

North Coast Integrated Advisory Committee (NCIAC)

MEETING SUMMARY

July 27, 2023; 9:00am – 10:30pm

Virtually via MS Teams

Objectives

1. Provide a general update on the NCCE Program to the NCIAC.
2. Discuss and seek feedback on the NCCE Program Draft Engagement Strategy.
3. Provide an update on Marine Plan Partnership (MaPP) engagement.

Attendance

NCIAC Members/Alternates/Observers in Attendance

Emily Orr, Commercial Fishing (Member); Marc Porter, Conservation (Alternate); David Lewis, Recreational Hunting (Member); Walsham Telshak, Local Government – District of Kitimat (Member); Chantal Wentland, Local Government – North Coast Regional District (Member); Hermann Meuter, Research and Marine Monitoring (Member); Samuel Mansfield, Transportation (Observer); Urs Thomas, Recreational Fishing (Member), Megan Eadie - Commercial Fishing (Member-Interim for Chelsea Ellis); Karina Dracott - Research and Marine Monitoring (Member), Chloe Robinson - Research and Marine Monitoring (Alternate).

NCIAC Members/Alternates/Observers Not in Attendance

Jim McIsaac, Commercial Fishing (Alternate); Katrina Connors, Conservation (Member); Greg Knox, Conservation (Member); Cheryl Brown, Coastal Forestry (Member); Stephen Hales, Coastal Forestry (Observer); Mike Viveiros, Coastal Forestry (Observer); Jason Harris, Recreational Fishing (Alternate); Warren Waycheshen, Local Government - District of Kitimat (Alternate); Daniel Fish, Local Government - North Coast Regional District (Alternate); Provan Crump, Shellfish Aquaculture (Member); Paula Doucette, Transportation (Observer); Jason Scherr, Transportation (Observer)

NCCE Program Partners in Attendance

Bruce Watkinson, North Coast Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society (NCSFNSS); William Nelson, Metlakatla; Maya Paul, NCSFNSS; Kyle Clifton, Gitga'at; James Herbert, Gitxaala; Andrew Komlodi, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; Alli Morrison, WLRS; Rachel Post, WLRS; Rosalind Barabash (WLRS, MaPP Co-Lead for North Coast)

Welcome and Introductions

- Bruce Watkinson, Executive Director of the North Coast Skeena Stewardship Society, introduced himself as meeting chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting, provided an overview of the meeting agenda, and reviewed the NCIAC operating principles.
- Rachel Post shared the actions from the prior NCIAC meeting, noting that they have been completed.

NCCE Program Updates

- Alli Morrison updated the Committee on progress since the last meeting.
- Committee members were encouraged to circulate the recently completed Backgrounder on the NCCE Program (attached to meeting invite and found in the Dropbox) as a communication tool about the Program.
- Engagement on values work including the Food Security/Access to Resources (FS/ATR) report is anticipated this fall.
- Activities in alignment with the annual workplan are underway.
- Key objective for today is to obtain Committee members' formal advice on the draft NCCE Program Engagement Strategy.

Draft Engagement Strategy

- The draft Engagement Strategy was attached to the meeting invite and circulated two weeks in advance of the meeting.
- Rachel Post provided an overview of the intent and approach for the Strategy. The audience, engagement strategies, approvals, engagement process, challenges and solutions sections in the draft Strategy were informed by prior NCIAC feedback.
 - **Audience and Engagement Strategies**
 - No comments from the Advisory Committee.
 - **Approvals and Engagement Process**
 - An NCIAC member noted that public engagement sessions were held by BC and DFO on the Kitsumkalum and Kitselas treaties (with limited turnout). The member noted that the marine planning component of a treaty may have effects on this table and asked how this is being considered. The NCCE team responded that they will take this comment back to the Partners to consider potential interactions.
 - No further comments from the Advisory Committee.
 - **Challenges and solutions**
 - No comments from the Advisory Committee.
- An NCIAC member posted a question about the status of local government representation on the NCIAC and processes for reporting on NCCE Program outcomes to local governments.
 - **Action:** NCCE Program team to confirm local and regional government representation on the NCIAC.

Update on Marine Plan Partnership for the North Pacific Coast (MaPP) Engagement

- Rosalind Barabash, MaPP co-lead for the North Coast, provided an overview of the history of the NCCE Program and MaPP programs, noting that the NCCE Program is a merger of earlier overlapping processes and serves as a sub-regional process under MaPP.
- MaPP Partners will be looking to engage with the NCIAC on some upcoming items:
 - Survey regarding MaPP stakeholder and local government engagement. Expected launch September 2023.
 - Survey in support of revising the MaPP Regional Engagement Plan. Expected launch fall 2023.

- The MaPP Marine Plan is being reviewed. Stakeholder engagement is on the horizon.
- For more information about MaPP, refer to: <https://mappocean.org/>

Closing and Next Steps

- There will be an additional two week review period for Engagement Strategy following the meeting.
- Rachel Post outlined next steps following the meeting – see Actions below.
- Next meeting will be centered on Values/technical work.
- Bruce Watkinson provided closing remarks and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- Follow-up questions may be directed to Rachel Post: Rachel.Post@gov.bc.ca
- Urs Thomas reported out on Pacific Salmon Commission research on climate change effects on the North Coast. Anyone interested in presentations on this important topic are invited to contact Urs.

Meeting was closed at 10:00am.

Actions Arising from the Meeting

- **Action:** NCCE Program team to confirm local and regional government representation on the NCIAC.

Actions arising from the meeting that were associated with advice from NCIAC members are also captured in the corresponding advice log for the meeting.