



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

Advisory Group Meeting #3
October 30-31, 2013
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel,
7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, B.C.

Objectives:

1. MaPP Updates
2. Updates on Regional Frameworks: Zoning Framework; Regional Document
3. Review draft Regional Pollution Management Framework
4. Review of draft Regional Climate Change Framework
5. Review of draft Regional Integrated Economic Strategies Framework

Attendance:

RMAC Members and Alternates:

Kim Wright- *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*
Jim Mclsaac – *Commercial Fisheries*
Brian Lande – *Local Government (CCRD)*
Heidi Soltau – *Local Government (MWRD)*
Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*
Andrew Webber – *Local Government (KS RD)*
Evan Putterill – *(QC)*

MaPP:

John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (MCT)*
Steve Diggon – *Coastal First Nations (MCT)*
Matthew Justice – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (MCT)*
Charlie Short – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (MCT)*
Jo Smith – *MaPP Science Coordinator*
Gilian Dusting – *MaPP Communications Consultant*
Josie Byington – *MaPP Administrator*
Fiona Kilburn – *Financial Coordinator*
Allison Paul – *MaPP Technical Planner*
Michele Thomas – *MaPP Science & Administrative Assistant*

Facilitator:

Craig Darling

Guest Presenter:

Kathy Chopik (Day 2)

Observer:

Anu Rao, David Suzuki Foundation

Day 1

Opening:

- Matthew, Charlie, John and Steve, the Marine Coordination Team, welcomed the group on behalf of the Province of B.C., First Nation MaPP partners, and the Marine Working Group members and introduced new members Evan Putterill and welcomed Jim Mclsaac back to the table.
- 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. There were no additions to the agenda.

Update: Marine Planning Partnership (MaPP):

Timetable extension

- John provided details of the extension of the initiative to June 30, 2014 and requested confirmation around the table that RMAC members are willing to continue their involvement. Confirmation received from all.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Jim Abram asked that a letter be sent to SRD board chair requesting his participation. **ACTION:** MCT to send letters to regional district board chairs requesting participation of the same representatives through June 2014.
2. Clarification of timeline for sub-regional marine plans and regional document.
3. Clarification of internal review process and recognition that the internal review process is not an opportunity for lobbying. **ACTION:** MCT to provide a list of Provincial departments and branches conducting the internal review.
4. Clarification of the nature of discussions with the federal government.
5. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Sub-regional plans and technical work

- Jo provided updates on the EBM indicators development, climate change vulnerability mapping, and the regional and sub-regional Marxan analysis. (Presentation: 915A MaPP Updates Technical 20131028 JLS.pdf)
- Matthew updated on the Marine Policy Analysis consultant's report.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification on how EBM indicators dashboard and toolbox will be applied.
2. Confirmation that RMAC will receive a presentation at a future meeting on the findings of the marine policy analysis.
3. Clarification of the process for incorporating consultants' reports into MaPP plans.
4. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Advice log and previous meeting summary - RMAC

- Matthew reported on actions taken in response to advice received at RMAC#2 (Presentation: 915C Sum of Advice from RMAC2 20131029 MJ.pdf).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion about MaPP communications strategy.
2. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Regional Marine Advisory Committee (RMAC):

- Craig provided this direction to the table:
 - Share observations and provide updates
 - Identify concerns of the members' sectors
 - Comment on progress communicating MaPP to constituents
 - Identify the type of support needed, if required
- Roundtable discussion followed.

Update: Regional Frameworks

Regional Document, Table of Contents

- Presented by Jo Smith (Presentation: 1100A TableofContents RMAC3 20131028 JLS.pdf)

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion about plan implementation including method for setting priorities and funding options.
2. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Zoning Framework and Tools

- Presented by Jo Smith (Presentation: 1100B ZoningFramework RMAC3 20131030 JLS)

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification that zoning is not vertical, and that conditional statements describe activities in the water column.
2. Discussion about resolving conflicts in zones.
3. Discussion about the definition of “sustainable use.”
4. Clarification about the use of IUCN categories in PMZ.
5. Discussion about RUA tables.
6. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Lunch

Focus Topic: Regional Climate Change Framework

- Presented by Jo Smith (Presentation: 1330 ClimateChangeFW 20131025 AJP JLS.pdf)

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion about Blue Carbon.
2. Discussion about climate change mitigation strategies.
3. Clarification of the scope of the climate change output.
4. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Focus Topic: Regional Pollution Management Framework

- Presented by Jo Smith (Presentation: 1515 MarinePollutionFW 20131025 AJP JLS.pdf)

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion about the title of the framework.
2. Discussion about ways to include terrestrial sources of pollution that have impacts on the marine environment in MaPP documentation.
3. Discussion about ocean dumping.
4. Clarification about the work to be contracted on marine response and geographic response plans (GRPs).
5. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Day One Wrap Up

- Craig thanked the group for their participation.

Day 2

Opening:

- Craig welcomed everyone and announced that the agenda was re-arranged and Kathy Chopik's presentation will be first.

Focus Topic: Regional Integrated Economic Strategies Framework

- John introduced Kathy, the consultant who prepared the Regional Integrated Economic Strategies Framework report.
- Presented by Kathy Chopik (Presentation: Regional Integrated Economic Strategies 20131031 KC.pdf)

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification of the method of incorporating the report information into the Regional document.
2. Discussion about experiences related to the wharf divestiture program, harbor expansion requests, cruise ship terminals.
3. Discussion about the importance of human capital in economic development.
4. Discussion about the timeframes for economic strategies.
5. Clarification about the scope and methods used in to prepare the report.
6. Discussion about options for business models and funding for training.
7. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Focus Topic: Marine Planning Portal

- Presented by Jo Smith (Presentation: <http://mapp.seasketch.org>)

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Demo, including data layers and tools, and explanation of forums.
2. Discussion about data management and update cycle.
3. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Next Meeting

- The date for RMAC meeting #4 is tentatively January 28-29, 2014 in Richmond.
- Confirmation that the RMAC advice log will be circulated on November 6, and the draft meeting summary will be sent out on November 21.
- Reminder to submit comments on meeting topics before November 14, 2013 using the written feedback template via rmac-feedback@mappocean.org

CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm