



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

Advisory Group Meeting #8
September 15, 2014
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel,
7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, B.C.

Objectives:

1. Updates on MaPP Process and timelines
2. Introduction to the revised regional document to achieve clarity and understanding
3. Receive feedback on components of the regional document
4. To introduce and discuss Implementation

Attendance:

RMAC Members and Alternates:

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

MaPP:

Steve Diggon – *Coastal First Nations (MCT)*
Scott Harris - *Nanwakolas Council (for John Bones, 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:

Karl Bergman – *RDSQC (Mainland)*
Sam Bowman – *Shellfish Aquaculture*
George Cuthbert – *Recreational Angling*
Ian Gould – *Local Government RDSQC (HG)*
Adrian Rowland – *Transportation/Infrastructure*
John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (MCT)*

Observers:

Sharlene Shaikh, *WWF Canada*
Jo Smith – *TNC Canada, BirdSmith Consulting*
Bill Wareham – *David Suzuki Foundation*

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 (RMAC Roundtable) and 3 (MaPP Updates) were switched in the order of presentation.
- Matthew provided a summary of the RMAC#7 meeting. There was no discussion.

Update: Marine Planning Partnership (MaPP):

Implementation Financing, Sub-regional plans and technical work

- Charlie provided an update on progress toward determining a trust structure and process underway to secure funding for the implementation phase of the marine plans.
- Charlie provided an update about the completion of and final changes in the Sub-regional marine plans.
- Steve described the End Process Evaluation in which RMAC members may be asked to participate.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Clarification of the timeline for plan completion and implementation start up.
2. Discussion related to existing trusts operating in BC and Provincial involvement, and the nature of some changes in the Sub-regional plans.
3. Clarification that conflict resolution will be addressed in Implementation Agreements rather than marine plans.
4. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Regional Marine Advisory Committee (RMAC) Round Table:

- Craig requested members to focus their round table commentary on concerns surfacing in their sectors.
- Roundtable discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Feedback was received on the following: lack of public review for the Regional Action Framework (RAF); perceived confusion over IUCN zoning; change of format of the RAF from previous versions; concern over final changes to the NC plan; letters of support; challenge of sectoral reviews of the RAF; recent presentation by Transport Canada to the Canadian Marine Advisory Council on the PNCIMA plan and implications for implementation of both PNCIMA and MaPP plans.
2. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Update: Overview of Changes to the Regional Action Framework (RAF)

- Charlie and Matthew described the rationale for changes in the Regional Action Framework since Draft 4 of the RPP.
- Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Feedback was received on the following: the level of consistency across Sub-regional boundaries; recommendation for public review of the final version of plans; RMAC terms of reference regarding review of Sub-regional plans; whether a sector can support the RAF if it was not a part of all the Sub-regional planning processes; how non-renewable energy development is addressed in plans.
2. Clarification timeline for feedback on the RAF; that the regulatory regime remains consistent across the MaPP study area; that a summary of public advice will be posted on the MaPP website.
3. **ACTION: Technical Team to provide details of the changes in the RAF from the previous version.**
4. **ACTION: MCT to consider the question of RAF support by sectors not involved in all Sub-regional planning processes.**
5. **ACTION: MCT to present RMAC recommendation for public review of the RAF to the Marine Working Group.**
6. **ACTION: MCT to propose the method for presentation of the final RAF to the RMAC.**
7. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Focus Topic: Preliminary Section and Chapter 1

Presentation: Regional Action Framework

- Allison described the changes to the preliminary sections and Chapter 1 of the RAF document (Presentation: RAF 20140912 AJP.pdf).
- Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

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

Focus Topic: Chapter 2

- Jillian presented the changes to Chapters 2 of the RAF (Presentation: RAF 20140912 AJP.pdf).
- Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

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

Focus Topic: Chapter 3

- Allison and Jillian presented the changes to Chapter 3 of the RAF (Presentation: RAF 20140912 AJP.pdf).
- Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

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

Focus Topic: Chapter 6

- Allison continued the presentation of the changes to Chapter 6 RAF (Presentation: RAF 20140912 AJP.pdf).

Roundtable on Implementation

- RMAC members responded to Chapter 6, Implementation.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

1. Advice received on stakeholder participation in Implementation and request for a workshop to provide further input.
2. Clarification provided on budgeting process and work plan priorities for Implementation.
3. *See advice log regarding additional and more specific comments.*

Next Steps, Scheduling and Wrap up

- The MCT 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.
- Reminder to submit comments on meeting topics by September 30, 2014 using the written feedback template via rmac-feedback@mappocean.org

CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.