## **Plan Support Discussion**

- Craig introduced the plan support discussion.
- Detailed comments were provided and noted.

- Representatives for Mount Waddington Regional District, Commercial Tourism, Commercial Fishing,
  Renewable Energy, Marine Conservation provided overall personal support for the plan. The
  representative for Strathcona Regional District provided conditional support for the plan, pending
  review of a final draft document. The Forestry representative was not present, and on Day One had
  indicated he reserved judgment on the plan.
- John detailed next steps to plan completion (see timeline below).

#### **Items Discussed and Clarified:**

- 1. Discussion about the plan completion process.
- 2. See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.
- 3. ACTION: Co-leads to check level of support for the plan from MPAC members not present at the meeting.

#### **WRAP-UP**

- Co-leads summarized the meeting and highlighted next steps.
- Co-leads, stakeholders, staff and contracted support provided closing comments.
- The co-chairs adjourned the meeting 10:30 am.

## ANTICIPATED NEXT STEPS FOR NVI MARINE PLAN

- 1. Final draft plan distributed with adjustments reflecting MPAC comments, and with request for written indication of support from MPAC member and/or sector represented (target June 13)
- 2. Final draft plan undergoes final internal review by Nanwakolas and provincial government (target June 16-30)
- 3. Hold signing ceremony (target September 30)
- 4. Distribute invitations to nominate representatives to Implementation Advisory Committee (target October 31)

Note: All of these dates are subject to review of the partners.