



Marine Planning Partnership for the Pacific North Coast (MaPP)
**Central Coast Marine Plan Advisory Committee
(MPAC)**

General Meeting Summary
Advisory Group Meeting #11
October 15th - 16th, 2014
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel
Richmond, BC

Objectives:

1. Learn how the Central Coast Marine Plan changed as a result of public and stakeholder feedback
2. Discuss members level of comfort with the current draft of the Central Coast Marine Plan
3. Review Plan priorities and explore stakeholder involvement during implementation
4. Recognize MPAC members' commitment and contributions to Plan development

Attendance:

MPAC Members and Alternates:

Diana Chan and Karin Bodtker – *Conservation*

Mairi Edgar – *Commercial Tourism*

Nick Heath – *Public Recreation*

Brian Lande and Alison Sayers – *Local Government, Central Coast Regional District*

Kim Olsen (day 1 only) and Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fisheries*

Mike Pfortmueller (day 1 only) – *Recreational Fishing Service Providers*

Warren Warttig – *Coastal Forestry*

MaPP:

Gord McGee – *Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance (Co-Lead)*

Brad Smith - *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (Co-Lead)*

Ken Cripps (day 1 only) – *Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance (alternate Co-Lead)*

Craig Darling - *Facilitator*

Steve Diggon – *Marine Coordination Team (Coastal First Nations – Great Bear Initiative)*

Matthew Justice – *Marine Coordination Team (Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations)*

Kelly Wozniak – *MaPP Technical Support*

Regrets:

Greta Geankoplis – *Renewable Energy*



Evan Loveless – *Commercial Tourism*
Janice Kyle – *Public Recreation*
Richard Opala and Les Neasloss – *Finfish Aquaculture*
Anne Salomon – *Marine Academia*
Gary Wilson and Roberta Stevenson - *Shellfish Aquaculture*

Observers:

Anu Rao – *Conservation sector representative on Regional Marine Advisory Committee*
Kim Wright – *Consultant to the conservation sector*
Sally Cargill – *Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (Former Co-Lead)*

Day 1: October 16th, 2014

Welcome and Opening:

- Gord provided a welcome on behalf of the Central Coast Technical Team
- Gord discussed the objectives of the meeting and reviewed the agenda

Updates:

- Summary of June meeting is in dropbox.
- Advice log has been circulated (advice is separated into tabs for overarching advice, plan text, objectives and strategies, PMZ and SMZ).
- MaPP partners are now working on developing implementation agreements and seeking funding for implementation phase.
- Regional actions and priorities have been pulled together into one document that is currently being refined and should be finalized in November.
- MPAC members in attendance each provided an update from their sector.

Plan Revision Process:

- Gord summarized the iterative process used to review public and MPAC comments on the draft Central Coast Marine Plan.
- The summer and early fall were spent revising the plan based on MPAC and public feedback and internal reviews by the Province and the Heiltsuk, Kitasoo/Xai'Xais, Nuxalk and Wuikinuxv Nations.
- A summary of public comments received during the public review period is being developed and will be shared with MPAC. There is overlap between public comments and those received from MPAC.

Revisions to Chapters 1-4 (Introductory Chapters):

- Gord summarized the nature of the feedback received on these chapters and explained changes that were made.
- Content of the Plan will not be substantively revised based on further feedback from MPAC, though there may be an opportunity to make minor edits required to correct errors, oversights or inconsistencies. The following advice/ feedback was received:
 - There are a couple of errors in punctuation in the acknowledgements page.
 - The executive summary should mention local knowledge as well as aboriginal knowledge.
 - Monitoring and enforcement is spelled incorrectly on page vii (in the executive summary)



- Section 2.2 should say "...will make important contributions to the MPA network planning process" rather than "...can make..."
- The demographic trend information in section 3.1 should be more specific
- In Section 4.2 acknowledge that improvements to marine transportation services are important for maintenance of the marine economy in addition to growth of the marine economy
- Section 2.3 should reference local knowledge as well as Traditional Knowledge.
- All attending MPAC members and/or alternates expressed general comfort with Chapters 1-4.

Revisions to Chapters 5 (Management Direction):

- Brad summarized the nature of the feedback received on Chapter 5 and explained changes that were made.
- Content of the Plan will not be substantively revised based on further feedback from MPAC but there may be an opportunity to make minor edits required to correct errors, oversights or inconsistencies. The following advice/ feedback was received:
 - Consider adding in-text citations.
 - In 5.1 add "these decisions will be informed by stakeholder advisory processes" following the shared-decision making language in the introduction so that it reflects the relationships with stakeholders that are described in the objective and strategy tables.
 - In 5.2 change "compliance with direction" to "compliance with policy direction".
 - In 5.2 split the sentence that describes the differences between compliance measures and enforcement tools.
 - In 5.4 change the figure title to "Proposed and existing marine protection".
 - In 5.6 change figure 7 to table 7.
 - In 5.8 change the reference to SMZ 17 to SMZ 9.
 - In 5.10 change "overall opportunities are lacking" to "While ample opportunities exist, resources to develop..."
- All attending MPAC members and/or alternates expressed general comfort with Chapter 5.

Revisions to Chapters 6 (Spatial Plan):

- Gord summarized the nature of the feedback received on Chapter 6 and explained changes that were made. Scope and intent of PMZ and the use of IUCN categories was clarified, federal activities were removed from the Recommended Uses and Activities Tables, and language was added to clarify that zoning does not direct uses or activities outside of provincial regulatory authority.
- Content of the Plan will not be substantively revised based on further feedback from MPAC, but there may be an opportunity to make minor edits required to correct errors, oversights or inconsistencies. The following advice/ feedback was received:
 - Delete group 13 from the spatial planning group map.
 - Consider adding the OIC reference for the finfish aquaculture moratorium on tidal waters north of Aristazabal Island to condition C¹ or to the reference list.
 - Update C¹² to say visual impacts from marine operations rather than visual quality.
 - Add "temporary port vessel anchorage" to the glossary.
 - Reference the variance process in section 6.3 of the plan as well as in Chapter 7.



- All attending MPAC members and/or alternates described their level of comfort with Chapter 6. In general, it was felt that outstanding concerns could be dealt with during the implementation phase and there is overall comfort with Chapter 6.

Day 2: October 16th, 2014

Day 2 Welcome and Recap of Day 1

- Craig reviewed the meeting objectives and discussed the agenda for the day.
- A review of public comments received during the public review period and review of new Appendix E and Appendix F were added to the agenda.

Review of Public Comments

- Gord summarized public comments that were received during the public review period. The majority of feedback and questions received were related to scope of the plan, level of protection, local participation in development of the plan, impact on current uses, and process for implementation.
- A document that summarizes public comments is being developed.

Review of New Appendices

- Potential ecosystem-based management (EBM) indicators are now included in Appendix E.
- These indicators will be reviewed during the implementation phase and a suite of indicators suitable for the Central Coast will be selected. The process for selecting indicators still needs to be developed.
- Potential implementation tools are now listed in Appendix F.
- It was noted that the provincial and federal tools provided are broader than those used to designate MPAs, and the headings should be revised to reflect this.

Revisions to Chapter 7 (Implementation):

- Significant advice on Chapter 7 was received during the public review period and the Chapter was revised significantly.
- Brad reviewed each section of Chapter 7 in detail.
- Discussion focused on potential content of Implementation Agreements, potential dispute resolution processes, and potential process for reviewing variance applications.
- Content of the Plan will not be substantively revised based on further feedback from MPAC, but there may be an opportunity to make minor edits required to correct errors, oversights or inconsistencies. The following advice/ feedback was received:
 - Add “and procedures for fair dispute resolution” to description of Plan Implementation and Monitoring Committee (PIMC) Terms of Reference in section 7.5.
 - During implementation phase, consider notifying PIMC when variance applications are received.
 - Clarify certain activities (e.g., communicating spatial plan out to all those involved in tenuring processes, identification of EBM indicators) will be prioritized upon plan approval, even though they are not in the implementation priorities table.



Review of Implementation Priorities:

- Gord reviewed the implementation priorities table in section 7.2 of the plan.
- The strategies included within the implementation priorities table are taken directly from the Central Coast Marine Plan and will be used to guide implementation over the first five years.
- Content of the implementation priorities table in the Central Coast Marine Plan will not be substantively revised based on further feedback from MPAC, but advice about strategies that may be missing or out of place will be brought forward into the implementation phase. The following advice/ feedback was received about the implementation priorities table:
 - Add a strategy about where new and additional monitoring information is housed
 - Consider adding a strategy about transportation
 - Reference local government explicitly in the economy and communities section
 - Add more strategies about pollution prevention
 - Add strategy about identifying archaeological sites
 - Add strategies about climate change

Wrap-up:

- Attending MPAC members and/or alternates provided an on-balance assessment of Chapter 7 and reflected general support for the plan, recognizing they would provide more formal responses following review with their sectors. They also expressed their interest in ongoing participation in implementation of the Central Coast Marine Plan.
- Concerns related to uncertainty about implementation funding and committee roles were expressed. In general it was felt that many of these outstanding concerns could be dealt with effectively during the implementation phase.
- Gord and Brad thanked everyone for their commitment and contributions during development of the Central Coast Marine Plan.