



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

Advisory Group Meeting #9
August 13, 2015, 9:30-11:30 am
Telconference: 1-877-353-9184, ID 8010572

Objectives:

1. To review the evolution of the Regional Action Framework (RAF).
2. To review major changes to the document and receive feedback on layout, scope, and content for consideration.
3. Identify errors and omissions in the RAF for consideration
4. Share information about next steps, implementation, and the role of stakeholders

Attendance:

RMAC Members & Alternates:

Bruce Storry - *Coastal Forestry*
Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fisheries*
Richard Opala - *Finfish Aquaculture*
Anu Rao– *Marine Conservation*
Nick Heath – *Public Recreation*
Alison Sayers – *Local Government (CCRD)*
Kim Johnson, Greg Hayden – *Non-renewable Energy*

MaPP:

John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (MCT) - Meeting Chair*
Charlie Short – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (MCT)*
Matthew Justice – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (MCT)*
Cathy Rigg – *Haida Oceans Technical Team (Planner)*
Craig Outhet – *North Coast-Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society (Co-lead)*
Aaron Heidt – *Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance (Planner)*
Karen Topelko – *Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (Planner)*
Fiona Kilburn – *MaPP Administrator and Financial Coordinator*
Josie Byington – *MaPP Communications Assistant*

Observers:

Mike Ambach, Sharlene Shaikh - *WWF Canada*
Sabine Jessen - *CPAWS*
Linda Nowlan - *West Coast Environmental Law*
Jay Ritchlin - *David Suzuki Foundation*

Regrets:

Ian Gould – *Local Government RDSQC (HG)*
Karl Bergman – *RDSQC (Mainland)*
Andrew Webber – *Local Government (KSRD)*
Heidi Soltau, Doug Aberley – *Local Government (RDMW)*
Jim Abram, Jude Schooner – *Local Government (SRD)*
Dan Edwards – *Commercial Fishing*
Evan Loveless, Mairi Edgar – *Commercial Tourism*
Dave Minato – *Finfish Aquaculture*
Kim Wright – *Marine Conservation*
George Cuthbert – *Recreational Angling*
Sam Bowman – *Shellfish Aquaculture*
Adrian Rowland – *Transportation/Infrastructure*
Steve Diggon – *Coastal First Nations (MCT)*

Opening:

- The Chair opened the meeting.
- Introductions were made.
- The Chair reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting. There were no additions to the agenda, but a decision made to allow time for questions following the presentation of the changes made to each section of the RAF.

Background and Context of the Regional Action Framework – John Bones

History

- reviewed the highlights of the RAF development.
- No discussion.

Regional Action Framework – Matthew Justice

Changes since the last version

- 1) Overall changes
 - chapter-by-chapter outline of major changes to the RAF since the last RMAC meeting.
- 2) Front-end content & Chapter 1: Introduction
 1. Items Discussed and Clarified and Intended Approach:
 2. Feedback was received on the following: 1) identify that signatories of the letter are members of the Marine Working Group; 2) make a text change to the sentence preceding list of actions throughout the document; 3) expand the explanation of issues addressed by the Disclaimer.
 3. Intended approach: 1) & 2) updates to be made to text; 3) consider updates to text.
- 3) Chapter 2: Regional Governance
 1. Items Discussed and Clarified and Intended Approach:
 2. Feedback was received on the following: 1) include explanation of federal environmental assessment processes; 2) provide more details about governance processes and commitments in the RAF; 3) address consistency across sub-regions in the RAF; 4) reference implications for PNCIMA and other federal processes and programs in the actions.
 3. Intended approach: 1) – 4) consider updates to text.
- 4) Chapter 3: Ecological Integrity & Human Well-Being
 1. Items Discussed and Clarified and Intended Approach:
 2. Feedback was received on the following: *Climate Change*: 1) proposed rewording to Action 3.1a; 2) usage of climate change terminology; *Economy and Infrastructure*: 3) enhance language reflecting impacts to ecosystem health of economic and infrastructure decisions; 4) suggestion to review document for any conflicts in actions between sub-regional plans and the RAF and within the RAF itself; 5) non-renewable energy proposals and benefits are not addressed.
 3. Intended approach: 1), 4) & 5) consider updates to text; 2) & 3) updates to be made to text.
- 5) Chapter 4: Compliance and Enforcement
 1. Items Discussed and Clarified and Intended Approach:
 2. Feedback was received on the following: 1) question about the potential role for increased community involvement in compliance and enforcement activities; 2) concern regarding consistency and flexibility related compliance and enforcement activities in different sub-regions; 3) concern about lack of clarity regarding the intended use of results from EBM monitoring.
 3. Intended approach: 2) & 3) consider updates to text
- 6) Chapter 5: Zoning Recommendations
 - Items Discussed and Clarified and Intended Approach:

1. Feedback was received on the following: 1) opportunity to adjust boundaries of protection management zones through discussion of tenures with the non-renewable energy industry at the Regional level; 2) scope should include a definition of the area covered by zoning.
 2. Intended approach: 1) noted, 2) consider updates to text.
- 7) Chapter 6: Implementation of the RAF
- No feedback received for discussion.

Next Steps – Charlie Short

Sign-off on the Regional Action Framework, Implementation Phase

- Description of the process used to sign off sub-regional marine plans compared to the intended process for the RAF. The RAF is a "high-level" work plan reflecting common interests in the sub-regional plans, with no new actions besides identifying a regional role in their delivery. Consequently the signing and endorsement of the RAF have been delegated to the Marine Working Group.

Items Discussed and Clarified and Intended Approach:

1. Feedback was received on the following: 1) concern that sub-regional plans don't speak to the fact they are part of a larger entity; 2) the regional body has a role ensuring consistency and coordination aimed at achieving the same level of performance across the entire region; 3) request for inclusion of language about the intent of regional coordination; 4) desire for a compelling message to build support for the RAF.
2. Clarification that language in the implementation agreements ties sub-regions to the region and commits parties to implement regional actions, and that other documents in preparation, such as the MaPP Strategic Plan, also address the concerns; examples of regional-scale work covered by the RAF were provided (indicators, cumulative effects).
3. Intended Approach: 1)-4) changes to document will be made where appropriate.

Role of Stakeholders

Items Discussed and Clarified and Intended Approach:

1. Feedback was received on the following: 1) need to add language in Action 6.2a and section 3.3 addressing the role of local government in planning processes to reflect the current movement to advance local government and First Nations relationships; 2) revisit comments about stakeholder engagement previously submitted by marine conservation sector; 3) include marine users and public participation in the MaPP engagement strategy; 4) request for more detail about implementation; 5) question about possible legal arrangements or new bodies to mandate implementation; 6) desire for implementation agreements to be public; and for public input on the MaPP Strategic Plan.
2. Clarification made that an engagement strategy for MaPP is in development and the role of for a regional advisory committee is yet to be determined.
3. Intended Approach: 1) update to be made to RAF text, 2)-6) noted.

Wrap up

- The Chair reviewed the highlights of the meeting, thanked all participants (on behalf of the MCT) for their contributions and invited further written feedback by end of day, August 14, 2015.
- The Chair noted that all comments will be considered in preparing a final draft for internal discussion, after which the final draft will be forwarded for signature by the end of October.

CLOSURE:

- Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.