



*North Coast
Implementation Marine Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC)
Meeting # 1*

MEETING SUMMARY

March 8, 9 2017 Highliner Plaza, Prince Rupert

Objectives:

- 1) To discuss the draft Terms of Reference, receive feedback, identify next steps
- 2) To inform MPAC members of MaPP’s approach to implementation of the North Coast Marine Plan
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Attendance:

MPAC Members and Alternates:

Karl Bergman, North Coast Regional District
Caitlin Birdsall, Research and Marine Monitoring
James Casey, Conservation
Dan Edwards, Commercial Fisheries
Nick Heath, Public Recreation
Herman Meuter, Marine-related Academia

Urs Thomas, Public Recreational Fishing
Michael Uehara, Shellfish Aquaculture
Scott Williams, Coastal Forestry
David Lewis, Public Recreational Fishing
Ken Franzen, Public Recreational Fishing

Regrets:

Paul Kariya, Renewable Energy
Kevin Smith, Commercial Tourism

MaPP:

Karen Topelko, (Technical Team Co-Chair) Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO)
Allison Paul, (Technical Team Co-Chair) North Coast-Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society (NCSFNNS)
Kristin Worsley, Manager, Marine and Coastal Resources, Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO)
Maya Paul, Cumulative Effects Assessment Coordinator
Francois Depey, Marine Planning Coordinator, North Coast-Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society (NCSFNNS)
Megan Dickinson, MaPP Technical Planner
Josie Byington, MaPP Communications Assistant

Observers:

Alexandra Barron – Canadian Parks And Wilderness Society (CPAWS)

Ross Wilson – Metlakatla Stewardship Director

MEETING DAY 1

Welcome and Opening Comments

- Kristin Worsley, Province of B.C., chair, welcomed the group and introduced herself.
- Welcome provided by Hereditary Chief Clarence Nelson, Metlakatla First Nation.
- Allison and Karen introduced themselves as technical co-leads for implementation of the North Coast marine plan.
- Kristin reviewed the revised agenda and purpose of the meeting. (A copy of the agenda is included as Attachment 1.)

Introductions

All Marine Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) members introduced themselves, described their sector/interest and identified their goals for participating in the MPAC.

Discussion:

- Confirmation that work prepared by MaPP partners is brought to the MPAC for their information, review and/or feedback.
- Goal to build relationships – Building time into the agenda for networking and a group dinner.
- Confirmation that objectives in the MaPP plans that require federal involvement for implementation are being discussed by the MaPP partners and relevant federal bodies.

Five Year Implementation Strategy for MaPP

Karen gave a presentation that described each of the sections in the MaPP 5 Year Implementation Strategy (available online at mappocean.org and the NC MPAC dropbox folder).

Discussion:

- The focus of the presentation was on Regional implementation and activities. Priorities for implementation of the NC marine plan will be reviewed in subsequent presentations.

Review of Draft MPAC Terms of Reference

Allison presented the Draft MPAC Terms of Reference for review and clarification. Discussion followed. Suggested feedback will be tracked in the advice log, and reflected in an updated TOR.

Discussion:

- **Action:** NC team to revise the Terms of Reference as agreed and circulate the document to stakeholders for review.
- **Action:** Send out NC MPAC contact list after the meeting
- **Action:** Share summary of implementation to date from each sub-region
- **Action:** MaPP to compile short 'about MaPP' document that stakeholders can use for messaging

For discussion: How will members keep their sectors informed?

Roundtable discussion with members: How will members keep their sectors informed? How can MaPP help?

Discussion:

- Individual members could think about putting link to MaPP on the website.
- MaPP to develop a short 'about MaPP' document that can be shared and used for communication purposes.
- Some members expressed interest in creating internal mailing lists for their sectors.
- Some members shared the challenges around keeping sectors informed, but remain committed to trying their best.
- Members suggested that MaPP could attend sector or local government meetings to update constituents on MaPP.
- **Action:** Allison and Francois to work with Urs to update the Sport Fishing Advisory Board (SFAB) on MaPP implementation.

Regional Action Framework

Karen presented on the MaPP Regional Action Framework. Presentation included information on Regional actions on governance, cumulative effects, marine pollution, Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM), compliance and enforcement, zoning, Marine Protected Area (MPA) network planning, and highlights of the draft Year 3 workplan.

Discussion:

- MaPP's regional suite of EBM indicators not presented in detail, but there was an interest from the members in learning more about them.
- **Action:** NC Co-leads will organise a call to review the EBM indicators with MPAC members. In preparation for the call, the co-leads will send out relevant information to the group.
- There was interest in learning more about the MPA Network planning initiative.
- **Action:** Send link to website that outlines process for MPA Network Planning (mpanetwork.ca)
- **Action:** Share draft MPA Network Design Guidelines with group.

Implementation of the MaPP Spatial Plan and Related Initiatives

Karen presented on the Implementation of the MaPP Spatial Plan and Related Initiatives – focus on North Coast sub-region. Topics covered included planning, management, monitoring, adaptive management, linkages to other initiatives (PNCIMA, MPA network planning, Canada's national marine conservation targets, First Nations marine plans).

Discussion:

- Clarity sought about how other initiatives overlap with MaPP and with each other.
- Concern expressed about the number of committees stakeholders are participating in. Some members expressed the desire to integrate advisory committees to service multiple initiatives.
- **Action:** NC Team to look into adding data layers to SeaSketch regarding municipal Official Community Plans and relevant adjacent land use.

North Coast Implementation Achievements

Francois and Allison presented on the North Coast Implementation Achievements. Topics covered included governance & collaboration, marine zoning, stewardship, monitoring, collaborative management, communications and outreach, heritage and cultural sites, stewardship, monitoring – training program.

SeaSketch Demo

A demonstration of the online mapping tool SeaSketch was provided. The MaPP Marine Plan Portal is a tool that allows users to look at the MaPP sub-regional marine spatial plan zones, get information on recommended uses and activities for each zone, view a variety of data layers related to the planning process and plan implementation, and learn more about the North Pacific Coast of British Columbia – the MaPP study area. The portal displays the approved MaPP sub-regional marine spatial plan zones and has more than 250 data layers including administrative boundaries, species, habitats and marine uses. Future enhancements to the portal were discussed, including the addition of new data layers (e.g., fisheries closures), and analytical functions to support MPA network planning (e.g., analysis of size and spacing, connectivity).

Seasketch link: <http://www.seasketch.org/#projecthomepage/50e58ab28aba4075183f8fc0>

Wrap up Day 1

- Allison and Karen provided closing comments to complete Day 1.

MEETING DAY 2

Welcome and Opening

Welcome to the group and review of the agenda and purpose of the meeting.

Cumulative Effects

Maya Paul presented on Cumulative Effects (CE). Topics covered included Context, Review of North Coast marine plan priorities for CE, related initiatives, work to date, key components of a CE framework, potential next steps.

Discussion:

- There is current research on acoustic noise in Gitga'at territory. The research is starting spring 2017 and the plan is to collect data for a decade. The research is taking place in areas forecast for increase in tanker traffic. Has a visual component.
- Update on the MaPP Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) Framework and the overlap with other CEA initiatives.
- **Action:** Request by a participant that the presentation slide be updated to include Marine Mammals as a core value. This has been completed and is available in the meeting PPT decks that can be found in the stakeholder dropbox.
- Ross Wilson, Metlakatla Stewardship Director, provided a summary of work done to date through the Metlakatla Stewardship office related to cumulative effects.

Draft North Coast Workplan for 2017/2018

Allison and Francois presented the North Coast Year 3 draft workplan. Discussion followed.

Discussion:

- NC Technical Team Co-leads will provide additional information on stakeholder engagement as implementation progresses.
- Discussion by stakeholders on the need to integrate the marine planning processes. Concern expressed about stakeholder burnout by having to sit on numerous related process tables.

Next Steps and Meeting Wrap Up

Stakeholders shared final thoughts about the meeting. Kristin, Allison and Karen provided closing comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Attachment 1: Agenda

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Chair: Kristin Worsley, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Day 1 – Wednesday March 8, 2017

Time	Topic
8:30 am	<i>Hot Breakfast (provided)</i>
9:00	Welcome and opening comments
9:30	Introductions
10:15	<i>Coffee Break (provided)</i>
10:30	Review of MPAC Terms of Reference
11:30	Introduction to MaPP 5 year Implementation Strategy
12:00 pm	<i>Lunch (provided)</i>
1:00	Regional Action Framework overview
2:00	Implementation of the MaPP spatial plan and related initiatives
2:45	<i>Coffee Break (provided)</i>
3:00	North Coast implementation achievements
4:15	Wrap up
4:30	<i>Meeting Adjourned</i>
6:00	<i>Group Dinner – Cargo at 6:00pm (101 1st Ave East)</i>

Day 2 – Thursday March 9, 2017

Time	Topic
8:30 am	<i>Hot Breakfast (provided)</i>
9:00	Cumulative Effects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Context • Review of North Coast Marine Plan priorities for CE • Related initiatives • Work to date • Work planned
10:15	<i>Coffee Break (provided)</i>
10:30	Draft North Coast work plan for 2017/18
11:15	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round table closing comments • Review of action items • Next steps
12 noon	<i>Meeting Adjourned (lunch provided)</i>