



*North Coast Implementation Marine Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC)  
Meeting # 2*

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**October 17, 2017 North Coast Meeting & Convention Centre, Prince Rupert**

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**Objectives:**

- To highlight North Coast and Regional implementation activities for Year 3 (2017-18)
- To highlight work to date and next steps on North Coast cumulative effects initiatives
- To review the draft North Coast Annual Report
- To receive advice on implementation activities (for Years 4 and 5)
- To develop a draft set of criteria for prioritizing coastal habitats for restoration

**Attendance:**

**MPAC Members and Alternates:**

Henry Clifton, Commercial Fishing  
Dan Edwards, Commercial Fishing  
Jeffrey Anderson, Conservation  
Mike Viverios, Coastal Forestry  
David Lewis, Public Recreational Fishing  
Urs Thomas, Public Recreational Fishing  
Ken Franzen, Public Recreational Fishing

Michael Uehara, Shellfish Aquaculture  
Caitlin Birdsall, Research and Marine Monitoring  
Karina Dracott, Research and Marine Monitoring  
Yvonne Christensen, Public Recreation  
Peter Christensen, Public Recreation  
Hermann Meuter, Marine-related Academia  
Karl Bergman, North Coast Regional District

**Regrets:**

Ted Pellegrino, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine

**MaPP:**

Karen Topelko, (Technical Team Co-Chair) Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations  
Allison Paul, (Technical Team Co-Chair) North Coast-Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society  
Steve Diggon, Marine Planning Coordinator, Coastal First Nations  
Maya Paul, Cumulative Effects Coordinator  
Francois Depey, Marine Planning Coordinator, North Coast-Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society  
Megan Dickinson, MaPP Technical Planner

**Guests and Observers:**

Clarence Nelson, Hereditary Chief of the Gitwilgyoots Tribe  
Nicole Wallace, Tsimshian Environmental Stewardship Authority (TESA)  
Sarah Duggan, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources  
Jason Scherr, Prince Rupert Port Authority  
Steve Kachanoski, Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations  
Robert Grodecki, North Coast-Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society

## Welcome and Opening Comments

- Steve Diggon, Coastal First Nations, Chair, welcomed the group and introduced himself.
- Welcome provided by Clarence Nelson, Hereditary Chief of the Gitwilgyoots Tribe.
- North Coast Co-leads gave a brief introduction and identified themselves to new members as the technical co-leads for implementation of the North Coast Marine Plan.
- Chair reviewed the revised agenda and purpose of the meeting.

## Round Table Introductions

All MPAC members and meeting participants introduced themselves and their sector/interest.

## Review of Draft North Coast Annual Report (Year 2 Implementation)

Description of approach and intent for reporting out was provided.

## Highlights of Year 3: Regional Action Framework

The Regional Action Framework (RAF) identifies actions most appropriately implemented at the regional scale. The four sub-regional marine plans and the RAF all serve to reinforce an ecosystem-based management (EBM) approach to marine resources.

MaPP partners remain focused on advancing regional actions under each EBM theme with a particular focus on the following components:

- **Governance** - MaPP partners and staff are working hard to develop and maintain efficient and effective governance arrangements
- **Ecological integrity and human well-being** – Year 3 activities are focused on advancing actions on the following topics:
  - Climate change
  - EBM monitoring
  - Cumulative effects
  - Marine pollution
  - Marine zoning

Specific implementation activities tied to these topics were reviewed in a PPT presentation.

## Highlights of Year 3: North Coast Marine Plan Implementation

Key topics for year 3 North Coast Marine Plan implementation include:

- **Governance and collaboration:**
  - Support for a First Nations Technical Marine Planning and Resource Management table
  - Relationship building with BC Parks to explore opportunities for joint patrols and environmental monitoring
  - Stakeholder engagement in implementation activities
  - Engagement with the Tsimshian Environmental Stewardship Authority (TESA) in the MaPP North Coast cumulative effects initiative
- **Marine zoning:**
  - PMZ management planning
  - Cultural site planning for Port Essington
- **Stewardship and monitoring:**
  - Coastal restoration

- Cumulative effects
- Water quality monitoring
- Data gathering
- **Economic development & human well-being:**
  - Community capacity building.
- **Cumulative Effects** - This is a priority for implementation of the North Coast marine plan. This year, efforts are focused on:
  - Maintaining and developing governance structures.
  - Refining the MaPP (Draft) Cumulative Effects Framework (CEF)
  - Confirmation of NC CE values for phased implementation
  - Enabling coordination and consistency across related initiatives

More detailed information about Year 3 implementation activities was provided in a PPT presentation by the Cumulative Effects Coordinator; a video describing the MaPP CE framework was also provided.

### **Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI)**

ESI is a collaborative initiative that includes First Nations and Provincial governments and industry. There are two focal areas under the North Coast ESI: cumulative effects (assessment and monitoring) and restoration. ESI project team members provided information about activities within these two areas.

### **North Coast Marine Plan Implementation: Generating Ideas**

Meeting participants took part in a group exercise intended to identify potential implementation activities for years 4 and 5. Participants looked at groups of strategies and brainstormed ideas for activities. Participants also helped to identify potential partnerships and provided ideas of on-the-ground activities that their sectors/organisations are involved in.

### **Coastal Habitat Restoration**

The North Coast Marine Plan has a number of restoration-focused strategies. The North Coast team is now asking the question - on which species, ecosystems, sites do we focus restoration efforts? Whether restoration is active or passive, prioritization is necessary to make the best use of available resources.

The North Coast team facilitated a discussion to identify:

- Potential collaborators and funding sources
- Draft set of criteria for MaPP partner consideration
- Restoration activities already happening in the North Coast

Further discussion is required, as meeting objectives for this particular agenda topic were not met due to time constraints.

### **Next Steps and Meeting Wrap Up**

Stakeholders shared final thoughts about the meeting. Steve (chair), Allison and Karen provided closing comments.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.**