

# KANGAROO ISLAND

## MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

### MINUTES

The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Kangaroo Island Marine Parks Local Advisory Group was held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010 in the *Kangaroo Island Council Chambers, 43 Dauncey St. at 2pm.*

*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:** Andy Gilfillan, Fraser Vickery, Dr Margi Prideaux, Mary-Alice Ballantyne-Swan, Anthony Geyer, John Lavers, Che Spruyt, Ken Rowe, Bruce Weatherspoon, Terry Lehmann, Graham Walden, Matthew Ingram, Graeme Connell, Bevan Patterson, Cherie Tyley, Chair: Andy Gilfillan, Executive Officer: Phil Hollow (DEH), Regional Conservator Bill Hadrill (DEH), Project officer Robyn Morcom (DEH), Secretary: Sara Wright (DEH)

**Proxies:** Nil

**Gallery:** Attendance sheet at door for Gallery to sign in

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

##### 1.1 Housekeeping arrangements

##### 1.2 DEH Regional Conservator

Bill Hadrill, DEH Regional Conservator, expressed a significant vested interest in Marine Parks. A critical amount of work will take place in the next 6-12 months. Bill is not a formal member of the elected LAG. He is here to support every member and aid in management and delivery of a Marine Park system that is needed, supported and desired by the KI Community.

##### 1.3 Apologies: *Nil.*

##### 1.4 Absent: *Nil*

##### 1.5 Introduction of LAG members.

**Andy Gilfillan (chairperson)** – Actively involved in suggesting alternatives. Marine Parks are an “In backyard” situation for him. Andy is motivated by the Antechamber Bay and Chapman River area. He believes there are deep sea trenches which need to be identified and conserved. He expressed concern about government impact on KI. He wants to ensure the committee is united and strong to ensure things take place for all that right reasons.

**Matthew Ingram** - Represents young, local fisherman. He is interested in the process.

**Cherie Tyley**- 37 year resident of KI. Here family is involved in commercial fishing (for generations). She would like to see fish, as a natural resource, available for the future. She is passionately keen for Marine Parks to happen, but also interested in Marine Parks to allow fishing to remain a viable source.

**Bevan Patterson** – 65 year resident of KI. He is involved with primary and fishing industries. He is passionate about Marine Parks, but his greatest concern is that this is the biggest change since early settlement. He is supportive of Marine Parks,

proposal must show a reason why it's worth protecting.

**Graeme Connell** – Born and raised on KI. He cares about agriculture and preservation. He believes in Marine Parks, if done properly. He is an elected member of the KI Council.

**Graham Walden** – Long time resident of KI. He is concerned that the Marine Park Outer Boundaries take in 80% of area fished.

**Terry Lehmann** – Commercial fisherman. Prefer small marine parks, not big ones.

**Bruce Weatherspoon** – Born and raised on KI. He believes that boundaries are important. KI is a family place. Ensure boundaries don't encroach on people.

**Che Spruyt** – second generation abalone diver. Marine Parks have their place, but they must be done right. Commercial fishing shouldn't be lost.

**Ken Rowe**- Eco-cabin business owner and also owns an oyster farm at American River. He initially wrote a submission to the pilot. He is the Antechamber Bay representative for SA Oyster Grower's Association (he is on the committee to represent them as well as part of community). He hopes to be good liaison person.

**John Lavers** – 34 years on KI. He operated Marine Tourism operation and has been involved in this issue for more than 13 years. He is hoping this issue can be agreed to. He wants to see Marine Parks that can be justified. He believes in protecting the area where marine environment is unique.

**Tony Geyer** – 29 year resident, recreational fisherman.

**Mary-Alice Ballantine-Swan** – Fleurieu Peninsula, worked in environmental education. Ensure habitats are protected. Diverse people with diverse ideas. Employed by DEH as tour guide, NRM Board on Pelican Lagoon Management Plan and EKI.

**Dr.Margi Prideaux** – Worked worldwide. Science must be transparently understood. She owns a consultancy business.

**Fraser Vickery** – 23 year resident. Ecologist and former Regional Conservator (DEH) and Advisor for John Hill. Dedicated 23 years to conservation. No vested interest, except to use environment sustainably. Represents Conservation Council.

**Commercial Interests Declared:** John Lavers, Matthew Ingram, Ken Rowe, Che Spruyt, Terry Lehman, Bevan Patterson, Cheri Tyley, Graham Walden

Specific, not general, declarations to be made (as requested to LAG members).

## 2. Adoption of Agenda

- The agenda was adopted

## 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 (Andrew Burnell)

(Background, process of developing MPs, what has been done to date, proposed work program and timing)

Local knowledge to be a layer in the process to ensure all layers combined to create a MP that works.

To look forward, we must look back. Change is taking place over time. MP's are a big change.

Can the committee give message back? 13 LAGS in areas with particular expertise. Statewide process would require work at a statewide level. Observation made that major factor which is having effect on environment, but isn't covered by this.

NRM Act: MP Management plan when make decisions about land management issues that may affect MP. Puts responsibility onto other groups.

4 Parks affecting KI. Over 70% of Kangaroo Island's coastal waters are contained in MP boundaries.

There is a need to be precautionary. Ensure that when things are in good condition, keep them in good condition. Ensure next generations have similar opportunities as we have had.

## **6.2. Terms of Reference (Phil Hollow)**

The Terms of Reference was distributed to all members previously. It is important to ensure this group is connected to the rest of the community. About 400 years of knowledge about Island that can be shared in this forum. Fantastic cross section of KI community.

Major Focus of group:

- 1.) Assist in communication between DEH and KI community
- 2.) Assist in development of draft Management Plans and zoning arrangements. Listening to everyone, trying to understand how MP works and ensure end up with MP that goes a long way to satisfying everyone's needs.

DEH can appoint up to 15 members and the KI LAG is a full committee. Members can send proxies, if unavailable (contact Andy Gillfillan).

Quorum must be met to ensure vibrant discussion. Members may invite others for special briefings.

All meetings can be observed by general public.

Commercial in confidence issues, may require being held as in-camera session.

Sub-committees may be established. KI LAG membership may encompass enough areas that this may not be necessary.

Media: The KI LAG chairman is the spokesperson for this group. He will speak on behalf of the group, however that does not mean members cannot speak to media. However, it must be stated that they are speaking on behalf of self (not of group).

## **6.3. Community Input (Robyn Morcom)**

Robyn is currently working for Coast and Marine Conservation Branch on Kangaroo Island as well as supporting this LAG process.

The SA Marine Parks Information Tool (SAMPIT) collects two types of information: Activity and use and observation information.

It is important for the whole of community to provide information into SAMPIT. Its primary use is for informing management plans and zoning.

Local Advisory Groups are encouraged to enter their own information into SAMPIT and would like members to invite others to do the same. It will be directly used to guide the plans and come up with zoning in MPs.

SAMPIT is available on the internet form as well as in hardcopy form. Hardcopies are also available via internet.

Multiple activities within the same cell can be entered. Information won't be lost by doing this. People can also choose to draw a large polygon in the complete area that is used. A particular cell could have a higher level of use and this type of accurate information is required.

Opportunity is there to provide input. LAG members can distribute copies of SAMPIT to gather information from other community members.

While fishing is important, SAMPIT is designed to input a range of data looking at other activities in marine and shoreline environments.

Initially hard lines in relation to zoning arrangements will not be drawn on the map, especially as we are building on information on how people use the marine environment and what is important about it.

Presentation on 'MARXAN' (modelling tool used to process data and come up with minimum solution). To see if data looked at as individual lines or aggregated. May be useful to alleviate concerns of confidentiality.

Anecdotal information, as well as data, is important, this allows verification of information.

Robyn can be contacted and work one-on-one or in groups to put information into SAMPIT. Individual information is required to determine levels of use.

**ACTION:** Provide a Copy of central area SAMPIT maps to Che Spruyt

#### **6.4. Community Input - Marine Park Values (DEH Staff)**

Input from LAG members is sought to determine values. Anecdotal information will be best. Template distributed to LAG members (electronically as well as in hardcopy). Contact details and any community contact details.

Some Marine Parks boundaries are higher than median high water mark, which is the default boundary. Others (on unallotted Crown Land or National Parks) go up higher.

Beach access won't be affected by Marine Parks boundaries (whole of government initiative).

Access can still be allowed through sanctuary zones.

Restricted Access zones would be area that would be used for specific scientific reasons.

#### **6.5. Communication Plan (EO and Members)**

##### **External Communication**

Local Government – KI Council

Media – The Islander

Progress Associations (NRM/Council) – Ask Council

- American River – David Cowans
- Penneshaw – Amanda Rowe

NRM

Eco-Action – Fraser Vickery

Conservation Council – Fraser Vickery

Antechamber Bay Action Group – Jeff Howard

TKI

Janine Baker (consultant Marine Biologist)

Universities (all) – Fraser Vickery

Charter boat operators – Matthew Ingram

Commercial fishers

-Rock Lobster – Graham Walden

Marine Scale (hand, net) – Bevan Patterson

Abalone – Chey Spruyt

Shark – Graham Walden

Oyster – Ken Rowe

Pilchards – Port Lincoln

Scallops – Paul Palacco

Processors – Ferguson Fisheries and KI Fresh Seafood

Local Shore Bird Monitoring Group (Mary-Alice Swan)

AgKI – Rodney Lade

Pioneer’s Association – Dean or Neville Cordes

Sailing Club

Scoresby Shepard

Reef Watch – Margi Prideaux

Dolphin Watch – Margi Prideaux

Recreation Fishers

-SA Game Fishing Competition (March) – Ring Adelaide tackle shop

KI Yacht Club – Maggie Patterson

Cruising Yacht Club – Adelaide

Yacht Squadron – Greg Roberts

Sealink

Dive shop - Chapman Tce

Land-based tourism operators (TKI)

Development Board

Jamieson Marine - Kingscote

Ratepayers (47% of ratepayers live off KI)

Neville Barrett – Tasmanian University

Graham Edgar

Peter Gill (Blue Whale researcher) – Margi Prideaux

NRM + DEH Communication Strategy – Bill Haddrill

Indigenous Community

### **Internal Communication**

Email

Phone

Address

Website

**ACTION:** Phil Hollow to develop the KI Communication Plan in draft form for distribution to members

## **6.6. Other Business (Chair)**

**Gallery Comments:**

Jayne Bates: Utilise comments made over time in this forum that express community's concerns. Was complimentary to DEH regarding the process to select members for the KI LAG.

Danny Brock: representing KI NRM Board. Monitoring marine environment may provide information for this process.

David Lucas: resident of north western coast of KI. Considerations from that end of the island need to be taken into account.

Trevor Bell: Compensation will be provided for that commercial fisherman who will be displaced. Government has commitment to pay fishers with license via PIRSA to pay them compensation in relation to displaced effort.

### **LAG Member comments**

It is important that any rumours or misrepresentations are addressed at each meeting and not be allowed to generate.

#### **Chair:**

If a member does not wish to participate in the LAG, please inform chairperson so position is filled.

Clarification of members' concerns at next meeting. This will ensure there is a common platform to work from.

Request for an explanation of the 4 zones used in marine parks to ensure everyone is using the same language/definitions (i.e. sanctuary zone and what it means).

On disc, draft zoning regulations are included. It's not for public consultation.

## **7. Record of Meeting (Chair)**

The Chair and EO to agree on the brief "record of meeting" used to assist in any media enquiries.

## **8. Next Meeting and Other Issues (EO)**

Members can begin working on SAMPIT and Values statement. 19<sup>th</sup> March deadline for Value Statement information.

Would like to generate information, via SAMPIT, to bring back to next meeting.

Meetings will take place from 1-5pm (4 hours)

Copies of information provided to members and more can be made available for distribution.

Next Meeting will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April (1-5pm)

**Meeting Closed at 5:25pm**

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Chair

## Action Items from meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
1	<i>Robyn</i>	Organise opportunities for LAG members and members of the public to gain knowledge of and input data into, SAMPIT	Ongoing	Initially by March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2010 then ongoing for next few months
1	<i>Phil</i>	Consider an opportunity to include a presentation of the MARXAN model for the next meeting		March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2010
1	<i>Members</i>	Return comments regarding the Value Statements to DEH via reply paid mail		March 19 <sup>th</sup> 2010
1	<i>Phil</i>	Organise arrangements for next meeting		April 10 <sup>th</sup> 2010
1	<i>Phil</i>	Develop an agenda item for each meeting to dispel any rumours that members may have heard		April 21 <sup>st</sup> 2010
1	<i>Phil</i>	Develop the KI Communication Plan (Draft) for consideration by LAG members		April 21 <sup>st</sup> 2010