



*North Vancouver Island  
Marine Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC)  
2018-19 Mid-Year Meeting & PMZ Management Plan Workshop*

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

**October 10 & 11, 2018**

*Location - Maritime Heritage Centre, 621 Island Hwy, Campbell River, BC*

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### **Objectives:**

1. To present and receive feedback on implementation activities, recently completed projects and upcoming projects.
2. To continue review and refinement of draft Management Plans for PMZ areas.

### **Attendance:**

#### **MPAC Participants:**

Bruce Storry – *Coastal Forestry (Member)*  
Bharat Adhikari – *Coastal Forestry (Alternate)*  
Christina Mardell – *Coastal Forestry (Alternate)*  
Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fisheries (Alternate)*  
Rick Snowden – *Commercial Tourism (Member)*  
Richard Opala (Day 1) – *Finfish Aquaculture (Member)*  
Bill Wareham – *Marine Conservation (Member)*  
Ross Jameson (Day 2) – *Marine Conservation (Alternate)*  
Peter Stockdill – *Public Recreation (Member)*  
Chuck Ashcroft – *Public Recreational Fishing (Member)*  
Don Tillapaugh – *Shellfish Aquaculture (Member)*  
Leighton Wishart – *Local Government (RDMW) (Member)*  
Dennis Buchanan – *Local Government (District of Port Hardy) (Member)*

#### **MaPP Participants:**

John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (Technical Team Co-Chair)*  
Andy Witt – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (Technical Team Co-Chair)*  
Sally Cargill – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development*  
Scott Harris – *Nanwakolas Council*  
Alex Barron – *MaPP Technical Planner*  
Markus Thompson (Day 1) – *Contractor- NVI EBM Coordinator*  
Josie Byington – *MaPP NVI Planning Assistant and MaPP Communications Assistant*

#### **Observer:**

Lance Underwood (Day 2) – *Commercial Fisheries*

**Regrets:**

Dan Edwards – *Commercial Fisheries*

Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*

Larry Samson, Charlie Cornfield – *Local Government (City of Campbell River)*

Jeff Long – *Local Government (RDMW)*

Nick Heath – *Public Recreation*

Mike Kelly – *Port Hardy Harbour Authority*

Todd Russell – *Shellfish Aquaculture*

## Day 1

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### Welcome and Opening

John Bones and Andy Witt welcomed the group on behalf of the NVI Technical Team. Introductions were made around the table.

### Previous Meeting & Meeting Agenda

Andy reviewed the agenda and purpose of the meeting and provided a verbal summary of the last MPAC meeting, which focussed on review of the NVI Annual Report and work planning for 2018/19.

**General Discussion:**

Discussion focused on clarification of statements in the NVI Annual Report.

- *Advice received during the session can be found in the MPAC advice log*

### Update on Related Planning Activities

John Bones provided an update on Federal Ocean initiatives (MPA Network, Ocean Protection Plan).

**General Discussion:**

Discussion focused on:

- Reconciliation Framework Agreement (RFA) signed with First Nations on Ocean Protection Plan (OPP) activities in the Northern Shelf Bioregion;
- Complexity of organizing for involvement in Ocean Protection Plan initiatives; B.C.'s involvement in development of the Regional response plan and other initiatives under the OPP including shoreline video surveys, proactive vessel management, and vessels of concern programs;
- Upcoming stakeholder advisory committee meeting on MPA network and timelines including how NVI PMZs are being applied to MPA network planning; and
- Level of consideration of socio-economic values in MPA network planning; and

**ACTIONS:**

- **John to make the RFA available when it is ready for release by Transport Canada.**

## Ongoing Project Updates

Presentations were made on ongoing NVI Plan projects. These were the **Recreation and Tourism Economic Development** project, the **Tlowitsis Shellfish Aquaculture Pilot Project**, **Cultural/Archaeological** projects, and the **Guardian** program.

### General Discussion:

Discussion took place on: recent tourism trends; technical questions related to the shellfish aquaculture project; and protection strategies for vulnerable cultural sites.

#### **ACTIONS:**

- Alex to add the MaPP Strategic Approach flowchart to the MPAC Dropbox.
- MPAC members to provide feedback on Recreation and Tourism recommendations due 2 Nov.
- Josie to provide Bill Wareham with access to the MPAC Dropbox.

## New Projects

Presentations were made on ongoing NVI Plan projects. These were the **EBM Monitoring & Kelp Model**, **Polluted Areas Restoration** project, **Communications** projects, and the **Marine Trails** project.

### General Discussion:

General discussion focused on:

- Technical questions related to the monitoring of kelp, eelgrass and oceanographic conditions; clarification that the definition of EBM in the kelp monitoring work plan is the same as was used in the NVI marine plan; the application of the kelp monitoring data to the kelp model;
- The staged approach to EBM indicator monitoring and plans for socio-economic indicator monitoring;
- Justification for areas selected for pollution restoration projects; clarification of how stakeholder feedback on the ESSA report was used.
- *Advice received on the new projects can be found in the MPAC advice log*

#### **ACTIONS:**

- Alex to send the draft NVI Communications Strategy to the MPAC for feedback by 2 Nov.

## Anticipated Projects / Year 4 Priorities

Presentations were made about anticipated projects and Year 4 priorities. These were the **Marine Governance**, **Training Needs**, **Climate Change** and **Kelp Aquaculture** projects.

### General Discussion:

General discussion focused on: the definition of “governance” used by MaPP during plan development; and the scope of MaPP region-wide work on climate change.

- *Advice received on the new projects can be found in the MPAC advice log*

#### **ACTIONS:**

- **Alex to share draft statements of work for the Marine Governance, Training Needs and Climate Change projects with the MPAC when completed, with 3 weeks for feedback**

## Plan Monitoring and Review

A presentation was made on plan monitoring and review.

### General Discussion:

General discussion focused on recent suggestions to address kelp harvest and changes to definitions of Level 1 and 2 docks; and the process and timeline for plan review.

- *Advice received on the new projects can be found in the MPAC advice log*

## Co-chair Wrap-up

John Bones summarized Day 1 discussions.

Andy announced that Sally is replacing Andy in the role of NVI Plan Provincial co-lead.

## Day 2

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## Welcome and Opening

John Bones reviewed the agenda for the day.

## PMZ Management Plan Review

In a workshop, MPAC members and observers provided feedback on five draft PMZ management plans. These were **Ba'as/Blunden Harbour, Nigei Island, Cape Caution, Burdwood Group, and SE Quadra PMZ Management Plans**. Alex captured advice and suggestions within each management plan document as they were raised and discussed. There was a discussion of a potential timeline for feedback and revisions to the PMZ management plans with a goal of completing “final drafts” for December and a potential final review workshop in early 2019, if needed.

### **ACTIONS:**

- **Alex to share updated PMZ management plans with the MPAC for feedback.**
- **MPAC members to provide feedback on PMZ management plans by 16 November 2018.**

## Co-chair wrap up; Date of next meeting

John and Scott thanked Andy for his work as Provincial lead for the NVI Technical Team, and presented him with a gift of appreciation on behalf of the Nanwakolas Council team.

John provided a summary of the meeting and thanked the MPAC members for their participation and provided closing comments.

The next meeting will likely be the year-end meeting in spring 2019.