



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

MEETING SUMMARY

***May 14th and the morning of May 15th, 2019
Executive Hotel¹
Richmond, BC***

Objectives:

1. Identify synergies between upcoming work priorities between sector(s) and with MaPP
2. Discuss interest and availability to engage on key workplan items
3. Update on Central Coast and regional projects that have advanced over the past year, and gather feedback to inform upcoming work

Attendance:

¹ The meeting was relocated from the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel due to a last-minute closure there.

MPIAC Members and Alternates:

Vanessa Minke-Martin – *Marine Conservation, Member*
Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fishing, Member*
Warren Warttig – *Coastal Forestry, Member*
Christina Mardell – *Coastal Forestry, Alternate*
Nick Heath – *Public Recreation, Member*

Richard Opala – *Finfish Aquaculture, Member*
(Day 2 only)
Paul Manson – *Renewable Energy, Member*
(Day 1 only)
Lauren Eckert – *Youth, Member*

MaPP:

Sally Cargill – *MFLNRORD (Advisory Committee Co-Chair)*
Gord McGee – *CCIRA (Advisory Committee Co-Chair)*
Steve Diggon – *Coastal First Nations-Great Bear Initiative (MaPP Secretariat)*
Julie Carpenter – *Heiltsuk Nation (Community Marine Use Planning Coordinator)*
Michael Vegh – *CCIRA (MaPP Technical Support)*
Kelly Wozniak – *MaPP Central Coast Marine Planner*

Observers:

Maryann Watson – *West Coast Environmental Law (Day 2 only)*

Not in attendance

Anne Salomon – *Marine Academic, Member*
Linda Nowlan – *Marine Conservation, Alternate*
Kim Olsen – *Commercial Fisheries, Alternate*
Sid Keay – *Recreational Fishery Service, Member*

Emilie Piry – *Recreational Fishery Service Providers, Alternate*
Todd Russell – *Shellfish Aquaculture, Member*
Darlene Winterburn – *Shellfish Aquaculture, Alternate*

Day 1

Welcome and Opening Comments

- Sally welcomed the group, reviewed the agenda and discussed the objectives of the meeting.
- Vanessa Minke-Martin is replacing Krista Roessingh as the Conservation sector member on the MPIAC.
- Warren Warttig was on the MPIAC during the planning phase and rejoined the MPIAC in November, but this is his first in-person meeting since re-joining.
- Jenn Burt (Marine Academia alternate) and Eric Boyum (Commercial Tourism) have resigned.

Sector Updates

- Each member/ alternate provided an update from their sector on upcoming work priorities, initiatives related to MaPP implementation, and emerging issues or concerns related to the Central Coast.
- Emerging issues or concerns that were discussed included the decline in development of Independent Power Projects, decline in health of salmon stocks, incidents of point source pollution near Bella Bella, ownership of fishing quotas, compliance with approved work practices for forestry, planning for climate change, interaction between marine planning and proposed federal and provincial legislation, and the MPA network planning process.
- The committee identified the following opportunities to link some of these emerging issues or concerns with MaPP:

- Guardian Watchmen program and point source pollution monitoring;
- Guardian Watchmen program and monitoring for compliance with the approved work practices for marine forestry operations;
- PMZ management planning and the marine trail network;
- Monitoring changes in ownership of fishing quotas through the EBM indicator monitoring program; and
- Reviewing of public reports on west coast fisheries to inform refinement of socio-economic indicators and related data (e.g. Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans)
- Increasing collaboration between MaPP and academics to fill data gaps
- Support a gap assessment of the Central Coast workplan with regards to MaPP climate change goals
- Raise awareness of new tidal energy technology through presentations to the communities on the Masset Inlet Tidal Energy Project.

2019-20 Work Plan

- Sally and Mike gave a presentation that highlighted key work since January; described upcoming work activities for 2019-20 and highlighted upcoming opportunities for collaboration.
- Implementation activities related to collaboration and governance; marine zoning; stewardship, monitoring and enforcement; sustainable economic development and healthy communities; and climate change were discussed.
- Sally reviewed a Gantt chart that highlighted opportunities for engagement. Advice will be sought on the following topics: filling vacant seats on the MPIAC; the Commercial Operator protocol; Plan review and amendment; PMZ management planning; Areas that Require more Detailed Planning; EBM indicator monitoring and reporting; material arising from the Communications Strategy; and the shellfish aquaculture pilot project.

Regional Update

- Sally, Gord and Kelly provided an update on regional projects including work related to kelp; data management, plan review and amendment, climate change reports and the zoning outreach strategy.

PMZ Management Planning

- Sally, Gord, Mike and Kelly provided an update on work to date on PMZ management planning, including the strategic approach that is being considered.
- The MPIAC reviewed the draft Goose Bay PMZ Management Plan.
- Key topics of discussion included the structure and content of PMZ management plans, how to best target the audiences the management plans are intended for, and how to prioritize which PMZ to develop management plans for.

Day 2

Opening:

- Gord welcomed the group and everyone in attendance introduced themselves.
- Richard provided an update from the finfish aquaculture sector.
- Gord provided a synopsis of issues that had come up across sectors in Day 1 of the meeting, and key actions that can be taken by MaPP.

EBM Indicator Monitoring Program

- A handout was provided that listed all the regional/sub-regional values and metrics by theme and described sub-regional work to date.
- Gord gave a presentation that explained the purpose of the EBM indicator monitoring program and described next steps, including the approach to reporting and opportunities for engagement.
- The MPIAC strongly emphasized the importance of advancing the human well-being indicators alongside the ecological indicators.
- Some of the challenges with monitoring human-well being were discussed, and the group brainstormed ideas for reporting on human well-being, including developing a snapshot assessment if reporting out on human well-being indicators isn't feasible at this time.
- The MPIAC reviewed the draft reports for Salmon and Kelp. Specific advice on the content of these reports was received. The group also discussed the general structure of the report as well as potential approaches for linking the reports together into one report and conducting a meta-analysis of findings.

Closing

- Gord and Sally thanked everyone for attending.
- In addition to the actions captured in the advice log, the following actions were recorded:

Action: MPIAC members and alternates to provide feedback on the general structure of the indicator reports by June 5th.

Action: MPIAC members and alternates to review stakeholder engagement Gantt chart and provide feedback timelines/ identify any additional work plan items they wish to provide advice on by June 5th.

Action: MPIAC members and alternates to recommend/ nominate potential representatives for vacant sector seats for Central Coast MPIAC.

Action: Co-leads to add reports of interest (Global Aquafood report and report of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans) to MPIAC dropbox.