



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

***Advisory Group Meeting #10***  
**December 16, 2015, 10:00am – 12:00 pm**

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**Objectives:**

1. Overview of the MaPP Five-Year Implementation Strategy
2. RMAC feedback and questions / discussion
3. Next steps

Document: Draft 5 Year MaPP Implementation Strategy

## Attendance:

### **RMAC Members & Alternates:**

Bruce Storry – *Coastal Forestry*  
Jim Abram – *Regional Government - Strathcona Regional District*  
Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fishing - CFC*  
Richard Opala and Dave Minato – *Finfish Aquaculture*  
Kim Johnson – *Non-renewable Energy*  
Sabine Jessen – *Marine Conservation - CPAWS*  
Bill Wareham – *Marine Conservation - DSF*  
Evan Loveless – *Commercial Recreation*

### **MaPP:**

Charlie Short (Chair), Karen Topelko – *Province of BC*  
John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council*  
Steve Diggon – *Coastal First Nations*  
Russ Jones, Cathy Rigg, Chris McDougall - *HOTT*  
Allison Paul – *NCSFNSS*  
Romney McPhie, Kelly Wozniak, Josie Byington - *MaPP*

### **Observers:**

Alexandra Barron - *CPAWS*  
Karen Wristen, *LOS*  
Hussein Alidina - *WWF*  
Kim Wright – *ICCA Consortium*

### **Regrets** (note, only sectors not represented are listed):

Nick Heath – *Public Recreation*  
George Cuthbert – *Recreational Angling*  
Ian Gould, Karl Bergman, Alison Sayers, Andrew Webber, Heidi Soltau, Doug Aberley – *Regional Government*  
Sam Bowman – *Shellfish Aquaculture*  
Adrian Rowland – *Transportation/Infrastructure*

## Opening:

The Chair welcomed participants. Introductions were made.

- Steve reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting. There were no additions to the agenda, but a decision was made to discuss the role of stakeholders with the document review.
- An update on the status of the *Regional Action Framework* was requested. Steve provided the update.

## Review of the Five-Year Implementation Strategy – John Bones

### History

- 1) John provided a review of the components of the draft *Five Year Implementation Strategy*.
- 2) Charlie added information about the Provincial requirement for the document and clarification of the role of stakeholders.
- 3) Discussion followed.

1. Items Discussed and Clarified:

Feedback was received on the following: 1) uncertainty about the existence of a Regional advisory body; 2) inclusion of the Regional advisory committee in the governance graphic; 3) request for information about sub-regional advisory committees; 4) order of listing of implementation outcomes; 5) request for information on sub-regional decision-making processes; 6) need for better connection of local governments to decision-making processes; 7) clarity on engagement of the federal government; 8) broadening the term “governance” to include levels of governments and stakeholders; 9) First Nations economic development language not mentioning local government and local communities); 10) inclusion of reference to conflict resolution and variance mentioned in sub-regional plans; reference to tenures as BC tenures; 11) broadening of participation in workshops and conferences; 12) fundraising progress to date; 13) in-kind contributions to the budget and BC staffing capacity; 14) absence of workplans and budgets from document list; 15) monitoring of plan performance against goals, strategies and EBM indicators; 16) need for update on status of EBM Indicator development; 17) expansion of stewardship enhancement beyond monitoring and enforcement.

2. Response: 1) a Regional advisory body is anticipated and information on structures and representation of committees is in development; 2) noted; 3) an overarching framework for stakeholder engagement to guide sub-regional advisory committee formation and function is in development, and sub-regional marine plans will have more information on individual sub-regional advisory committees; 4) implementation outcomes are intentionally not listed in order of priority; 5) decision-making follows the process used in the planning phase, and on Haida Gwaii some decisions will involve the Solutions Table; 6) noted; 7) federal government departments are included in discussion on topics related to MaPP Implementation and examples given; 8) noted; 9) the document contains generalized language and the document does not supersede content of sub-regional plans; 10) noted; 11) noted; 12) progress reported, 80% of goal; 13) in-kind is 25% of budget and BC staffing capacity was described; 14) partners are not sharing detailed budget information, but advisory committees would be informed; 15) noted; 16) update provided; 17) 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, January 8, 2016.

**CLOSURE:**

- Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.