



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

Advisory Group Meeting #2

March 4, 2013

**Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminster Highway
Richmond, B.C.**

Objectives:

1. MaPP updates.
2. Review draft regional compliance, monitoring and enforcement framework document.
3. Review proposed regional document outline.

Attendance:

RMAC Members and Alternates:

Kim Wright and Bill Wareham (Alt.)-
Conservation
Nick Heath – *Public Recreation*
Richard Opala - *Finfish Aquaculture*
Bruce Storry - *Coastal Forestry*
Evan Loveless – *Commercial Tourism*
Sam Bowman – *Shellfish Aquaculture*
Adrian Rowland – *Marine Infrastructure*
Kim Johnson – *Non-renewable Energy*
George Cuthbert – *Sport Fishing*
Brian Lande – *Local Government (CCRD)*
Heidi Soltau – *Local Government (MWRD)*
Andrew Webber – *Local Government (KSRD)*
Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*

MaPP:

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

Facilitator:

Craig Darling

Day 1

Welcoming and Introductions:

- John Bones and Matthew Justice, Marine Coordination Team and Co-Chairs, welcomed the group on behalf of the Province of BC, First Nation MaPP partners, and the Marine Working Group members and introduced new members Kim Johnson, Adrian Rowland and George Cuthbert.
- Introductions were made around the table (including alternates and MaPP participants) and members spoke about their sectors.
- Craig reviewed meeting and venue logistics.
- Craig reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting.

Marine Planning Partnership (MaPP):

Science Coordinator Updates

- Jo provided an update on three regional outputs/frameworks (zoning, cumulative effects assessment (CEAF) and compliance, monitoring and enforcement) (Presentation: *Updates for RMAC Science Coordinator 20130304_JLS-1.pdf*)
- Discussion about incorporating zoning comments from RMAC and MPAC members into document.
- Discussion about the province's cumulative effects framework and possibilities for a joint framework.

- Discussion about additional MaPP outputs (vulnerability matrix, climate change and human well-being/governance indicators) and planning tools (InVest and Marine Planning Portal).

Sub-regional plan update

- **Haida Gwaii** –Matthew communicated that this sub-region is working with the province to complete a draft plan by the end of March. This plan is further ahead than the other sub-regions.
- **North Coast** – Matthew communicated that the majority of the objectives and strategies had been presented. In January, the zoning framework was introduced and in March the zoning process would be introduced.
- **Central Coast** – Steve communicated that all the objectives and strategies had been presented. Spatial plan development, zoning designations and planning tools will be presented at the next MPAC in March.
- **North Vancouver Island** – John communicated that preliminary zoning and data sets will be discussed at the next MPAC in March.

Other comments

- Jo communicated that the sub-regions will have a draft plan ready for the summer.
- Clarification about vertical zoning – MaPP zoning is intended to provide a single recommendation for use that applies to the surface, water column and seabed.

Break

Regional Marine Advisory Committee (RMAC):

- Roundtable discussion
- Steve presented three questions to the table:
 - Do you have any feedback/thoughts on the RMAC meeting process or logistics?
 - Do you have any concerns/comments regarding technical issues (e.g., Dropbox)
 - Do you have concerns/comments regarding communications with the RMAC?

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion about finishing the plans on time and the possibility of extending the deadline.
2. Clarification that timelines are being reviewed presently.
3. Discussion about the various approaches and formats that are used at the different sub-regional tables.
4. Request for more consistency regarding how information is presented at the different tables.
5. Discussion about MaPP's plan and incorporation of existing marine and terrestrial plans and zoning bylaws, and how they will intertwine and questions about jurisdictional overlap with local governments.
6. Discussion about advice logs - some members are finding them difficult to follow.

REGIONAL FRAMEWORK LAYOUT

- Presented by Jo Smith (Presentation: *Monitoring Compliance Framework_20130226.pdf*)

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion about which parts of the regional framework members want to have input.
2. Discussion about avoiding repetition between the sub-regional plans and the regional framework.

3. Discussion about Conditions and Trends section and the opportunity for sectors to comment/provide feedback.

Lunch

Framework for Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement:

- Presented by Steve Diggon

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Request for clarification on the types of monitoring – difficult to discern whether framework refers to monitoring for effective compliance with regulations and plans, or monitoring of plan and EBM indicators.
2. Discussion about the current limited enforcement capacity and the necessity for increased enforcement in the MaPP study area.
3. Discussion about measuring the effectiveness of monitoring and enforcement strategies.
4. Discussion about the Guardian Watchmen Program.
5. Discussion about sharing information/data with other agencies/groups and how the information will be managed.
6. Request clarification to identify most recent version of framework document.

Draft Questions for Monitoring and Compliance

- Steve Diggon presented three questions to the table.
 - Does the document provide an effective framework for developing better monitoring of EBM indicators and targets and more effective compliance, monitoring and enforcement of plans, regulations and laws in the MaPP area?
 - Are there any key elements/ideas/etc. missing from this document?
 - Does this framework effectively incorporate the EBM principles?

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion about previous work done on monitoring and compliance frameworks and MaPP using existing examples.

RMAC SCHEDULE

1. Discussion about missed topics and when they will be covered.

Scheduling & Wrap Up

Next Meeting

- **MaPP Administration to set up a Doodle poll to find a date for RMAC meeting #3 in June in 2013.**
- Reminder to share comments on meeting topics before March 18, 2013.

CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm