



**Central Coast
Marine Plan Implementation Advisory Committee (MPIAC)
Meeting # 1**

MEETING SUMMARY

February 1 and 2, 2017

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC

Objectives:

1. *Get to know Committee members*
2. *Develop common understanding of Central Coast MaPP Plan and Process*
3. *Review the Terms of Reference to understand roles and responsibilities*
4. *Review and receive initial feedback on Implementation work to date and 2017-2018 workplan*
5. *Review and receive initial feedback on Ecosystem Based Management (EBM) Monitoring program*
6. *Discuss and receive feedback on Implementation of the Spatial Plan*

Attendance:

MPIAC Members and Alternates:

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| Jenn Burt – <i>Marine Academic</i> | Linda Nowlan – <i>Marine Conservation</i> |
| Nick Heath – <i>Public Recreation</i> | Richard Opala – <i>Finfish Aquaculture</i> |
| Sid Keay – <i>Recreational Fishery Service Providers</i> | Leonard Reid – <i>Seafood Processing</i> |
| Paul Manson – <i>Renewable Energy</i> | Todd Russell – <i>Shellfish Aquaculture</i> |
| Jim McIsaac – <i>Commercial Fishing</i> | Warren Warttig - <i>Coastal Forestry</i> |

MaPP:

Gord McGee – *Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance (CCIRA) (Technical Team Co-Chair)*
Karen Topelko – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (Technical Team Co-Chair)*
Steve Diggon – *Coastal First Nations (Secretariat) (Day 1)*
Josie Byington – *MaPP Communications Assistant*

Guest:

Karin Bodtke – *Coastal Ocean Research Institute (CORI)*

Observers:

Alexandra Barron – *Canadian Parks And Wilderness Society (CPAWS)*
Maeve Gauthier – *Pacific Wild*

Regrets:

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| Scott Benton – <i>Commercial Tourism</i> | Anne Salomon – <i>Marine Academic</i> |
| Kim Olsen – <i>Commercial Fisheries</i> | Janice Kyle – <i>Public Recreation</i> |
| Emily Piry – <i>Recreational Fishery Service Providers</i> | |

Day 1

Welcome and Opening Comments

- Steve, chair, welcomed the group and introduced himself.
- Gord and Karen introduced themselves.
- Gord reviewed the agenda and purpose of the meeting.

Introductions

- All stakeholders introduced themselves, described their sector/network and identified their goals for participating in the Marine Plan Implementation Advisory Committee (MPIAC).
- Steve provided an update on the Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (PNCIMA) process.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Description of Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance's (CCIRA) organizational structure and background regarding CCIRA's decision on who from CCIRA will participate at the stakeholder table.
- Clarification that CCIRA's president, Rich Chapple, is a member of MaPP's Marine Working Group.
- Confirmation that work prepared by MaPP partners is brought to the MPIAC for their information, review and/or feedback.
- Confirmation that objectives in MaPP plans that require federal involvement for implementation are being discussed by the MaPP partners and relevant federal bodies.
- Clarification that MaPP plans will undergo a 5-year renewal cycle.
- *See advice log for specific advice provided and CC Team response.*
- **ACTION: Gord to share stakeholder feedback regarding participation of the Nations at the stakeholder table.**

MaPP Refresher

- Gord gave a presentation that reviewed the approach to developing the Central Coast marine plan (governance, engagement, inputs, results).

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Clarification of the MaPP Secretariat membership.
- Clarification that zoning percentages were not target-driven.
- Clarification that PMZ percentage does not include already established protection areas.
- *See advice log for specific advice provided and CC Team response.*
- **ACTION: Co-leads to circulate links to Linda's article, *Brave New Wave* (see <http://wcel.org/resources/publication/brave-new-wave-more-effective-oceans-act-canada>) and the article about MaPP in Plan Canada (see the stakeholder Dropbox).**

Review of Committee Terms of Reference

- Gord reviewed the MPIAC Terms of Reference and requested feedback. Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Contents of Terms of Reference, and suggested changes.
- *See advice log for specific advice provided and CC Team response.*

- **ACTION: CC team to look into scheduling meetings with consideration to other meetings occurring.**
- **ACTION: CC team to revise the Terms of Reference as agreed and circulate the document to stakeholders for review.**
- **ACTION: Josie to set up a Dropbox for stakeholders.**
- **ACTION: MaPP personnel to discuss internally policies about recording and social media.**

Introduction to MaPP 5-Year Implementation Strategy

- Karen presented the MaPP Implementation Strategy. Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Clarification that the implementation strategy is a summary document, containing examples of points that BC and First Nations came to agreement on.
- Confirmation that MaPP is pursuing activities described in marine plans, there is no new content in the implementation strategy.
- *See advice log for specific advice provided and CC Team response.*
- **ACTION: CC to confirm date the Regional Marine Advisory Committee (RMAC) reviewed the Implementation Strategy** (See meeting agenda and summary for December 16, 2015: <http://mappocean.org/regional-rmac-meeting-10-december-16-2015/>)

Implementation to Date

- Gord presented, “MaPP Implementation to Date.” Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Clarification that MaPP is involved letting a contract to remove barrels of various kinds of oils from Namu and that site remediation and removal of derelict structures will be discussed at a later time.
- Clarifications that training activities to date have been related to monitoring and business training programs have not been started.
- Clarification that capability and feasibility studies for shellfish aquaculture are planned for year 3, and evaluations of training requirements for the sector, local skill capacity, and necessary training programs to fill any gap are being considered for future year activities.
- Clarification that removal of any crab traps by any Central Coast Nations would be done based on their own indigenous laws and would have no relationship to the MaPP plans or be a MaPP sanctioned activity.
- Clarification that a contract is signed between CCIRA and the Nations to carry out particular MaPP deliverables related to monitoring that are laid out in a MaPP contract charter. The Nations employ Coastal Guardian Watchmen to carry out work plan deliverables and there is some support from CCIRA staff in oversight of the contracts.
- *See advice log for specific advice provided and CC Team response.*

Ecosystem-Based Monitoring (EBM) Monitoring Program - Background

- Karin (*Coastal Ocean Research Institute*) presented the background to MaPP’s EBM indicator monitoring initiative. Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Clarification that 16 pilot indicators are for Regional work. The meeting materials for EBM Monitoring list an initial suite of 26 pilot CC sub-region indicators; these include the 16 regional indicators and 10 others that are specific to the sub-region. The sub-region will provide support where possible in gathering sub-regional data to contribute to the 16 regional pilot indicators.
- *See advice log for specific advice provided and CC Team response.*
- **ACTION: MPIAC members are requested to review the Howe Sound report prepared by CORI and provide feedback about elements that they feel would work for MaPP reporting.**

Wrap up Day 1

- Gord and Karen provided comments to complete Day 1.

Day 2

Welcome and Opening

- Gord welcomed participants back to the meeting.
- Gord reviewed the agenda.

EBM Monitoring Program - Progress

- Gord gave the presentation, “Central Coast Ecosystem-Based Management Indicators Update.” Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Clarification that monitoring of herring is to provide valuable information about the health of the ecosystem in the Central Coast MaPP sub-region. However, MaPP does not manage any fisheries activities.
- *See advice log for specific advice provided and CC Team response.*
- **ACTION: CC Team to share previous lists of indicators with MPIAC members.**
- **ACTION: Linda to share the link to the International Network on Environmental Compliance and Monitoring (see <https://inece.org>).**
- **ACTION: Warren to share the list of 20 products banned in float camps developed by Environment Canada.**
- **ACTION: Gord to inform the Nations about the test kits for toxins.**
- **ACTION: CC Team to send out guidance for reviewing the EBM indicators to the MPIAC members.**

Workplan for 2017/2018

- Karen presented the CC Year 3 workplan. Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Clarification that youth programs in the Central Coast are open to both aboriginal and non-aboriginal youth.
- Clarification that the Great Bear Rainforest curriculum was not a MaPP project.
- Clarification that the RMAC will review the suite of Regional indicators in March 2017.
- *See advice log for specific advice provided and CC Team response*
- **ACTION: CC Team to provide information about Namu to the MPIAC members.**

Implementation of the Central Coast Spatial Plan

- Karen presented on the implementation of the spatial plan. Discussion followed.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Clarification that a Project Review Team comprised of provincial and federal staff members review shellfish and finfish aquaculture tenure applications.
- Information about Central Coast spatial zones in PDF format can be downloaded from SeaSketch and stored on portable devices. Shape files are also available for download.
- Clarification that there is more work to do on PMZs before some are become legally protected.
- Clarification that at the completion of the MPA Network planning process, the MaPP spatial plans will be updated.
- Confirmation that interim protection is being pursued in some areas (e.g., Asseek Estuary) where there is a mutual long standing interest in securing lands for conservation purposes..
- Confirmation that NGOs can propose areas for interim protection.
- Confirmation that the Central Coast Regional District participated in the MaPP planning process, and were invited to participate in the MPAIC.
- Confirmation that MaPP partners will develop a variance process to support the tenure applications process.
- Clarification that after 5 years of implementation, new implementation agreements will be signed and the plans will be reviewed and updated.
- *See advice log for specific advice provided and CC Team response.*

Next Steps and Meeting Wrap Up

- Stakeholders shared final thoughts about the meeting. Gord and Karen provided closing comments.

Items Discussed and Clarified:

- Request to have speaking points for stakeholders to use to lobby for an integrated stakeholder process with marine-based initiatives in the northern shelf bio-region.
- Clarification that the MPAIC is not consensus-based. Stakeholders are consulted for advice and feedback on implementation activities and products.
- *See advice log for specific advice provided and CC Team response.*
- **ACTION: CC Team to discuss meeting more frequently with stakeholders.**
- **ACTION: Karen to send copies of the CC plan to Warren and Jenn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 pm.