

FRANKLIN HARBOR

MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

The first meeting of the Franklin Harbor Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 1pm on 15th February, 2010 in the Franklin Harbor Institute Supper Room, Main Street, Cowell.

We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose lands we are meeting upon today. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to country. We also pay respect to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia present here.

Members present: Eddie Elleway (Chair person), Mark Cant, Ashley Smith, Scott Arnold, John DeGeglio, Robert Siegmann, Chris Wakelin, Dale Chopin,

Proxies: None.

Supporting staff: Simon Clark (Executive Officer and acting Deputy Regional Conservator, Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH)), Jon Emmett (technical support, DEH), Yvonne Smith (Support Executive Officer, DEH) and Sandy McFarlane (Secretary).

Gallery: Gavin Beinke, Lambertus Deluca Lopez (PIRSA), Marcus DeGeglio, Rod Bevan, Graham Harrowfield, Alf Bilske, S.M.DeGeglio, Carrol Carmody, Jacko O'Brien, Bryan and Denise Green, Brenton Osborne, Gordon Schutz, Des Rehn, R Shepherd, Malcolm Brine, Terry Geue, J Versteeg, Jill Brooks, P Sharpe.

1. Welcome

Chair Eddie Elleway welcomed the members and gallery to the first Franklin Harbour MPLAG meeting.

1.1. Housekeeping arrangements.

Sign in book for gallery, meeting outline, other housekeeping items.

1.2. DEH Deputy Regional Conservator

Simon Clark gave overview of Marine Parks, stating there has been years of talk, now action is to take place. He said the Minister of Environment and Conservation has been talking and listening to people, and now management plans with zoning have to be made.

This meeting is an introduction to set the scene for the process that the group is heading, highlighting the importance for communication between the group. He thanked the group for their time and for people in the gallery for their attendance.

1.3. Apologies: Johanna Sampson.

1.4. Introductions

Local Advisory Group members briefly introduced themselves and identified their interests:

Eddie Elleway	Mayor of Franklin Harbour District Council, Recreational fisher
Ashley Smith	Owner of Arno Bay Fishing Adventures
Chris Wakelin	Ex-oyster grower (Cowell) (recently retired) Recreational fisher
Mark Cant	Recreational fisher, Chief Executive Officer of Eyre Peninsula Regional Development Board (EPRDB)
Julie Schiller	Local farmer, Lucky Bay shack owner, Recreational fisher
Dale Chopin	Owner of Harbour View Caravan Park (13 yrs, tourism), Recreational fisher
Scott Arnold	Oyster farm manager, Recreational fisher & diver
John DeGeglio	Third generation commercial net fisherman (13 yrs), Lucky Bay
Robert Siegmann	Retired from abalone industry, Lucky Bay resident, Recreational fisher

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with the following additional item for other business:

- Draft regulations.

3. Correspondence

Tabled a letter from South Australian Oyster Growers Association (distributed).

4. Agenda items

4.1. Marine parks overview (Simon Clark)

4.2. Terms of reference (Simon Clark)

Discussion about *Terms of Reference* for MPLAGs (distributed). Members agreed to the terms of reference for the group.

4.3. Community input – mapping (Jon Emmett)

Jon introduced his presentation with general discussion about the task ahead of the group and his experience working with the Encounter Marine Park including:

- There are about 5000 marine parks in the world. There are 19 marine parks in SA. It is a big task to develop management plans in 2 years and hopefully to do a good job.
- **Encounter Marine Park:** (near Adelaide, approx. 3000 km²) A pilot process. DEH made some mistakes (eg insufficient community consultation in developing the draft zoning plan) but learnt a lot from this. Draft zoning plan in 2005. Eventually was a successful negotiation process in Victor Harbor that DEH and locals are happy with and one which satisfies design principles (scientific and community). Therefore we need to give it a go and design something we can all live with.

The presentation introduced the group to the South Australia's Marine Parks Information Tool (**SAMPIT**) a tool to collect public data. It has been developed to enable the local community to map local information about the proposed marine park. It also adds to information that DEH has mapped. It identifies:

- **local uses** eg commercial and recreational fishing, avoids placing Sanctuary Zones in high use areas and
- **local knowledge** eg important breeding or nursery areas, threatened species, unique features. Community can help to identify conservation areas.
- Refer to Maps A and B Franklin Harbor Marine Park.
- Role of the MPLAGs in SAMPIT: Enter your own information and encourage others.
- Quality control (helps assess the maps of local information for accuracy).

SAMPIT works in two ways:

- a) **Online** (Google maps): more information, greater range of activities, satellite imagery, seabed habitats. www.marineparks.sa.gov.au/SAMPIT
- b) **Paper based**: may better suit those with poor internet access or little computer experience.

Online version allows user to look at habitats and environmental features (eg sea grasses). It is the best survey type for commercial fisherman because it is a secure site. However if this doesn't suit, contact DEH to suggest another method for disclosing private fishing information.

4.4. Community input – marine park values (Jon Emmett)

See *Creating a Marine Parks Values Statement* document. The Minister is bound to produce a values statement for each park to support each draft management plan. They need to consider the environmental, economic and social factors of our area when planning a multiple-use marine park.

The process outlined:

- a) Develop a draft Values Statement (done)
- b) Input of local knowledge (needed now)
- c) Incorporate community information
- d) Revised values statement to MPLAGs
- e) Release final plan in 2012.

Environmental values: physical influences, habitat variety, marine species, ecosystem services.

Economic values: aquaculture, fishing, mineral and energy resources, transport and infrastructure, local tourism.

Social values: cultural, recreational, interpretive/educational.

The feedback form from MPLAG members is required by 19th March. Members can provide photos for the document. The collated information will come back to a later MPLAG meeting for comment. The final product will go on the website.

4.5. Communication plan (Simon Clark)

MPLAG members to collect information from the public via SAMPIT. They need to identify what information is to share, who it is distributed to, by what method and when it will be done. Ideally the majority of the data is to be collected within six weeks of the first meeting.

Member	Who will be contacted	Methodology
Eddie Elleway	Franklin Harbour District Council	Meeting
	Port Gibbon Progress Association	Meeting
	Boat Ramp committee through council	Through Council
Ashley Smith	Charter operators (Cowell and Arno Bay)	Informal
	Recreational fishers	Informal
Chris Wakelin	Cowell oyster growers	Informal
	Recreational fishers	Informal
Mark Cant	Eyre Regional Development Board	Meeting
	Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association	Meeting
	Fisheries and Aquaculture Target Team	Meeting

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Julie Schiller	Recreational fishers	Informal
	School- Aquaculture program	Mark Churchett – program coordinator
Dale Chopin	Franklin Harbour Development Group	Meeting
	Chamber of Commerce	Informal
		Caravan park distribute SAMPIT maps
Scott Arnold	Other oyster growers	Informal
	Recreational Fishers/divers	Informal
John De Giglio	Commercial interests – Lucky Bay and Cowell	Informal
	Lucky Bay Shack owners	Website/Letters
Robert Siegmann	Luck Bay Residence	Informal and committee
DEH	Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board	Meeting
	Kimba Council/ Lucky Bay shacks	Contact Kimba Council
	PIRSA Fisheries	Informal
	Cowell Ute Muster 13 March	Information Stall
	Crab Festival 6 March 2,500 participants	Information Stall

4.6. Other Business

On the Marine Parks CD there is a file called regulations. The regulations are required to define the activity and uses for each zone in the marine parks. There is a separate process for the displaced effort regulations. Targeted consultation has taken place with key industry groups on the zoning regulations. If members want to comment talk with your industry groups or you can email DEH direct.

Eddie Elleway said the Council has grant money to have a big map sign at the boat ramp, but they are waiting until the marine parks are in place. There will need to be clearly defined boundaries that are easily identified by fishermen. May need marker buoys (especially in the harbour).

Eddie informed MPLAG members that reimbursement travel costs are available to those who have travelled more than 15-20km for the meeting. Reimbursement claims are capped at \$250.

Eddie thanked all involved for their attendance and reminded MPLAG members to get the SAMPIT surveys out to the community as soon as possible.

5. Record of Meeting

This item was not discussed at the meeting.

6. Next Meeting

Monday 31 May, Franklin Harbor District Council Tea Rooms.

Meeting Closed at 4.10pm.

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Chair

Action Items as at 15th February 2010

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
1	<i>All Members</i>	Review and provide feedback to DEH on the Values Statement by 19 March		15 February 2010
1	<i>All Members</i>	Implement Communication Strategy		Next Meeting
1	<i>All Members</i>	Facilitate input into SAMPIT information collection tool by local community members by end of March 2010		15 February 2010