



*Central Coast
Marine Plan Implementation Advisory Committee (MPIAC)*

MEETING SUMMARY
March 14-15, 2018
Sheraton Vancouver Airport
Richmond, BC

Objectives:

1. Introduce new committee members
2. Review, discuss and seek advice on 2018-19 workplan activities
3. Explore upcoming opportunities and timeframes for stakeholder engagement
4. Develop deeper understanding of the EBM indicator program, management planning approach for Protection Management Zones/ Special Management Zones, and agreement to date on Areas That Require More Detailed Planning

Attendance:

MPIAC Members and Alternates:

Jenn Burt – *Marine Academic, Alternate*
Lauren Eckert – *Youth, Member (Day 2 only)*
Nick Heath – *Public Recreation, Member*
Sid Keay – *Recreational Fishery Service, Member (day 1 only)*

Christina Mardell – *Coastal Forestry, Alternate*
Linda Nowlan – *Marine Conservation, Alternate (day 1 only)*
Kim Olsen – *Commercial Fishing, Member*
Todd Russell – *Shellfish Aquaculture, Member*

MaPP:

Sally Cargill – *Province of BC (Technical Team Co-Chair)*
Gord McGee – *Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance (Technical Team Co-Chair)*
Kelly Wozniak – *MaPP Central Coast*

Observers:

Maryann Watson – *West Coast Environmental Law*

Not in attendance

Paul Nuttall – *Coastal Forestry, Member*
Emilie Piry – *Recreational Fishery Service Providers, Alternate*
Paul Manson – *Renewable Energy, Member*
Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fisheries, Alternate*

Richard Opala – *Finfish Aquaculture, Member*
Krista Roessingh – *Marine Conservation, Member*
Anne Salomon – *Marine Academic, Member*
Alison Sayers – *Local Government, Member*

Day 1

Welcome and Opening Comments

- Gord welcomed the group
- Membership update - The Central Coast Regional District has confirmed they will participate in the Central Coast MPIAC, but was not able to attend this meeting. Russ Markel (member) has resigned as Commercial Tourism member.
- MPIAC members and alternates introduced themselves and gave a brief update on their sector.
- The relationship between MaPP and the MPA Network planning process was discussed. MPIAC members and alternates in attendance reiterated their strong desire to have the Oceans Advisory Committee and Central Coast MPIAC tables merge to ensure better collaboration and efficiencies.

2018-19 Workplan

- Sally explained how the 2018-19 workplan was developed and described achievements and upcoming implementation activities related to collaboration and governance; marine zoning; stewardship, monitoring and enforcement; sustainable economic development and healthy communities; and climate change.
- Discussed keeping MaPP relevant and visible on the Central Coast, and scoping the annual workplan so that it is achievable with tangible successes. The Guardian Watchmen program is one example of a program that builds capacity, has a positive effect on user groups and is conducting research that is of interest to many sectors. MPIAC members and alternates raised interest in seeing if there are ways for the MPIAC to assist in securing long-term funding for the Guardian Watchmen program.
- MPIAC members and alternates have a wealth of expertise. The Central Coast Technical Team was encouraged to lean on this expertise for projects in 2018-19 including designing the shellfish aquaculture project, designing the log handling tenure inventory, and refining and implementing the communications strategy.

Actions:

- **Kelly** to upload Tourism plan, Climate Change, EBM indicator reports, and data management reports to dropbox
- **MPIAC members and alternates** to review implementation activities document and send in comments on perceived gaps or areas of interest by April 4.

Protection Management Zone (PMZ) / Special Management Zone (SMZ) Management Planning

- Management plans will provide additional spatial and aspatial direction for conditional activities.
- The Central Coast Marine Plan includes 113 PMZs and 20 SMZs. The Central Coast partners are working on developing a strategic approach to management planning that will be discussed with MPIAC members once it has been developed. The approach will consider ongoing management planning by BC Parks and First Nations for potential marine additions to conservancies on the Central Coast as well as a recognition of the potential for overlapping new Marine Protected Areas from the MPA Network with MaPP PMZs and SMZs .
- MPIAC will have opportunities to provide advice on management plans.

Areas Requiring More Detailed Planning

- Agreement at the technical level has been reached on two of the areas that require more detailed planning. Zone #1 is being recommended as an IUCN IV and zone #5 is being recommended as an IUCN II.
- MPIAC will have an opportunity to provide advice on the Recommended Uses and Activities table, area objective and area descriptions as they are developed.
- Discussed options for making sure the public is aware of MaPP zones in general. Recommended options include the Canadian Hydrographic Service and the tidal waters sport fishing app developed by the Sport Fishing Institute of BC in collaboration with DFO.

Communications Strategy

- MaPP is developing a communications strategy that is intended to increase awareness and understanding within key user groups about First Nations title and rights, cultural areas and sites, and cultural beliefs and values with respect to marine resources.
- The strategy will include a suite of value messages and recommended options for delivering these messages to key user groups including tourists, tour guide operators/outfitters, recreational boaters, sport fishers and hunters.
- MPIAC members will have an opportunity to review the value messages and provide advice on how they think their sector will respond to them, and to provide suggestions on the types of materials and methods best able to reach their sector.

Day 2

Integrated EBM Indicator Monitoring Program

- Gord reviewed the purpose of the EBM indicator monitoring program and explained how indicators were selected.
- MaPP has been working to better link work on the EBM indicators, climate change, and cumulative effects. The linked program is now referred to as the integrated EBM indicator monitoring program.
- MaPP is hiring a Regional EBM indicator monitoring and data management program coordinator who will also look at long term funding for the monitoring program.
- MaPP is undertaking a foundation refinement program to get a better understanding of stressors and pathways of effects for each value we are monitoring. Conceptual models will help illustrate these relationships.
- Work to date on the suite of regional and sub-regional indicators was summarized.

Climate Change and Cumulative Effects Work

- Gord reviewed the main findings of the phase 1 climate change report for both the region and the Central Coast.
- The phase 2 report outlines a number of options for vulnerability and risk assessments and will be available to the MPIAC shortly.
- Discussed connections between work on climate change, cumulative effects and EBM indicator monitoring and reporting.

Actions:

- **MPIAC members and alternates** to review phase 1 climate change report and let Central Coast technical team know if their sector would like more focused research on any particular areas of interest in relation to climate change.

Dialogue on Priorities

- Gord and Sally provided an opportunity for those in attendance to provide additional comments on the 2018-19 workplan.
- MPIAC members and alternates were asked to send in comments on perceived gaps or areas of interest to their sector by April 4.
- The workplan can be amended if priorities change or new opportunities arise.

Opportunities for Engagement

- Communications Strategy - At the end of March the contractor developing the Strategy will be looking for feedback on how the value messages land with each sector and potential communications methods for reaching primary audiences.
- PMZ/ SMZ management planning – The MPIAC will be asked to review draft management plans but the timing of this work is not certain. The Central Coast Technical Team is working to determine the most efficient way to approach management planning and engage sectors.
- Areas Requiring More Detailed Planning – The Central Coast Technical Team will engage specific sectors directly to develop draft ARMDP RUA tables, objectives and area descriptions. The drafts will be brought to the full MPIAC table for review. Work on Zones #1 and #5 will begin shortly. Work on the remaining three zones will begin later in 2018-19.

- Integrated EBM indicator monitoring program – Will be looking for feedback on what is captivating and relevant
- Sector specific engagement – Will be looking for sector-specific advice on particular projects including the log handling inventory, shellfish aquaculture project and Areas Requiring More Detailed Planning

Closing

- Discussed how to better structure in-person meetings. Those in attendance felt that it would be better to have one long day rather than two shorter days. Conference calls may be more engaging if done with video format. Any video calls would also need a call-in number for those with slow connections.
- Gord and Sally thanked everyone for attending.