LOWER SOUTH EAST LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

RECORD OF MEETING

Meeting No. 1. Tuesday 16 February 2010 at Mt Gambier

The objectives of Marine Park Local Advisory Groups (LAG) are to:

Facilitate effective communications between the Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) and regional communities during the development of draft marine park management plans.

Members present:

Grant King (Chair), Richard Sage, Lionel Carrison, Maureen Christie, Ruth Beach, Joel Redman, Peter Dunnicliff, Garry Clifford, Bob Oliver, Peter Whitehead, Ken Jones, Jim Godden. Biddie Tietz did not attend

The following outcomes were achieved at the meeting:

Members introduced themselves and discussed the background to South Australia's marine parks. It was noted and discussed that in some areas Marine Parks Outer Boundaries overlay terrestrial parks. Some members disagreed with this.

Key Terms of Reference points were highlighted. Discussion followed about filling the 2 vacant positions and members inviting guests

The members discussed the Lower South East Value Statement and some members felt that recreational fishing and other leisure activities should be in the "economic value" section.

South Australia's Marine Parks Information Tool (SAMPIT), specifically the on-line and hard copy maps to assist community members to map vital local knowledge was presented and discussed. A number of members are keen to meet with DEH Officer Sarah Bignell to input information.

Members discussed a local communication plan to ensure that community groups and individuals are kept informed of the LAG process and are provided an avenue to participate in the planning of their marine park. Due to a lack of time, members agreed to the Executive Officer developing a draft plan and distributing it to LAG members for comment.

Discussion was also held about the need for better mapping in the South East and that displaced effort arrangements must be in place before the LAG members can consider zoning arrangements.

Follow this link to go direct to the page on the Marine Parks website where you can enter your community mapping information on-line or print hard copy maps.

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