

# UPPER SPENCER GULF

## MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

### MINUTES

The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Marine Park/s Local Advisory Group was held on 16 February 2010 at the Port Augusta Yacht Club, Alamein Road, 6pm – 10pm

**Members Present:** Robin Sharp (Chair person), David Pearce (Executive Officer, Department for Environment & Heritage (DEH), Sherelee Cox (DEH), Deb Allen (Secretary), Mr Garry Barnes, Mr Anthony (Tony) Bramley, Mr Lyndon Giles, Mr Alan Hall, Mr Rod Halyes, Mr Peter Huxatable, Mr Brett Munns, Mr Doug Riley, Mr Colin Simms, Mr Michael Slattery, Mr Leon Stephens, Ms Andie Stokes.

**Proxies:** Nil

**Gallery:**

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

**1.1 Apologies:** Lavene Ngatokorua & Greg Cowin

##### 1.2 Introduction of LAG members

Chair Person, Robin Sharp welcomed the Local Advisory Group members to the inaugural meeting of the Upper Spencer Gulf Marine Park – Local Advisory Group (MP LAG) meeting. Present Members provided a brief introduction of themselves and a brief background and history.

Sherelee Cox, DEH described her role within the Marine Parks Branch and how she would be providing technical support in the preparation of the Upper Spencer Gulf Marine Park Management Plan.

**1.3 Terms of Reference (TOR) and Objectives:** Robin Sharp went through the LAG Draft Terms of Reference, reading out relevant section to the membership (sections 2, 3, 5, 6.4 - 6.8, 8.1 8.2, 11). The draft Terms of Reference were then accepted by group.

**1.4 DEH Regional Conservation welcome:** Tim Collins introduced himself and gave a brief background of the DEH Regions; Northern, Yorke & Southern Flinders from a terrestrial parks management perspective.

##### 1.5 Housekeeping arrangements

Robin provided a brief background of himself, his interests and hobbies and motivation for being part of this group. Robin then gave a brief description of the role of the MP LAG and his role as Chair Person.

Executive Officer, David Pearce (DEH) provided an overview of the function of the MP LAG, their role with in their local community and goals this group will achieve over the next 12 months.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted with no additional items

3. **Declaration of interests** – Robin Sharp, Brett Munns, Michael Slattery, Garry Barnes, Colin Simms, Tony Bramley, Lyndon Giles and Leon Stephens all have commercial interests within the waters of Marine Park 10.
4. **Confirmation of minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> meeting** – N/A
5. **Action Items and Business Arising from the minutes** – N/A
6. **Agenda items**

#### **6.1. Marine Parks overview - David Pearce**

David Pearce gave a presentation upon the history of the Marine Parks program and provided the context within which the Local Advisory Groups will work throughout 2010. The primary objectives of the LAG is to facilitate strong communication pathways between DEH and the local community and to develop a draft marine park management plan for park 10 by using the design principles to suggest and refine zoning arrangements.

(The slides from the presentation are attached to the minutes).

#### **6.2. Community Input - Mapping - Sheralee Cox**

Sheralee explained that the South Australian Marine Parks Information Tool (SAMPIT) has been developed by DEH to assist community members to contribute their activity and use information to inform the marine park planning process. Sheralee demonstrated both the paper and electronic (online) versions of the SAMPIT. Hard copy (paper) SAMPIT maps were given to the membership, to distribute through their networks. These maps also contain the details of the electronic version. The end of March is the date to return the completed SAMPIT maps. Submissions after this date will still be processed but may not be completed in time to be included in the maps for the second LAG meeting in late April.

#### **6.3. Community Input – Value Statement – Sheralee Cox**

Sheralee handed out copies of Lower Yorke Peninsula Draft Value Statement documents and feedback sheets. Sheralee explained that these documents are being drafted for each of the 19 marine parks across the state, with the aim of describing the range of environmental, economic and social values that exist in and around each park. These documents are in draft form so that they can be revised and added to by LAG members. LAG members were encouraged to read the documents and to submit any comments, additional information, key community contacts that additional information could be sought or photos for the Value Statements by the end of March.

**Discussion:** During the presentations a number of discussions were had with the following outcomes:

- General discussion took place regarding the outer boundary and the internal zones. Question raised was how would Marine Parks be policed and managed. Group was advised that several options were available and included: good zoning, Authorised Officers, engagement and education by the Local Advisory Group to reach acceptance within the community.
- Members were advised again to review the Technical Report on the CD to gain a better understanding of Marine Park boundaries and how zones will be used to protect marine values from impacts.
- General discussion took place on general impacts that affect the marine environment and how would Marine Parks address them.

#### **6.4. Communication Plan – David Pearce**

To ensure that there is thorough coverage of all community groups and individuals the LAG membership agreed to make a range of contacts as describe below:

Chair Person -	Local Media Blanche Harbour Coastal Homes Association Email Networks Marine Advisory Group – Port Augusta City Council
Leon -	Commercial Fishing and Tackle Shops x 2, Port Pirie Port Pirie Anglers Club, Port Pirie Yacht Club
Michael -	Net Fishers Association
Angie -	Whyalla Environmental Consultation Group
Doug -	Research groups in the Upper Spencer Gulf (USG) Marine Biologists and Scientists with an interest in the USG
Peter -	Blanche Harbour Coastal Homes Association
Colin -	Spencer Gulf Prawn Association, Friends, Angling Clubs (Local)
Garry -	Crab Association, Charter Operators
Lyndon -	Marine Fin Fish Association, West Coast Prawn Fishermen, Scale Fish Association, Boat Owners
Rod -	SCUBA Diving community, Whyalla.
Alan -	Sport Fishing Scene, Boat Owners, Whyalla Fishing Clubs x 2
Brett -	Boat Charter Operators (USG)
Tony -	SCUBA divers, Whyalla, GTS News, Whyalla News, Port Augusta Yacht Club – members
David -	Dept. of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, boat owners, Members endorsed media of SAMPIT.

## 7. Record of meeting

The following brief summary of the meeting was ratified by the group for distribution and publication on the Marine Parks website prior to the minutes being formally accepted by the group.

Members advise that the following outcomes were achieved at the meeting:

- Members introduced themselves declared financial interest and discussed; the background to South Australia's marine parks; Local Advisory Group (LAG) Terms of Reference; meeting objectives and the process looking forward.
- The membership agreed to promote the important opportunity of Community Input Mapping and will use both on-line and hard copy South Australian Marine Park Information Tool maps to assist community members to source and map vital local knowledge.
- Members defined conduits for communication to ensure that community groups, associations, business operators and individuals are kept informed of the LAG process and are provided an avenue to participate in the planning of their marine park.
- It was agreed that the local media will be contacted by the Chair and given summaries of each meeting.

## 8. Future Meeting

Travel reimbursement details and claim forms were distributed to all the LAG members. The Statement by Supplier form will all need to be completed and submitted if applicants do not have an ABN number. The maximum claimable amount is \$250 and travel is to be

calculated at \$0.73c / km. The completed forms need to be sent through as per instructions on the form.

The next meeting was scheduled for 27 April 2010 at Port Augusta, at the Yacht Club if available. Time and venue was discussed by the group, and it was agreed that 5:00pm – 9:00pm was the most suitable time and the majority agreed that the next meeting should be at Pt Augusta to avoid making Whyalla or Pt Pirie folk drive for 2 hours – despite the intention to rotate meetings around the three regional centres.

**Meeting Closed at 9:30pm**

Chair ..... Date .....

### **Action Items from meeting 16 February 2010**

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
1	David	Ensure that each member has access to the CD or hard copy of the Technical Reports		ASAP
1	All	Support the collection of information by using SAMPIT and promoting it through their networks		20 March 2010
1	All	Members to review Values Statement documents and provide feedback prior to the next meeting		20 March 2010
1	All	Enact Communication Plan		Ongoing