



Marine Plan Partnership for the North Pacific Coast (MaPP)
Regional Marine Advisory Committee (RMAC)
Draft Meeting Summary

Advisory Group Meeting #2
Feb. 28, 2018, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Pacific Gateway Hotel, Richmond, B.C.

Objectives:

1. Provide progress updates on the Regional Action Framework (RAF) Implementation and review proposed 2018-19 RAF Workplan and provide advice where appropriate.
2. Receive RMAC advice on the MaPP Cumulative Effects Framework (evergreen document).

Attendance:

RMAC Members & Alternates:

Owen Bird – *Recreational Fishing Service Providers / Recreational Angling*

Dan Edwards – *Commercial Fisheries*

Nick Heath – *Public Recreation*

Kim Wright, Ross Jameson – *Marine Conservation*

Darlene Winterburn – *Shellfish Aquaculture*

MaPP:

Steve Diggon – *Coastal First Nations-Great Bear Initiative (Secretariat), Co-Chair*

Kristin Worsley – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (Secretariat), Co-Chair*

Karen Topelko – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (Secretariat and Co-lead for North Coast Sub-region)*

John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (Secretariat and Co-lead for North Vancouver Island Sub-region)*

Lindsay Galbraith – *Council of the Haida Nation (Co-lead for Haida Gwaii Sub-region)*

Ethan Griesbach – *North Coast-Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society (Co-lead for North Coast Sub-region)*

Gord McGee – *Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance (Co-lead for Central Coast Sub-region)*

Romney McPhie – *Regional Projects Coordinator*

Kylee Pawluk – *Regional Projects Coordinator (leave replacement for Romney McPhie)*

Fiona Kilburn – *MaPP Administrator and Financial Coordinator*

Josie Byington – *MaPP Communications Assistant*

Observers:

Darah Gibson – *Commercial Fisheries*

Kiera Vandeborne – *Commercial Fisheries*

Regrets:

Bruce Story, Paul Nuttall – *Coastal Forestry*

Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fisheries*

Scott Benton – *Commercial Tourism*

Richard Opala, Jeremy Dunn – *Finfish Aquaculture*

Adrian Rowland – *Marine Infrastructure*

Gerry Kristianson – *Recreational Fishing Service Providers / Recreational Angling*

Benafshaw Dashti, Nicholas Redpath – *Local Government (Kitimat Stikine Regional District)*

Jim Abram – *Local Government (Strathcona Regional District)*

Heidi Soltau, Dennis Buchanan, Jeff Long – *Local Government (Mount Waddington Regional District)*

Opening and Meeting Information, Background

- Kristin Worsley, Co-Chair, opened the meeting.
- Kristin reviewed agenda and purpose of the meeting. There was one addition to the agenda, in the MaPP Overview item, addressing Dan Edward's request for information about the relationship of MaPP to DFO.
- Introductions were made.

Overview of MaPP

- Karen Topelko made a presentation describing the MaPP Initiative for those new to RMAC. Steve Diggon, John Bones and Kristin Worsley provided information about the relationship of MaPP to the federal Marine Protected Areas network (MPAn) initiative and the Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (PNCIMA) plan.
- Items discussed included: challenges for local communities, especially for those in the commercial fishing industry, in the absence of federal integration; the need for sectors to work together to push the federal government for ecosystem-based management (EBM), in addition to their current focus on MPA network planning; recent updates to International Union for Conservation of Nature categories; and the utility of Marxan analysis.
- Clarifications provided by MaPP: 1) that development of new governance arrangement with the federal government and a letter of intent on PNCIMA plan implementation is nearing completion; 2) that efforts towards integration have been made by MaPP to co-ordinate MPAn meetings and MaPP stakeholder meetings at sub-regional and regional levels; 3) that Marxan results were considered, along with other information, in developing the MaPP marine plans; 4) that the conservation target of 10% is for all of Canada's oceans and that target is not driving the MPAn process; 5) that MaPP's work informs the MPA network process; 6) that the MPA work has a singular focus on conservation, and MaPP and PNCIMA apply an EBM approach to set governance direction to all uses and activities that happen on the ocean.
- *See advice log for specific advice made and Regional team response.*

Marine Zoning Progress Updates and 2018-19 Workplan

- Karen provided an update on progress towards marine zoning activities and priorities in the 2018-19 workplan.
- Items discussed included: best practices to engage stakeholders.
- Clarifications provided by MaPP: 1) that the First Nations role in participating in the MPAn planning process is driven by their interest in collaborative governance of their traditional territories.
- *See advice log for specific advice made and Regional team response.*
- **ACTION: Dan Edwards to provide MaPP Secretariat with Commercial Fishing Caucus document on best practices for the engagement of stakeholders in the MPA network planning process.**
- **ACTION: The Secretariat to share the document with the MPA process co-chairs.**

Review of the Draft Cumulative Effects Framework (evergreen document)

- A video describing the draft Cumulative Effects Framework (CEF) was presented.
- Items discussed included: the process and importance of identifying values for the application of the CEF in the North Coast sub-region; use of baseline data to set objectives; and federal linkages.
- Clarifications provided by MaPP: 1) that the CEF is being piloted in the North Coast sub-region on the values of eelgrass, estuaries and First Nations access to salmon; 2) that MaPP will seek Marine

Working Group endorsement to pilot implementation of the MaPP CEF; 3) that baseline data include both scientific information and local and traditional knowledge (an example from the Central Coast was described: determination of baseline information for Dungeness crab, published in an academic journal); 4) that B.C. is in discussion with Transport Canada and DFO, and has shared the CEF document with them to bring the provincial and federal CE efforts together; 5) that CFN has had discussions with Environment Canada and DFO about whether a regional CEF may be warranted.

- *See advice log for specific advice made and Regional team response.*
- **ACTION: MaPP to send the CEF video file for RMAC members and alternates to share.**
- **ACTION: RMAC members to provide feedback on the MaPP CEF by March 16, 2018.**

Economic Development & Healthy Communities Progress Updates and 2018-19 Workplan

- John provided an update about Economic Development and Healthy Communities activities and the 2018-19 Workplan.
- Sub-regional economic development progress updates were provided by Lindsay Galbraith (Haida Gwaii), Ethan Griesbach (North Coast), Gord McGee (Central Coast) and John (North Vancouver Island).
- Items discussed included: the Haida Gwaii community-based fisheries project and next steps for the infrastructure work.
- Clarification provided: 1) that the MaPP team is scoping the regional marine infrastructure project, including a workshop and RMAC engagement.

Stewardship, Monitoring, Enforcement and Climate Change Progress Updates and 2018-19 Workplan

- Romney provided an update about Stewardship, Monitoring, Enforcement and Climate Change topics and the 2018-19 Workplan.
- Items discussed included: information provided in the climate change report; and data layers in SeaSketch.
- Clarifications provided: 1) the tables in the UVic climate change report provide information about impacts on marine sectors; 2) differences in datasets on MaPP SeaSketch and MPAN SeaSketch are due to different data-sharing agreements, but both are driven from the same data set; 3) high resolution modeling of sea level rise in the MaPP area is not available and there is value in that work being done.
- **ACTION: Secretariat to add consultants' reports to the RMAC Dropbox.**

Marine Response Planning Progress Updates and 2018-19 Workplan

- Steve made a presentation on the progress on marine response planning and the workplan for 2018-19.
- Items discussed included: work to date in sub-regions towards identification of areas of concern (AOC) and places of refuge (POR); inclusion of vessels of opportunity in marine response planning; developing relationships and looking for synergies between the regional response development and the corporate model; funding models for marine response; compensation for first responders.
- Clarification was provided: 1) discussions about funding and delivery models are ongoing with the federal government.
- *See advice log for specific advice made and Regional team response.*

- **ACTION: Secretariat to add the Geographic Response Planning Guidance document to the RMAC Dropbox.**

Wrap-up and Adjourn

- Steve, John and Kristin thanked all participants for their attendance and provided closing comments.
- The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Action Item Summary

1. Dan Edwards to provide MaPP Secretariat with Commercial Fishing Caucus document on best practices for the engagement of stakeholders in the MPA network planning process.
2. The Secretariat to share the document from Dan Edwards with the MPA process co-chairs.
3. RMAC members to provide feedback on the CEF by March 16, 2016.
4. Romney to send the CEF video file or YouTube link for stakeholders to share.
5. Secretariat to add consultants' reports to the RMAC Dropbox
6. Secretariat to add the Geographic Response Planning Guidance document to the RMAC Dropbox.