



*North Vancouver Island  
Marine Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC)  
Special Meeting*

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

**March 9, 2021, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

*Webinar*

**Objective:**

1. To provide information and receive advice on one year and five year work planning.

**Attendance:**

**MPAC Participants:**

Warren Warttig – *Coastal Forestry (Member)*  
Bruce Storry – *Coastal Forestry (Alternate)*  
Rick Snowden – *Commercial Tourism (Member)*  
Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fisheries (Member)*  
Chelsey Ellis – *Commercial Fisheries (Alternate)*  
Killian Stehfest – *Marine Conservation (Member)*  
Ross Jameson – *Marine Conservation (Alternate)*  
Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD) (Member)*  
Leighan Wishart – *Local Government (District of Port Hardy) (Member)*  
Rod Sherrell – *Local Government (RDMW) (Member)*  
Paul Grey – *Public Recreation (Member)*  
Peter Stockdill – *Public Recreation (Alternate)*  
Chuck Ashcroft – *Public Recreational Fishing (Member)*  
Mike Kelly – *Public Recreational Fishing (Alternate)*

**MaPP Participants:**

John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (Technical Team Co-Chair)*  
Sally Cargill – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (Technical Team Co-Chair)*  
Josie Byington – *MaPP NVI Projects Coordinator and MaPP Communications Assistant*

**Observers:**

Bharat Adhikari – *Coastal Forestry*  
Christina Mardell – *Coastal Forestry*

**Regrets:**

Jeremy Maynard – *Recreational Fishing Service Providers (Member)*

Charlie Cornfield – *Local Government (City of Campbell River) (Member)*  
Kermit Dahl – *Local Government (City of Campbell River) (Alternate)*  
Fred Robertson – *Local Government (District of Port Hardy) (Alternate)*  
Jeff Long – *Local Government (RDMW) (Alternate)*  
Richard Opala – *Finfish Aquaculture (Member)*  
Todd Russell – *Shellfish Aquaculture (Member)*

## Welcome and Opening

Sally Cargill and John Bones welcomed the group on behalf of the NVI Technical Team. Introductions were made and Warren Warttig was welcomed as the new Member for the Coastal Forestry sector, replacing Bruce Storry, who will serve as Alternate.

## Meeting Agenda & Previous Meeting

John reviewed the agenda and provided the context for the special meeting about one year and five year work planning. Agenda was endorsed with no additions.

## MaPP Five Year Outlook

Sally introduced the themes in the MaPP Business Case under which the NVI projects were arranged. The themes were: Advancing Collaborative Governance and Reconciliation; Maintaining Marine Plan Relevance and Responsiveness; Strengthening Rural Economies and Communities; Collaboratively Measuring, Monitoring and Managing our Coastal Resources; and Improving Marine Safety and Coastal Protection.

### General Discussion:

Discussion focused on the following topics:

- a) Recommendation to address the impacts of Covid-19 to communities and sectors in the Business Case and NVI work planning,
- b) Recommendation that the federal government should have a more co-operative approach to dealings with coastal communities that includes affected sectors and communities ,
- c) That stakeholders should be included in the description of the Advancing Collaborative Governance and Reconciliation theme.

Clarification was made that:

- The draft Business Case document and its reference to court decisions and other reconciliation issues was developed to address potential funding opportunities and is not necessarily going to undergo further revisions or distribution,
- Proposed projects are still likely to fit into more than one of the themes used in the MaPP Business Case,
- Examples referred to in the themes listed in the Business Case are not necessarily applicable to the NVI sub-region,

- Proposed amendments to the NVI marine plan will be shared with the MPAC in stages over the next five years,

*Advice received on the MaPP Business Case can be found in the MPAC advice log*

**ACTIONS:**

- **Sally and John to share MPAC feedback on the Business Case with the MaPP Secretariat.**

## **NVI One Year and Five Year Work Plans**

Presentations were made about proposed NVI Plan One Year (2021-2022) and Five Year (2021-2026) projects under each of the themes in the Business Case.

**General Discussion:**

Discussion focused on the following topics:

- a) Suggestion to factor-in BC's commitments to the development of a Coastal Marine Strategy to the NVI work planning,
- b) NVI marine economic development projects could link to the funding for federal Blue Economy initiatives,
- c) Recommendation to develop socio-economic and ecological indicators for sites to measure marine plan effectiveness,
- d) It was highlighted that there is federal funding available for economic development transitional opportunities post-Broughton fish-farm aquaculture decision,
- e) It was also highlighted that there is a significant need for tourism training post-pandemic,
- f) Interest in the most effective way to inform/tie-in Guardian programs to pollution clean-up projects organized by different groups,
- g) The potential for Guardians to be trained to handle animals in the event of an oil spill.

Clarification was provided that:

- In the presentation, the asterisk indicates that funding is required, does not indicate whether funding has been secured,
- Funding to develop agreements was not indicated in the NVI budget because other provincial agencies would take the lead (e.g., BC Parks) and MaPP would support the conversations,
- The project to follow up with BC Marine Trails could fit into more than one theme,
- The NVI Marine Plan provides policy-based recommendations to decision-makers and Front Counter BC staff that need to receive and review applications. To date, the Province has found a high level of consistency between marine plan recommendations and tenure approvals,
- Nanwakolas Council has some agreements with Coast Guard and Transport Canada for marine incident notification, decision-making and response (not marine debris clean up activities).

*Advice received on the One Year and Five Year Workplans can be found in the MPAC advice log*

**ACTIONS:**

- **Co-leads to discuss how MaPP stakeholders could have a role in the development of the Coastal Marine Strategy.**
- **Sally to have a follow up conversation with Jim Abram about Front Counter acceptance of development proposals.**

- **Ross to pass along the 16 components being incorporated into input on coastal laws by West Coast Environmental Law and CPAWS, which is being developed to inform the provincial Coastal Strategy.**
- **Josie to send Jim Abram the summary of the February 23, 2021 NVI Fisheries Economy Working Group meeting.**
- **John to send Jim McIsaac the contact information of Guardian crew leaders interested in pollution clean up projects.**
- **Co-leads to contact Rick Snowdon regarding review of the tourism economic development report to identify training priorities and to discuss funding sources for training and marketing activities.**

### **Roundtable Discussion**

Time did not allow for a roundtable discussion. MPAC representatives were invited to provide further feedback by email within 2 weeks.

#### **ACTIONS:**

- **MPAC representatives to submit feedback on the work plans to Josie within 2 weeks.**

### **Co-chair Wrap-up**

Sally and John closed the meeting and thanked the MPAC members for their participation. The next meeting will be in May/June to provide a year-end report on the 2020-21 projects.