



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

Advisory Group Meeting #4
February 4-5, 2014
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel,
7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, B.C.

Objectives:

1. Updates on Regional Frameworks and/or Recommendations:
 - a. Regional Plan;
 - b. Zoning Framework;
 - c. Climate Change Framework
2. Update on Marine Response Planning, Issues
3. Updates on Pollution Management:
 - a. Update on Draft Regional Framework
 - b. Draft Regulatory Gap Analysis Report
4. Review of draft Regional Integrated Economic Strategies
5. Review of draft Marine Policy Report
6. Update on Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework

Attendance:

RMAC Members and Alternates:

Kim Wright- *Marine Conservation*
Anu Rao (Alternate) – *Marine Conservation*
Nick Heath – *Public Recreation*
Richard Opala - *Finfish Aquaculture [Day 1]*
Bruce Storry - *Coastal Forestry*
Mairi Edgar (Alternate) – *Commercial Tourism*
Kim Johnson – *Non-renewable Energy*
Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fisheries*
Brian Lande – *Local Government (CCRD)*
Doug Aberley (Alternate) – *Local Government (MWRD)*
Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*
Andrew Webber – *Local Government (KSRD)*

Facilitator:

Craig Darling

Guest Presenters:

Stafford Reid – *EnvironEmerg Consulting Services [Day 1]*
Joe Truscott, Ashley Smith - *Hemmera [Day 1]*
Jamie Alley [Day 2]
Steve Wilson, *EcoLogic Research [Day 2]*

Observers:

Alex Barron, *CPAWS*
Masoud Jahani, *Transport Canada [Day 1]*
Darcy Dobell, *Independent Consultant*

Regrets:

Karl Bergman – *RDSQC (Mainland)*
Sam Bowman – *Shellfish Aquaculture*
George Cuthbert – *Recreational Angling*
Ian Gould – *RDSQC (HG)*
Adrian Rowland – *Transportation/Infrastructure*

MaPP:

John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (MCT) [Day 2]*
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*
Jillian Tamblyn – *MaPP Technical Coordinator*
Josie Byington – *MaPP Administrator*
Fiona Kilburn – *MaPP Financial Coordinator [Day 1]*
Allison Paul – *MaPP Technical Planner*
Michele Thomas – *MaPP Science & Administrative Assistant*

Day 1

Opening:

- Craig opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
- Craig reviewed the meeting and venue logistics.
- Craig reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting. There were no additions to the agenda.
- Charlie, Matthew 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.
- Introductions were made around the table (including alternates and MaPP participants)

Update: Marine Planning Partnership (MaPP):

Timetable

- Matthew and Jo presented the RMAC Schedule to June 2014 (Document: RMAC schedule Feb2014.pdf)

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. The next batch of materials for review will be sent the week of March 3, with RMAC#5 targeted for the week of March 24.

Implementation financing

- Steve presented on the work of the implementation financing consulting teams (Presentation: 915A MaPPUpdates ImpFin 20140130_JKB-sd.pdf)

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. The estimated target for fundraisers is \$25M.
2. Implementation will be a staged approach and may ultimately be a broader process than implementing the MaPP plans.

Sub-Regional plans and technical work

- Matthew and Steve provided updates on Sub-regional plans' progress, including dates for internal review and public review.
- Jo provided an update on technical products (Presentation: 0915C UpdatesTechnicalWork RMAC4 20140203_JLS.pdf)

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification provided about the internal Provincial review process.
2. Clarification about the timelines for providing feedback to the NVI Plan.
3. List of communities where open houses and public meetings will be held.
4. **ACTION: MCT to provide a bulletin listing locations of open houses and public meetings.**
5. **ACTION: MCT to explore holding a public meeting in a central place (Vancouver/Victoria) to discuss the regional plan.**
6. Clarification of the process for online review and feedback of the plans.
7. Clarification of delivery date for EBM Indicators phase 2 deliverables and the linkage to human wellbeing indicator work being developed by the Province for terrestrial application.
8. Clarification that EcoAdapt vulnerability mapping results will be shown on the MaPP planning portal.
9. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Advice log and previous meeting summary

- Matthew presented highlights of the RMAC Advice Log (Presentation: 915B Sum of Advice from RMAC3 20140201.pdf). No discussion.

MaPP Portal

- Jo provided an update on the MaPP Portal (Presentation: 0915E PortalUpdate RMAC4 20140203_JLS.pdf).
- Some RMAC members described their sector's experience with the Portal.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification of the location on the Portal of the EcoAdapt recreation visitation data.
2. Clarification about how to provide feedback to the developers, SeaSketch, and on which issues.
3. Clarification about the development time for the trade-off analysis feature, and that it will be available in the Implementation phase.
4. Clarification that the Implementation phase allows for adaptive management and how stakeholders will continue to provide advice to the process.
5. Clarification of how areas of interest for protection identified through MaPP will contribute to the MPA Network process.
6. *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
- Roundtable discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. **ACTION: Allison to provide guidance to Mairi regarding the question related to activities in a PMZ.**
2. Apologies expressed for the late delivery of materials for this meeting.
3. Confirmation of MaPP's commitment to end date of June 2013 to develop the plans.
4. Confirmation that the Province is following the required process to engage non-participating First Nations.
5. Clarification that plans are not legally binding; they are guidance for people making decisions.
6. Clarification of the nature of the legal review of the plans.
7. Description of stakeholder committees anticipated for Implementation and ongoing opportunities for stakeholder participation.
8. Description of federal participation anticipated in plan review, Implementation and other processes.
9. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Lunch

Focus Topic: Marine Response Planning

- After introduction by Steve, Stafford Reid gave two presentations, one focused on Major Marine Vessels in BC's Coastal Waters and Geographic Response Plans for BC's Coastal Waters (Presentation: Coastal Marine Issues MaPP RMAC 2014.pdf). Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification about the nature of the lack of investment in response preparedness, and the scope of the work that MaPP will address in preparing GRPs.
2. Clarification of the vision for oversight committees.
3. First presentation - comments received on mustering points and gaps (e.g., unstaffed lightstations), community and FN expertise, the short window of opportunity to clean shorelines at low tide, logistics of moving workers, frequency of incidents, and application of the bowtie model for risk management.
4. Second presentation – clarification requested on location for the slide showing projected growth of vessel traffic, discussion of the drivers for GRPs, clarification of the use of the term “geographic.”
5. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Focus Topic: Regional Pollution Management Framework

Updates on Draft Regional Marine Pollution Framework

- Jo Smith presented the updates to the Regional Pollution Management Framework, explaining how comments have been addressed. (Presentation: 1445 MarinePollutionRecommend RMAC4 20140203_JLS.pdf)

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. **ACTION: Allison to define “marine debris.”**
2. **ACTION: Allison to edit text as described.**
3. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Draft Regulatory Gap Analysis (report by Hemmera)

- Presented by Ashley Smith and Joe Truscott, Hemmera. Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Comments received about waste discharge regulations for finfish aquaculture, voluntary tanker exclusion zones, underwater noise pollution, the Jaws of the Land case (1982), amendments to the Fisheries Act, and linkages between guidelines and legislation.
2. Clarification over use of the term “gap” during the presentation.
3. Clarification about making the consultants’ report available to the RMAC.
4. Clarification about the purpose of the gap analysis within the scope of MaPP.
5. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Day One Wrap Up

- Craig thanked the group for their participation and set up Day Two.

Day 2

Opening

- Craig welcomed everyone and announced that the agenda was re-arranged with the Regional Outputs item from Day 1 to be presented after lunch.

Focus Topic: Regional Integrated Economic Strategies

- Jo presented the Regional Integrated Economic Strategies recommendations document (Presentation: EconomicStrategies Recommendations v1.1 201402_JLS.pdf). Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification that Kathy Chopik's report did not address the value of existing economic activities.
2. Comments received about business models, for example franchises; the focus of the Coast Opportunities Fund; the marine highway concept and potential inclusion in economic strategies as well as infrastructure;
3. Clarification about the scope of MaPP with respect to seafood branding.
4. Clarification that the recommendations are limited to marine-based economic activities.
5. Clarification that the Regional framework is based on common Sub-regional strategies.
6. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Focus Topic: Marine Policy Analysis

- After introduction by Matthew, Jamie Alley presented highlights from his report, *Review & Analysis of Federal Reports and Legislative Changes in Pacific Canada Relevant to MaPP*. Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Comments received about transfer of responsibilities from federal to provincial level, challenges in fulfilling international obligations, ways for MaPP to articulate strategies to support international obligations, and exceptions in legislation.
2. Clarification of the scope for Jamie's work.
3. Clarification on MaPP's method to award contracts.
4. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Focus Topic: Cumulative Effects Assessment

- After introduction by Jo, Steve Wilson presented on the Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework he developed for MaPP. Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Comments received on how EBM values relate to the environmental assessment process, who pays for mitigation, scale used to measure cumulative effects, using the CEA framework for socioeconomic values, cautions around data sets and the shift from measuring activities to measuring values, the importance of who sets the objectives.
2. Clarification on the effectiveness scale.
3. Questions received on pilot project proposal, and whether there has been consideration of changes to current decision-making structures.
4. Clarification about why MaPP is concerned with a cumulative effects assessment framework.
5. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Lunch

Update: Regional Outputs – this moved to Day 2 after lunch

Regional Document, Table of Contents

- Jo Smith presented the Table of Contents for the Regional plan. (Presentation: R Plan v3.1 TOC 20140202_JLS.pdf). Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification of the process to release consultants' reports.
2. **ACTION: Allison to add revised Vulnerability Matrix to Stakeholder Dropbox.**
3. Clarification of the scope of the plan assessment section.
4. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Climate Change Framework

- Jo Smith presented the Climate Change Framework (Presentation: 1045C ClimateChange Recommend RMAC4 20140202_JLS.pdf). Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

5. **ACTION: Allison to update the framework as discussed.**
6. Comments received about carbon sinks, protection of resilient ecosystems, and eelgrass habitats.
7. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Zoning Framework and Tools

- Presented by Jo Smith (Presentation: 1045B ZoningFramework Update RMAC4 20140203_JLS.pdf). Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Comments received about presentation of a conflict resolution model, the term “sustainable”, the differences in Community Management Zones in different Sub-regional plans, the need to assess stressors in PMZs and how they can be mitigated,
2. Clarification that objectives for non-renewable energy development are out of scope for MaPP.
3. Confirmation that Community Management Zones are part of SMZs.
4. Clarification of the bottom-up approach to zoning.
5. Clarification of the linkage between MaPP PMZs and recommendations to the MPA Network.
6. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Next Meeting

- Mail out of docs week of March 3
- The date for RMAC meeting #5 is tentatively week of March 24 in Richmond. Doodle poll to follow.
- Reminder to submit comments on meeting topics before February 20 using the written feedback template via rmac-feedback@mappocean.org

CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm