



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

Advisory Group Meeting #7
July 24, 2014
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel,
7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, B.C.

Objectives:

1. Updates on MaPP Process and timelines
2. Review and status update on Regional Priorities Plan
3. Receive feedback on components of the Regional Priorities Plan
4. Presentation on the Indicators final report from contractor

Attendance:

RMAC Members and Alternates:

Mairi Edgar (Alternate) – *Commercial Tourism*
Nick Heath – *Public Recreation*
Kim Johnson – *Non-renewable Energy*
Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fisheries*
Richard Opala – *Finfish Aquaculture*
Bruce Storry – *Coastal Forestry*
Anu Rao – *Marine Conservation*
Adrian Rowland – *Transportation/Infrastructure*
Alison Sayers (Alternate) – *Local Government (CCRD)*
Andrew Webber – *Local Government (KSRD)*

MaPP:

John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (MCT)*
Matthew Justice – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (MCT)*
Charlie Short – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (MCT)*
Jillian Tamblyn – *MaPP Technical Coordinator*
Allison Paul – *MaPP Technical Planner*
Josie Byington – *MaPP Communications Assistant*

Facilitator:

Craig Darling

Regrets:

Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*
Karl Bergman – *RDSQC (Mainland)*
Sam Bowman – *Shellfish Aquaculture*
George Cuthbert – *Recreational Angling*
Ian Gould – *Local Government RDSQC (HG)*
Brian Lande – *Local Government (CCRD)*
Heidi Soltau – *Local Government (RDMW)*
Steve Diggon – *Coastal First Nations (MCT)*

Observers:

Morag Carter – *Living Oceans Society*
Sabine Jessen – *CPAWS*
Linda Nowlan – *WWF Canada*
Kim Wright – *member of the public*

Presenter:

Andrew Day, Uma Consulting

Day 1

Opening:

- Craig opened the meeting.
- Introductions were made around the table (including observers).
- Craig reviewed the meeting and venue logistics.
- Craig reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting. There were no additions to the agenda and items 2 (MaPP Updates) and 3 (RMAC Roundtable) were switched in the order of presentation.
- Matthew provided a summary of the RMAC#6 meeting. There was no discussion.

Regional Marine Advisory Committee (RMAC) Round Table:

- Craig requested members to focus their round table commentary on:
 - Sharing observations and provide updates
 - Identifying concerns of the members' sectors
 - If involved in Sub-regional planning, how members' sectors will express support for the plans
- Roundtable discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Feedback was received on the following: jurisdictional **clarity**; integration of coastal infrastructure information into all topics; **importance for** plans to appear in a user-friendly format; Regional District role in implementation of the plans; the use of IUCN categories; **possible** text relating to EBM balancing ecological integrity and human wellbeing; rationale for commercial tourism zones in the Central Coast Marine Plan; access to public feedback; concerns of the District of Kitimat regarding the North Coast Marine Plan; documentation for the public describing the relationship between Regional and Sub-regional work; the impact of the recent Tsilhqot'in Decision on MaPP; update on discussions with federal departments; and the disclaimer on the Central Coast Marine Plan.
2. Clarification that the Commercial Fishing Caucus is comprised of 13 organizations representing fishermen across the coast; that a summary of public feedback is in preparation and will be available, and NVI public feedback is in the NVI MPAC folder in the Dropbox; that IMAP stands for Integrated Management for Aquaculture Plan (a federally-sponsored process); that comments on the EBM Framework should be presented to the MaPP team; and that the status of the PNCIMA plan is that it is in abeyance until endorsed.
3. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Update: Marine Planning Partnership (MaPP):

MaPP Extension & Implications Implementation Financing

- John provided an update on the approval of a no-cost extension, timelines (end of October for all plans, MaPP staff reductions, and the plan approval process).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Discussion related to the process for development of Implementation Agreements.
2. Clarification that Stakeholder Support Funding is available until the deadline; of the extension conditions; of timing of Implementation Agreements.
3. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Implementation Financing

- John provided an update on the work of the implementation financing consultants.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification of sources of potential implementation funding.
2. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Sub-Regional plans and technical work

- Charlie updated on the status of each of the Sub-regional plans.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification of concerns raised during the Central Coast public review process; clarification that there was no direct correspondence from federal departments to the Province on MaPP during the public review periods; clarification of Provincial jurisdiction and “jaws of the land” related to inland waters, the west coast Haida Gwaii and Hecate Strait.
2. Confirmation that the MaPP communications consultant is preparing a summary of public feedback on the sub-regional plans
3. **ACTION: RPP to define jurisdiction more clearly.**
4. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

RPP Public Review

- Matthew reviewed the options for public review of the RPP.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Suggestions received for telephone town hall meetings and presentations to Regional Districts.

Update: Overview of Changes to the Regional Priorities Plan (RPP) – Draft 4

- John described the rationale for changes in the Regional Priorities Plan since Draft 3.
- There was no discussion.

Focus Topic: Preliminary Section and Chapter 1

Presentation: Preliminary Section and Chapter 1

- Allison described the changes to the preliminary sections and Chapter 1 of the RPP document (Presentation: MaPP RPP v4 20140718 AJP.pdf and RPP 20140721_JAT_AJP.pdf).
- Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

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

Focus Topic: Chapters 2 and 3

- Jillian and Allison presented the changes to Chapters 2 and 3 of the RPP, respectively (Presentation: MaPP RPP v4 20140718 AJP.pdf and RPP 20140721_JAT_AJP.pdf).
- Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

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

EBM Indicators (Andrew Day, Uuma Consulting)

- Andrew Day provided a presentation of his team’s work for MaPP on EBM Indicators.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

3. Advice received on the EBM Indicators presentation.
4. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Focus Topic: Chapter 3 continued and Chapter 4

- Allison continued the presentation of the changes to Chapters 3 and 4 of the RPP (Presentation: MaPP RPP v4 20140718 AJP.pdf and RPP 20140721_JAT_AJP.pdf).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

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

Focus Topic: Chapters 5 and 6

- Jillian and Allison presented the edits to Chapters 5 and 6 of the RPP, respectively (Presentation: MaPP RPP v4 20140718 AJP.pdf and RPP 20140721_JAT_AJP.pdf).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

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

Next Steps, Scheduling and Wrap up

- John reviewed the next steps and timeline for finalization of the RPP.
- Craig and the MCT thanked all participants for their contributions and invited further written feedback.

Next Meeting

- Doodle poll to follow for next RMAC meeting in September.
- Reminder to submit comments on meeting topics by August 8, 2014 using the written feedback template via rmac-feedback@mappocean.org

CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned at 4 pm.