



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

Advisory Group Meeting #5
April 29, 2014
Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel,
7571 Westminster Highway, Richmond, B.C.

Objectives:

1. Update on MaPP process and timelines
2. Review and status update of the draft Regional Priorities Plan
3. Receive feedback on components of the Regional Priorities Plan

Attendance:

RMAC Members and Alternates:

Kim Wright- *Marine Conservation*
Anu Rao (Alternate) – *Marine Conservation*
Nick Heath – *Public Recreation*
Richard Opala - *Finfish Aquaculture*
Bruce Storry - *Coastal Forestry*
Mairi Edgar (Alternate) – *Commercial Tourism*
Kim Johnson – *Non-renewable Energy*
Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fisheries*
Dan Edwards (Alternate) – *Commercial Fisheries*
Brian Lande – *Local Government (CCRD)*
Doug Aberley (Alternate) – *Local Government (MWRD)*
Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*
Andrew Webber – *Local Government (KSRD)*
Sam Bowman – *Shellfish Aquaculture*
George Cuthbert – *Recreational Angling*

MaPP:

John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (MCT)*
Steve Diggon – *Coastal First Nations (MCT) [afternoon]*
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*
Allison Paul – *MaPP Technical Planner*
Michele Thomas – *MaPP Science & Administrative Assistant*

Facilitator:

Craig Darling

Regrets:

Karl Bergman – *RDSQC (Mainland)*
Ian Gould – *RDSQC (HG)*
Adrian Rowland – *Transportation/Infrastructure*

Day 1

Opening:

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

Update: Marine Planning Partnership (MaPP):

Timeline

- Matthew reported on Sub-regional open houses/public meetings held to date and scheduled.
- Matthew provided timelines for RMAC activities.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification of Provincial outreach process to non-participating First Nations.
2. Confirmation that MaPP intends to have all technical work completed by June 30 and plans into the process for sign-off. Sign-off may be delayed past June 30, and some plans may be batched for sign-off.
3. Confirmation that the MCT is considering a public meeting in Vancouver or Victoria but that it has not yet determined the nature of the public review process.
4. Clarification that an additional open house is being considered for NVI.
5. Reminder that sectors can request meetings with co-leads during the public review period.
6. Confirmation that the Province is considering an extension to the HG public review period, since its MAC was not sector-based, so information about the process was not shared in the same way as in other sub-regions.

Sub-Regional plans

- Charlie reviewed the internal review process undertaken before Sub-regional plans are released for public comment.
- Charlie provided an update on media attention to the HG and NVI plans.
- Charlie commented on the review process for the RPP.

Implementation financing

- Charlie updated on progress to date on MaPP implementation financing.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification on the variety of funding sources being proposed.
2. Clarification about the timeline for implementation fundraising.
3. Discussion of the total amount required for implementation.
4. Clarification about the role of the proposed implementation committee.

See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments

Technical Work and MaPP Portal

- Jillian provided an update on Regional frameworks, Marine Response Planning, the Marine Planning Portal, EBM Indicators, and products from Marine InVEST and EcoAdapt collaborations.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification about process for Marine Response workshops in communities.
2. Clarification that zone definitions are not finalised.
3. Clarification about the use of the term “framework” and “tool”.

Advice log and previous meeting summary

- Matthew provided an overview of the advice received from the last RMAC meeting.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Confirmation that the updated advice log is in the Dropbox.

SAC Advice

- Jo provided an update on the advice received from the Science Advisory Committee. (File: SAC Advice List 20140429_JLS.pdf)

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. Updates included information on the non-binding plebiscite in Kitimat, LNG development, environmental assessments, outreach to BC yacht clubs and efforts to raise awareness about boat haven tenures, dive community response to plans, collective efforts of ENGOs to review plans, efforts by commercial tourism to inform members, forestry attendance at open houses, comments about strategies in plans related to ferries, concern and actions related to federal geoduck management strategy, the presentation to Mt Waddington RD and open houses, concerns from the sport fishing sector, challenges for commercial fishing to have enough time to comment on HG plan, concern from NRE that the industry is not part of the plans.
2. Discussion about activities and limitations of Provincial jurisdiction.
3. Discussion about the weight given to feedback provided at public meetings vs. feedback received through advisory tables.
4. Clarification about the moratorium on new fish farm applications in the Discovery islands, and how the plans discuss the fish farming moratorium in HG and NC.
5. Clarification about the attendance of the representative from Transport Canada at RMAC#4.
6. Request for definition of PMZ to understand implications for shellfish aquaculture.
7. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Update: Overview of the Regional Priorities Plan (RPP)

- John provided an overview of the RPP document (Presentation: MaPP RPP v2.2 20140424 AJP.pdf and RPP 201404225 AJP JAT.pdf)

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification that the RMAC will meet to review the final version of the RPP to understand how all feedback was incorporated.

Focus Topic: Preliminary Section and Chapter 1

Presentation: Preliminary Section and Chapter 1

- John described the preliminary sections and Chapter 1 of the RPP document (Presentation: MaPP RPP v2.2 20140424 AJP.pdf and RPP 201404225 AJP JAT.pdf).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Advice received on the structure, consistency and content of the preliminary sections and Chapter 1.
2. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Presentation: Overview of structure of Chapters 2-5

- John described Chapters 2-5 of the RPP document (Presentation: MaPP RPP v2.2 20140424 AJP.pdf and RPP 201404225 AJP JAT.pdf).

Focus Topic: Chapters 2 and 3

Presentation: Chapter 2 Governance

- John presented Chapter 2 of the RPP (Presentation: MaPP RPP v2.2 20140424 AJP.pdf and RPP 201404225 AJP JAT.pdf).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Advice received on the content of Chapter 2 of the RPP.
2. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Presentation: Chapter 3 Ecological Integrity and Human Well-being

- Jillian and Allison presented Chapter 3 of the RPP (Presentation: MaPP RPP v2.2 20140424 AJP.pdf and RPP 201404225 AJP JAT.pdf).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Advice received on the content of Chapter 3 of the RPP.
2. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Focus Topic: Chapter 4

Presentation: Chapter 4 Regional Spatial Designations

- Jillian presented Chapter 4 of the RPP (Presentation: MaPP RPP v2.2 20140424 AJP.pdf and RPP 201404225 AJP JAT.pdf).
- Jo presented the updates to the Zoning Framework (Presentation: 1300 ZoningFramework Update RMAC5 20140428 JLS.pdf).
- Charlie provided commentary on the process to advance areas for marine protection.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

3. Advice received on the content of Chapters 4 of the RPP.
4. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Focus Topic: Chapters 5 and 6, Next Steps

Presentation: Chapter 5 Compliance and Enforcement

- Matthew presented Chapter 5 of the RPP (Presentation: MaPP RPP v2.2 20140424 AJP.pdf and RPP 201404225 AJP JAT.pdf).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

3. Clarification about how gaps were addressed.
4. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Presentation: Chapter 6 Regional Implementation Plan

- John presented Chapter 6 of the RPP (Presentation: MaPP RPP v2.2 20140424 AJP.pdf and RPP 201404225 AJP JAT.pdf).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

5. Advice received on the content of Chapter 6.
6. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Scheduling and Wrap up

- Charlie provided a summary of the meeting and thanked all participants for their contributions.

Next Meeting

- Doodle poll to follow for next RMAC meeting in the first week of June.
- Reminder to submit comments on meeting topics before May 13, 2014 using the written feedback template via rmac-feedback@mappocean.org

CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm