



Marine Planning Partnership for the Pacific North Coast (MaPP)
Regional Marine Plan Advisory Committee (RMAC)
Final Meeting Summary

Advisory Group Meeting #1
December 10, 2012
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminster Highway
Richmond, B.C.

Objectives:

1. To understand the role and responsibilities of RMAC
2. To learn about the RMAC structure and workflow
3. To discuss and provide feedback on zoning framework design

Attendance:

RMAC Members and Alternates:

Kim Wright, Bill Wareham - *Conservation*
Nick Heath – *Public Recreation*
David Minato - *Finfish Aquaculture*
Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*
Bruce Storry - *Coastal Forestry*
Jim McIsaac, Lorena Hamer – *Commercial Fishing*
Evan Loveless – *Commercial Tourism*

Facilitator:

Craig Darling, *Accord Canada Dispute Resolution Group*

MaPP:

John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (MCT & Co-Chair)*
Steve Diggon – *Coastal First Nations (MCT)*
Charlie Short - *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (MCT)*
Matthew Justice – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (MCT & Co-Chair)*
Jo Smith – *MaPP Science Coordinator*
Josie Byington – *MaPP Administrator*
Fiona Kilburn – *MaPP Administrative & Financial Assistant*

Special Guests:

Merv Child, *Nanwakolas Council (MWG)*
Allan Lidstone, *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (MWG)*

Observer:

George Cuthbert, *Sport Fishing Advisory Board [morning]*

Regrets:

Sam Bowman – *Shellfish Aquaculture*
Brian Lande – *Local Government (CCRD)*
Richard Opala – *Finfish Aquaculture*
Heidi Soltau – *Local Government (MWRD)*
Andrew Webber – *Local Government (KSRD)*

Day 1

Welcoming and Introductions:

- Allan Lidstone and Merv Child, MaPP Working Group Members, welcomed the group on behalf of the Province of BC, *Nanwakolas Council* and *the Marine Working Group members*
- Introductions were made around the table (including alternates, staff and observers) and members spoke about their sectors.
- Craig reviewed meeting and venue logistics.
- Craig reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting.

Marine Planning Partnership (MaPP):

Overview & EBM Approach

- Charlie presented an overview of MaPP and the EBM approach. *(Presentation: EBM & Linkages)*
- Charlie clarified MaPP study area and sub-regional boundaries.

Context (Linkages/Jurisdictional Matters)

- Charlie described linkages between MaPP other marine planning processes [as well as provincial jurisdictional considerations](#).

Planning Process Update and Contracts to Date

- Steve described the MaPP process to date using a timeline and described contracts that have been let and proposed. [\(Presentation: Process Update\)](#)

Regional Marine Advisory Committee (RMAC):

Role & Responsibilities (including relationship to MPAC)

- Steve reviewed the roles and responsibilities of RMAC members and alternates as outlined in the RMAC Terms of Reference. [\(Presentation: RMAC Roles and Responsibilities\)](#)

Meeting Procedures

- Steve described procedures for RMAC meetings. [\(Presentation: RMAC Roles and Responsibilities\)](#)

Membership (including alternates)

- Steve showed the list of RMAC sector membership and members and alternates to date. [\(Presentation: RMAC Roles and Responsibilities\)](#)

Administration (including alternates)

- Steve identified MaPP administrative personnel. [\(Presentation: RMAC Roles and Responsibilities\)](#)

Stakeholder Support Fund

- Steve reviewed the purpose of the Stakeholder Support Fund and the process to apply for funding; [deadline for applications is January 31, 2013](#). [\(Presentation: RMAC Roles and Responsibilities\)](#)

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification that the Non-renewable Energy sector does not presently have a seat on the RMAC.
2. Clarification that Renewable Energy has a seat under the RMAC Terms of Reference and currently that seat is vacant.
3. *See advice log for advice related to RMAC meeting process.*

Break

RMAC Tasks & Workflow:

Scope of the Regional Work

- John presented on the scope of the Regional work. [\(Presentation: RMAC Tasks and Flow and Document: MaPP Regional Framework\)](#)

Related Workshops and Meetings

- John described the proposed format to hold RMAC meetings along with a workshop and described the workshop topics.

Scheduling and Timelines

- Jo reviewed the proposed schedule for RMAC meetings. ([Document: MaPP RMAC Schedule Update](#))

Scientific and Other Expert Support

- Jo described the Scientific Advisory Committee's role and input from other experts to MaPP products.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification that there are unique MaPP outputs associated with the Regional Framework (i.e. zoning, cumulative effects assessment, compliance monitoring and enforcement)
2. Clarification that governance and collaborative management outputs are in scope for MaPP.
3. Clarification that MaPP shares priorities identified by PNCIMA within the EBM framework (i.e. cumulative effects, marine protected areas, and integrated economic strategies.) Working to reconcile any differences in language used in PNCIMA with MaPP planning, and create consistency among the sub-regional plans.
4. Clarification regarding Integrated Decision Making in the province, looking at streamlining, and eliminating duplication, but also include component of CEA.
5. Clarification provided on differing approaches and coordination between MaPP cumulative effects framework and risk-based assessment (ERAF) used by DFO. The federal ERAF is found to focus on ecological issues in a linear fashion, whereas the CEAF includes socioeconomic and cultural issues and is non-linear. Further clarification that discussions are ongoing between the Province and DFO to work toward streamlining, reconciliation and coordination.
6. Clarification that under the outcomes of the project funding agreement, MaPP will develop an implementation action plan with financing mechanisms.
7. Context provided around Provincial mandate to explore development of CEAF for tenuring decisions.
8. Discussed meeting timing and scheduling options, with clarification that the preference is to limit meetings to 2 days and set placeholder dates as soon as possible.
9. Clarification around sub-regional vs study area boundary for NVI that the NVI sub-regional boundary represents traditional territory of Nanwakolas Council Nations, while the regional framework will look at information out to the Continental Shelf; non-signatory FN are kept informed of the MaPP process.

Lunch

General Discussion

- RMAC posed questions about the Regional work to the MCT and Science Coordinator.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification around output on Governance and Collaborative Management Recommendations.

2. Discussion regarding efforts by MaPP to include non-signatory First Nations in the process, and that will need to determine how to incorporate input if certain groups do decide to participate.
3. **MCT to revisit the schedule and topics and provide an update.**
4. Clarification provided to differentiate the DFO risk assessment process from the vulnerability matrix process.
5. Discussion about air pollution, viewsapes, and acoustic pollution.
6. Clarification that zoning will address the level of complexity around marine protected areas (i.e., ecological issues **as well as** socioeconomic issues)
7. Clarification regarding Marine Protected Area Network: using Marxan to look at sites, and subregional plans will propose sites. Once meshed together, will be brought to the RMAC.
8. *See advice log for advice given regarding Regional outputs.*

Focus Topic: A Framework for Zoning

- Charlie presented the MaPP Zoning Framework.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion around the authority that the MaPP zoning framework will have related to levels of government and the process for bringing existing FN community plans into MaPP.
2. Clarification that established national defense, bilge transition, and waste disposal zones are out of scope for the MaPP zoning framework.
3. Discussion about types of activities that can be zoned temporally and rationale for that.
4. Discussion about types of activities included in the Special Management Zone.
5. Discussion about the IUCN zoning designations.
6. Question about incorporating zoning into nautical navigation technology. Response described the governance and legal issues associated with that.
7. Clarification that the MaPP zoning framework builds from identification of key EBM values to inform the process.
8. Discussion related to MPAs and how IUCN V and VI categories fit with regards to special management zones.
9. *See advice log for advice given on the MaPP Zoning Framework.*

Break

Scheduling & Wrap Up

Round Table

- Final comments were received from each RMAC member.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion around the various dimensions that marine zonings needs to consider.
2. Discussion over usefulness and effectiveness of proposed zoning framework
3. Discussion around working with zoning that already exists (existing plans) and the size of planning units.
4. Clarification on approaches to zoning given the many ecological uncertainties or inconsistencies in the marine environment,

5. **MaPP Administration to e-mail questions to RMAC to guide their feedback on the Zoning Framework. Deadline for comments is January 4, 2013.**

Next Meeting

- Steve led the discussion about process for setting a date for the second RMAC meeting.
- **MaPP Administration to set up a Doodle poll to find a date for RMAC meeting #2 in the last week of February or first week of March 2013.**
- Other meetings for June, July and September.

CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned 4:30 pm.