

FLEURIEU PENINSULA
MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

The 1st Meeting of the Fleurieu Peninsula Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held on 23 February 2010 in the Gospel Centre, George Main Road, Victor Harbor from 1pm.

The purpose of this meeting was to provide an introduction to members, initiate community input through mapping and values statements, and plan communication between the Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) and the community.

Members Present: John Crompton (Chair), Julianne Rilstone, Scott Weaver, Roger Strother, David Hall, Mary Beckett, Richard Owen, Keith Parkes, John Humphrys, Randall Lawton, Brenton Robins, Rex Manson, Linda Mullan and Robert Edmeades, Phil Hollow (Executive Officer DEH), Sarah Bignell, (Project Officer, DEH, Peter Alexander, (Regional Conservator DEH), John Emmett (Project Officer DEH, Joanne Flavel (Minutes Secretary DEH)

Proxies: None

Gallery: there were 15 members of the public in the gallery including Mary-Lou Corcoran (Mayor, Victor Harbor), Michael Pengilly (Member for Finniss) and Adrian Pederick (Member for Hammond).

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the area whose lands we are meeting upon today.

1.1 Housekeeping arrangements

1.2 DEH Regional Conservator

Peter Alexander (Regional Conservator, DEH South East Region) welcomed members to the Advisory Group and acknowledged the time they have committed to the process of developing a key plan with zoning.

1.3 Apologies: Chris Royans

1.4 Absent: *None*

1.5 Introduction of LAG members

Departmental officers who were present to support the planning process were introduced and each LAG member introduced themselves and spoke briefly of their interest and representation.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Nil to confirm

3. Correspondence

Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 1st meeting

Nil to confirm

5. Action Items and Business Arising from the minutes

Nil

6. Agenda items

6.1. Marine Parks Overview (Phil Hollow)

Phil Hollow presented an overview of the Marine Parks planning process, including:

- the objectives of Local Advisory Groups
- timeline:
 - 2010 - draft management plan
 - 2011 - public consultation
 - 2012 - management plan
- Marine Parks Act 2007

Sarah Bignell spoke to the technical report on the outer boundaries of South Australia's marine parks network, including:

- spatial mapping
- marine bio regions
- maps of sea surface temperature
- maps of existing habitats in each bioregion

6.2. Terms of Reference (Phil Hollow)

Phil Hollow discussed the Group's Terms of Reference, bringing the following to the attention of members:

- the LAG will support the development of a management plan with zoning arrangements
- LAGs consist of a maximum of 15 members and this group currently has that number of members
- a quorum of 8 members is required at each meeting
- members may invite guests to add to special briefings
- members are encouraged to send a proxy to attend meetings in their absence
- meetings are open to observation by the public and records of the meetings will be made available on the website
- DEH will cover the travel costs of members (up to \$250)
- the LAG may establish sub committees who will report directly to the Group
- the Chair will be the appropriate spokesperson for media related enquiries on behalf of the group.
- Members noted in regard to media opportunities:
 - they must be timely
 - the group may invite the local press to attend their meetings
 - members may make individual statements to the media, but it must be made clear that they are not representing the LAG if and when they do so.
- Indigenous representation:
 - consultation with the Aboriginal Community may be affected by Indigenous Land Use Agreements

- DEH will consult with the Community in addition to seeking an individual representative for this group.
- The Terms of Reference currently covers all 13 groups across the state, but may be amended.

Discussion was held relating to the functions of the Group, what DEH expects as outcomes and to whom they report

Action: Phil Hollow to clarify the expected outcomes of this Group, including how they are to be achieved and who the Group will be reporting to.

It was noted that the main responsibility for members will be to take information to the community and bring information gathered from the community back to these meetings to assist in the development of marine parks management plans

6.3. Community Input - Mapping (Sarah Bignell)

Sarah Bignell outlined South Australia's Marine Parks Information Tool (SAMPIT) which uses Google maps to collect data on local uses and local knowledge to assist in identifying zones and to avoid placing sanctuary zones in important high use areas.

Input into the data base may be done directly on-line or by submitting information on a printed map. LAG members were asked to encourage the use of the system and to provide quality control for the data collected.

Concern was raised that many people do not have access to the internet or may not be prepared to fill in the forms. It was suggested that it may be better for LAG members and staff to speak directly with the public and then for DEH staff (who are familiar with the system) to enter any data collected. Phil and Sarah offered to run workshops to obtain data from groups when they will be spending time in the Fleurieu Region next month.

It was also suggested that information could be sought from people using boat launching facilities in local council areas and at Wirrina Cove Resort.

It was queried how DEH may advertise to encourage people to provide data and suggested that flyers be developed, notices be sent to people already on the data base, adverts be placed in the SA Angler magazine and commercial fishers advised through PIRSA (other opportunities will be discussed further in the Communication Plan – refer 6.5).

It was noted that commercial fishers operate in both the Fleurieu and the Kangaroo Island Marine Parks and some of the data and planning issues may overlap between the two groups.

Action: Phil Hollow to clarify how the two Local Advisory Groups may work together, share information and discuss common issues.

Sarah Bignell demonstrated the use of both the printed maps and the program on the website.

Action: Sarah to confirm if the user can save the data they input to another device or area of their computer as their copy.

Timeline:

collect preliminary data by the end of March

review this data at the 2nd LAG meeting

continue collecting data through SAMPIT

all data collected will inform zoning plan development

The SAMPIT website will be ongoing and the data collected may be used for other purposes (eg. NRM planning, reviewing plans).

Action: Members, Phil Hollow and Sarah Bignell to actively seek input of data into SAMPIT from the community.

6.4. Community Input - Marine Park Values Statement

Management plans require a regional impact statement relating to environmental, economic and social values.

Members were given a copy of the draft Environment, Economic and Social Values of the Encounter Marine Park working document and asked for comments, errors or omissions. Input can be made using the form included at the end of the document.

Action: Comments are required by March 19, 2010.

Action: DEH to send copies of this document to councillors, planners and environmental officers at local councils, tourism bodies and regional development boards to gain further input.

Members considered that the Economic Values Section did not contain any information on recreational fishing, and only statewide information (not regional) on commercial fishing. They were advised that this information was provided by PIRSA and it was acknowledged that the information received was not adequate. It was suggested that the results of the recreational fishing report (which has just been released) may be included to supplement this section.

Members requested that they have something (maybe a card or badge) to identify them as a LAG member, particularly when they are speaking to the public or seeking community input.

It was also suggested that a poster could be produced for shop windows where a LAG member might work or own that business

Action: Phil Hollow to follow up.

6.5. Communications Plan

Attached is a list of community groups and related businesses who should be informed of the Marine Parks planning process and may be encouraged to contribute to the collection of data through SAMPIT and consultation for the draft management plan.

Consideration is to be given to carrying out liaison with statewide groups on a statewide basis, separately to each local group's data base.

Phil Hollow and Sarah Bignell advised they are available to speak to any of these groups re information sharing.

Due to the diversity of the area covered by the Encounter Marine Park, the formation of the following five sub groups was suggested to discuss localised issues:

- Myponga – North
- Myponga to Rapid Heads
- Rapid Heads to Tunk Beach
- Tunk Beach to Port Elliot
- Bashams Beach to Coorong

6.6. Zoning

Some preliminary comments were made on the zoning concept:

- should include areas of non habitat protection
- significant sanctuary areas are required to protect biodiversity
- consideration needs to be given to the relative percentage of sanctuary zoning
- economical development must have a ceiling and be balanced and ecologically sustainable

7. Next meeting

To be held on Tuesday May 4, from 1pm – 5pm at Onkaparinga (venue to be confirmed).

The application of design principles will be discussed at this meeting.

Meeting Closed at 5:30pm

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Chair

Outstanding Action Items as at 23 February 2010:

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
1.	Phil Hollow	Clarify the expected outcomes for this Group, how they might be achieved and who the Group will be reporting to.		
1.	Phil Hollow Sarah Bignell LAG members	To actively seek input of data from the community into SAMPIT.		
1.	LAG members	Comments on the Environment, Economic and Social Values of the Encounter Marine Park working document by 19.3.10.		
1.	Phil Hollow	DEH to seek further input for the above document from local councils, tourism bodies and regional development boards.		
1.	Phil Hollow	Clarify how the Fleurieu and KI LAGs may work together, share information and discuss common issues.		
1.	Sarah Bignell	Confirm if a SAMPIT user can save data to another device or area of their computer as their copy.		
1.	Phil Hollow	Identification for LAG members when they are speaking to the public or seeking community input.		