



*North Vancouver Island
Marine Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC)
2016-17 Year End Review Meeting*

MEETING SUMMARY

May 29 & 30, 2017

Location - Maritime Heritage Centre, 621 Island Hwy, Campbell River, B.C.

Objectives:

1. To provide an update on implementation activities.
2. To present and receive feedback on NVI Annual Report.
3. To seek input on upcoming projects.
4. To provide updates on related planning & zoning initiatives.

Attendance:

MPAC Members and Alternates:

Bruce Storry – *Coastal Forestry*
Rick Snowdon – *Commercial Tourism*
Dan Edwards – *Commercial Fishery*
Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fishery (Day 2)*
Alexandra Barron – *Marine Conservation*
Kim Wright – *Marine Conservation*
Richard Opala – *Finfish Aquaculture*
Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*
Larry Samson – *Local Government (City of Campbell River)*
Heidi Soltau – *Local Government (RDMW)*
Jeff Long – *Local Government (RDMW)*
Mayor Hank Bood – *Local Government (District of Port Hardy)*
Peter Stockdill – *Public Recreation*
Don Tillapaugh – *Shellfish Aquaculture*
Mike Kelly – *Recreational Fishing Service Providers*
Chuck Ashcroft – *Public Recreational Fishing*

MaPP:

John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (Technical Team Co-Chair)*
Andy Witt – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (Technical Team Co-Chair)*
Scott Harris - *Nanwakolas staff*
Barb Dinning – *MaPP Technical Planner*
Caitlin Thompson – *MaPP Technical Planning Assistant*
Tony Wong – *Contracted Recreation and Tourism Economic Development Consultant*

Observers:

Amber Stroeder – *Marine Conservation*
Christa Rusel – *A-Tlegay Fisheries Society*

Regrets:

Leah Robinson – *Harbour Authority (Port Hardy)*
Paul Kariya – *Renewable Energy*

Day 1

Welcome and Opening

John Bones and Andy Witt welcomed the group on behalf of the NVI Technical Team and introductions were made around the table. The agenda and purpose of the meeting was reviewed and changes to the MPAC composition were discussed. A summary of the last MPAC meeting was presented and the advice log was reviewed. Action items from last meeting were reviewed for completion.

Update of Related Planning Activities - *Federal Oceans Initiative*

The NVI Team has consistently encouraged DFO to agree to using local advisory committees for the MPA Network development process, and to use the existing MaPP advisory committees as the basis for a single, integrated Ocean Committee, to address integrated management planning initiatives. It was noted that agreement has been reached amongst all MPA partner organizations to use the MPAC members as the nucleus of a new Ocean Advisory Committee and to hold the OAC meeting in conjunction with MPAC meetings in all sub-regions (except in Haida Gwaii). A separate meeting of the newly created NVI OAC for MPA network development is planned for the following day.

General Discussion:

MPAC members noted concerns with the lack of federal involvement in MaPP and the exclusion of local/regional representation in MPA/OPP initiatives. All members agreed that an integrated approach to all planning and conservation initiatives was in the best interests of stakeholders and the planning partners.

- *Advice was received on this topic, and can be found in a separate advice log*

ACTIONS:

- **No actions identified**

Current and On-Going Projects Update

The MaPP Strategic Approach for the implementation of plan strategies was presented by Andy Witt.

Presentations were made on current and on-going NVI Plan projects. These were the Tourism and Recreation Studies (Tony Wong) and the Tlowitsis Shellfish Aquaculture Pilot Project (Don Tillapaugh).

General Discussion:

Discussion occurred on why recreational fishing had not been included in the Tourism and Recreation Studies work to date. Discussion also occurred around the data collection, climate change and economic feasibility of the Shellfish Aquaculture Pilot Project.

- *Advice was received on this topic, and can be found in a separate advice log*

ACTIONS:

- **Tony Wong will incorporate suggestions about contacts and recreational fishing in his reports.**

Recently Initiated Projects - Review & Comment

Five recently initiated NVI Plan implementation projects were presented and discussed. They are: **Aquaculture Market Analysis:** Christine Hodgson and Linda Hiemstra have been contracted to determine potential market for industries and production requirements. **Marine Incident Response:** Jason Howes (Monterey Consultants) has been offered a contract to gather local information about priority areas for incident response as well as response capacity for these areas. **Regional EBM Indicators:** NVI is developing a sub-set of the regional EBM indicators being developed in MaPP, but must await the outcome of the regional work. **Regional Climate Change Assessment:** NVI is awaiting the completion of a regional Climate Change study being led by UVic before identifying the actions that should be taken on climate change effects in the NVI Plan Area. **Regional Infrastructure Study:** This is a regional initiative; however, the tourism infrastructure assessment being done by Tony Wong will contribute to this work.

General Discussion:

Discussion occurred on the new NVI topics, with regards to scope of the different projects and linkages to broader initiatives, such as the Ocean Protection Plan. Members expressed the importance of advancing work on incident response in a manner that includes stakeholders, communities and local governments.

Advice was received on these topics, and can be found in a separate advice log

ACTIONS:

- **No actions identified**

PMZ Plan Management Exercise

John Bones explained the intent to prepare more specific management plans for each PMZ area, reflecting new information and local advice at a more detailed level of analysis. These plans might also assist in evaluation of PMZ areas as potential contributors to an MPA network. “Phase 1” of the work was a compilation of current information on each area by Hemmera Consultants. “Phase 2” is intended to engage stakeholders and local governments, as well as member First Nations, in development of the management plans. The Rock Bay PMZ inventory information was presented to assist in determining the level of accuracy of inventory, as well as the nature of engagement that could be used for all PMZ areas.

General Discussion:

Description: MPAC members noted a number of discrepancies and inaccuracies in many sections of the draft material. Specific comments were noted by the Technical Team for inclusion in revisions of the

inventory for Rock Bay. All MPAC members agreed that it would be useful to hold a special one day working session of MPAC to review all of the PMZ areas and provide comments.

Specific advice on the Rock bay PMZ inventory information was captured and will be identified as part of the revision to the Rock Bay PMZ information for further discussion. Advice was received on this topic, and can be found in a separate advice log

ACTIONS:

- **Barb will send out the full Hemmera report and request feedback and collate the results in advance of the in-person meeting scheduled for July 6, 2017**

Tenure Referral Systems Tracking Update

Recent activity on the tracking of compliance with the Plan's recommended use tables for applications and referrals was presented by the Province and Nanwakolas Council.

General Discussion:

The type of applications being tracked was discussed, in terms of new versus replacement and renewal applications. It was pointed out the review is for new applications, and is a key commitment in funder and annual reports. The Province is conducting an analysis of tenure authorizations in the plan area to evaluate consistency with plan direction and support plan use in the tenure authorization process. Nanwakolas has drafted a section on referrals that can be found in the Annual Report. Members requested they continue to be apprised of the level of implementation of the Plan as related to tenures.

Advice was received on this topic, and can be found in a separate advice log

ACTIONS:

- **Nanwakolas Council will continue to refine its tracking system for ease of report development.**

Day 2

Welcome and Opening Co-chair Wrap-up of Day 1

Annual Report

The draft annual report was presented and discussed by section, and edits noted.

General Discussion:

General discussion was focused on the tenure referral tracking report as well as the overall presentation of the report. MPAC members noted several areas in the report that could be altered for communication and clarity, such as overlapping strategies and tables for tracking project progress. Formatting details were also discussed regarding the presentation of information in pie charts, tables, and graphs. Members requested an opportunity to review a revised, final report.

Advice was received on the report, and can be found in a separate advice log

ACTIONS:

- **Co-leads will flag the issue of needing a better differentiation of Level One vs Level Two Docks for plan amendment purposes.**
- **Barb to send a revised annual report to members with a request for final comments, after which the report will be finalized.**

Anticipated Projects: Review & Comment

The purpose and scope sections were presented for several anticipated NVI implementation projects. These were: **Cultural/Archaeological Projects; Education Materials; Marine Governance and Jurisdiction; Training and Human Resource Needs; and Pollution Vulnerability of High-Priority Areas.**

General Discussion:

Discussion included the need to get feedback from MPAC members on informational and educational materials scope of work and topics, given its linkage to governance and jurisdictional issues as well as cultural resource protection and pollution.

Advice was received on these topics, and can be found in a separate advice log

ACTIONS:

- **No actions identified**

Log Handling Report Presentation

The consultant team gave a presentation on the results of the log handling network project. Topics presented were: Methods, Strategic Network, Draft Strategic Network, Management Provisions, Recommendations, and Next Steps.

General Discussion:

Discussion included the systems used to track tenures and the gaps in data collection. . The current and past use of tenure sites was also discussed, as well as how unused sites could possibly be made available for other uses by the current tenure holders. The role of governments, both federal, provincial, local and First Nation's were discussed.

Advice was received on this topic, and can be found in a separate advice log

ACTIONS:

- **Barb to upload the final log handling report to Dropbox for MPAC members**

Co-chair wrap up; Date of next meeting

The MPAC members were given the opportunity to make closing remarks. Appreciation was expressed to the NVI Team for its regular dialogue with the committee on implementation projects and progress. The date of the next meeting will be in November.

ACTIONS:

- **Barb to send a Doodle poll to set the date for the next MPAC meeting, likely coinciding with an NVI OAC meeting in November.**