

FLEURIEU PENINSULA

MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

The second meeting of the Fleurieu Peninsula Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at Christies Beach Surf Life Saving Club, The Esplanade, Christies Beach at 1pm on June 8, 2010.

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.

1. WELCOME

2. **PRESENT:** John Crompton (Chair), Richard Owen, John Humphrys, Peter Wright (proxy for Roger Strother), Scott Weaver, Randall Lawton, Keith Parkes, Rex Manson, Linda Mullan, David Hall and John Edmeades.

DEH Staff : Phil Hollow (Executive Officer), Andrew Burnell, Joanne Flavel, Paul Unsworth and Yvette Eglinton

Gallery: There were 10 people in the gallery including Anselmo (a Marine Park Manager from Timor Leste).

3. **APOLOGIES:** Brenton Robins, Peter Alexander and Roger Strother

Absent: Mary Beckett, Julieanne Rilstone and Chris Royans

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 from Wildcatch Fisheries SA, re marine parks and the fishing industry.

4.2 from the SA Rock Lobster Advisory Council, an open letter to all of the Chairs of the MPLAGs concerning their current position with regard to the marine park planning process and the development of zoning arrangements.

General comments:

Scott Weaver agreed that a number of valid points were made in these letters and that he would be interested in our Chair's reply.

It was noted that the position of the MPLAG members is to provide advice, rather than represent a particular body. It is the responsibility of members to provide information back to the community.

There was a point of view put forth that the planning process is being driven ideologically and politically, rather than scientifically. This group must have access to the scientific information and there was some concern that there are knowledge gaps as much of the area has not been surveyed.

Andy Burnell commented that there will be a two-part process in the development of the plans:

1. Designing park phase – allotting the Sanctuary Zones
2. Management and influence over a wider area - responding to threats.

Zoning is a key tool in the management planning process.

Further discussion on these issues was referred to General Business.

Action: The Chair will respond to this correspondence and Phil Hollow to provide a written response to MPLAG members.

Action: Phil Hollow to investigate the opportunity of having presentations made to this group to further their scientific knowledge.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING held on February 23, 2010 at Victor Harbor.

Moved: John Humphrys. Seconded: Richard Owen. Carried.

6. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

6.1 Members requested a copy of the Communication Plan as referred to in the minutes.

Action: Phil Hollow to provide.

6.2 John Humphrys requested that a copy of the minutes and attachments also be provided by email (providing they are not huge files), so that this information can then be disseminated more easily to others in their associations, especially if they are required to provide comment.

Action: Phil Hollow to provide.

7. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Each member was asked to comment on the reactions and comments they had received to the initial planning process:

- people who see this as a threat are those who are actively involved
- people who are concerned about terrestrial environmental issues don't see this process as being one they need to be involved in
- the connectivity with terrestrial parks and the creation of corridors needs to be emphasised
- DEH staff involved with the Ramsar Taskforce were not aware that the marine park came into the Coorong, but agreed to become more involved in the planning process
- MPLAG Members agreed they need to better understand their roles in the process before going back to their community networks
- there is an element of suspicion about the motives and use of the data gathered
- there was concern that SAMPIT should not be the only tool used to gather information
- users found SAMPIT was inadequate to capture finer details
- there was also suspicion that the process is a *fait accompli* (such as with the desalination plant) and that consultation is being carried out only as a matter of course
- the scientific terms used are difficult for the target audience to understand
- the information needs to include simple terms and be up front and transparent

When discussing the gathering and dissemination of information, members asked about the possibility of running television ads, but these are hugely expensive and it is not certain that they are the best option to reach the target audience. It was suggested that correspondence be sent to every boat owner, but Phil Hollow advised he had looked into this option and he was told by the Department for Transport that they can not give out the details of their mailing lists and can only include information dealing with safety issues in their mailings. The *On Deck* and SA Waters newsletters were tabled as other possible options. Andy commented that we had articles in various fishing and boating magazines.

Action: Phil Hollow to investigate the inclusion of Marine Parks information in these newsletters.

It was acknowledged that it is ultimately the responsibility of the individual to seek information.

8. SHARING SAMPIT INFORMATION

Phil Hollow provided maps showing the SAMPIT data which had been collated to date. It was noted that when comparing the information gathered for each Park, the Encounter Park (Kangaroo Island and Fleurieu) had the largest response.

Members divided into groups and discussed the data. They were asked to verify the data (ie. is it accurate, is it representative of fishing effort, are there any gaps in the information gathered?).

After this discussion, it was noted that the smaller communities seem to be those who have provided the greatest response. It was queried how some of the larger communities (eg. those who launch from O'Sullivan's Beach) can be better engaged.

Should the advertising be more aggressive? Is this occurring in other regions?

Some of the discussion centred on relatively small areas containing special habitat which may be difficult to make into a sanctuary zone.

Action: DEH staff to collate the comments collected today and bring this back to the next meeting.

Action: Phil Hollow to provide members with an electronic copy of the tables he presented relating to the amount of information recorded on SAMPIT. Phil to also provide a copy of this Group's meeting plan and subsequent timeline.

9. IDENTIFYING LOCAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The *Marine Parks Act 2007* states that a management plan will be developed for all marine parks. It sets out the content of these plans, the procedure for creating them, the core design requirements (upon which the 14 design principles are based), and the essential consultation requirements.

The management plans must be reviewed every 10 years. The Minister may propose an amendment to a plan at any time, but this must go through the same process and a regional impact statement must be developed.

There will be 19 marine park management plans with zoning and other management strategies. Operational plans will determine the day-to-day management of the parks.

Members were asked to complete worksheets to identify any issues or opportunities that may affect the success of a park (eg. threats and impacts, ways to involve the community).

These worksheets provide the opportunity to describe the likelihood or frequency of the issue and its consequences and to rate the priority or importance of the issue. Members divided into groups for preliminary discussions, but were then given the opportunity to share these worksheets with their communities. They were asked to concentrate on identifying issues and opportunities and were advised the worksheets may be submitted by individuals or groups.

Phil Hollow offered to provide the worksheets electronically and to work with groups at any time to assist in management planning information.

Action: members to return the worksheets to DEH in a reply paid envelope by Friday 25 June 2010.

Members discussed the possibility of dealing with issues in the future such as the possible introduction of a desalination plant. It was noted that while marine park management plans may identify threats, marine parks will be located to minimise impact from, or avoid, any present threat.

10. PREPARING FOR ZONING presented by Andy Burnell

DEH will provide a preliminary zoning scenario at the next meeting. The basis on which those areas have been chosen will be clearly described.

MPLAG members will then seek input from their community networks, and stakeholder consultation will be carried out between Meetings 4 and 5.

Members requested that:

- a copy of the previous version of draft zoning for the Encounter Marine Park be provided as a reference
- the habitat types which need to be covered be identified
- a hard copy of habitat maps be provided on navigational charts at the next meeting.

Members will have the opportunity to divide into smaller working groups at this meeting to discuss localised issues and how this information will be included in the system. They will then take this information back to their local groups.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Value statements

Phil Hollow provided an update on the Value Statement. Comments which have been received from members will be incorporated in the document and an amended copy made available to members soon.

11.2 Stormwater harvesting project

Rex Manson spoke on the stormwater harvesting project at Morphett Vale which is helping to waterproof the Onkaparinga area. It will also diminish the impacts on the marine environment by ensuring the water which enters the sea will be of better quality.

Action: Rex to provide a leaflet to Phil Hollow for distribution to members for their information.

11.3 Other zoning maps

Members requested copies of the maps produced for other marine parks for comparison. DEH staff advised that a statewide map will also be produced.

Action: Phil Hollow to provide after MPLAG meeting 3.

11.4 Identification of MPLAG members

Action: Phil Hollow to provide Linda Mullan with a sign to identify her as a MPLAG member to encourage members of the public to discuss issues with her.

11.5 Recreational fishing

Members were concerned that the fact sheet regarding Marine Parks and Recreational Fishing indicated that the Government is committed to maintaining recreational fishing opportunities in the areas listed. They queried if there had been adequate research and monitoring done as part of the decision-making process.

11.6 Budget restraints

Members queried if budget restraints would affect the implementation of marine park plans.

11.7 Native Title and ILUAs

Members queried if there were any implications on the planning process arising from Native Title Claims and Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs). They were advised that there were no current ILUAs in this area.

11.8 Information sharing with the Kangaroo Island MPLAG

Members were advised that the Chairs of the two groups had discussed the opportunity to share information and agreed that this will occur. The two groups will share minutes and maps, and the Chairs will be invited to attend each other's meetings. John Crompton suggested that one other MPLAG member also attend

12. QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY

Nil.

Action: Phil Hollow to include this item earlier on the agenda as many members of the gallery had left the meeting by this time.

13. RECORD OF MEETING

The Chair and Executive Officer will develop a record of this meeting which will be posted on the website.

14. NEXT MEETING

14.1 Next meeting

As there is the need to gather and process information, the date of the next meeting is expected to be at the end of July or in early August. This will be confirmed with members by mail and promoted on the Marine Parks website. It will be held at Goolwa with the venue also to be confirmed.

Scott Weaver advised he will not be available for a meeting until after August 23.

David Hall and Richard Owen advised they will not be available for any meetings in September.

14.2 Agenda Item

Members are keen to understand how the Victor Harbor Working Group and DEH developed different Sanctuary Zone scenarios.

Action: Phil Hollow to add this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

15. **MEETING CLOSED:** 5.20pm

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Chair

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Date

OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS AS AT JUNE 8, 2010:

Meeting	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
1.	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Clarify the expected outcomes for this group, how they might be achieved and who the Group will reporting to.	Contained within the terms of reference	
1.	<i>Phil Hollow, Sarah Bignell, MPLAG members</i>	To actively seek input of data from the community into SAMPIT.	ongoing	
1.	<i>MPLAG members</i>	Comments on the Environment, Economic and Social values of the Encounter Marine Park working document by 19.3.10.	completed	19/3 /10
1.	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	DEH to seek further input for the	ongoing	

		above document from local councils, tourism bodies and regional development boards.		
1.	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Clarify how the Fleurieu and KI MPLAGs may work together, share information and discuss common issues.	Completed. Share minutes and chairs to be invited to other Groups meetings	
1.	<i>Sarah Bignell</i>	Confirm if a SAMPIT user can save data to another device or area of their computer as their copy.	Not able to transfer	
1.	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Identification for MPLAG members when they are speaking to the public or seeking community input.	Phil to provide Linda Mullar with a sign for her shop window	
Meeting no.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
2.	<i>Chair & Phil Hollow</i>	Respond to correspondence received. Provide a written response to members.	ongoing	
2.	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Investigate the opportunity to have scientific presentations at meetings.	Might be useful when considering sanctuary zone	
2.	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Provide a copy of the Communication Plan to members.	Completed	
2.	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Provide an electronic copy of the minutes and attachments to members.	Completed	
2.	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Investigate the inclusion of Marine Parks information in the On Deck and SA Waters newsletters.	Have had articles printed	
2.	<i>DEH staff</i>	Collate comments on SAMPIT data and bring this back to the next meeting.	Action for this meeting	
2.	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Provide members with an electronic copy of the data relating to the SAMPIT information and the Group's meeting plan and timeline.	Data provided in PDF form	12/6 /10
2.	<i>MPLAG members</i>	Return local management issues worksheets to DEH.	ongoing	25/6 /10
2.	<i>Rex Manson, Phil Hollow</i>	Provide information re the Morphet Vale stormwater harvesting project. Send copies of this information to members.	Rex provided a report at the meeting.	
2.	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Provide copies of sanctuary zone maps produced for other parks (including statewide maps).	Will be on Web site but will not have a copy of the Statewide maps for all members	
2.	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Include the Questions from the Gallery item earlier on the agenda.	For Chair to consider	
2.	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Add the Victor Harbor working group's sanctuary zone scenario to the next agenda.	Actioned	