

**LOWER EYRE PENINSULA
MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP**

MINUTES

The first meeting of the Lower Eyre Peninsula Marine Parks Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 1pm on February 10, 2010 in the Ravendale Community Sports Centre, 40 Stamford Terrace, Port Lincoln, South Australia.

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: Danny Bartlett (Chairperson), Bill Ford, Carol Gale, Dirk Holman, Kerryn McEwan, Norm Clifford Pope, Philip Porter, Brian Saunders, Daryl Spencer, David Sherry, Bill Stenson, Andrew Wright and Brenton Growden.

Proxies: Samara Miller for Bill Ford, who arrived during the meeting.

Supporting staff: Ross Allen (Regional Conservator, Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH)), Simon Clark (Executive Officer, DEH), Jon Emmett (Senior Project Officer DEH) and Suresh Kumar (Secretary).

Gallery: Steve Moriarty, Megan Butler Justin Richardson, Mike Roberts, Maria Roberts, Gaile Bobrige, Alan Richards, Martina Egeler, Joe Whillas, Peter Treloar.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chair Danny Bartlett welcomed the members and gallery to the first MPLAG meeting.

1.1 Housekeeping arrangements

Housekeeping arrangements for this meeting were discussed.

1.2 DEH Regional Conservator

Ross Allen welcomed the MPLAG members and the public; thanked them for showing interest in the process and appreciated all their views.

1.3 Apologies: Terry Scott and Albert Whittle.

1.4 Introduction of LAG members

Local Advisory Group members briefly introduced themselves and identified their interests, as follows:

Member	Interests
Danny Bartlett	Councillor, Port Lincoln District Council and Director Proprietor Eyre Trading
Bill Ford	Abalone industry licence holder
Carol Gale	Tourism operator, Coffin Bay
Dirk Holman	Surfer Environmentalist Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management (NRM) Board employee

Kerryn McEwan	Eyre Peninsula NRM Board employee Volunteer community organisations
Norm Clifford Pope	Recreational fisherman
Philip Porter	District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
Brian Saunders	Recreational fisherman, Member - Friends of Coffin Bay
Terry Scott	Absent
Daryl Spencer	Lobster industry licence holder
David Sherry	Commercial Scale Fisherman, Port Lincoln / Coffin Bay
Bill Stenson	Oyster farmer
Albert Whittle	Absent
Andrew Wright	Tourism operator, Neptune Islands
Brenton Growden	Land owner, Wedge Island

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted with the following additional item for other business:

- Draft regulations.

3. Correspondence

Tabled a letter from South Australian Oyster Growers Association (distributed).

4. Agenda Items

4.1. Overview of the Marine Parks (Simon Clark)

4.2. Terms of Reference (TOR) (Simon Clark)

Discussion about *Terms of Reference* for MPLAGs (distributed). Hard copies of the TOR were also distributed to members. Key points were discussed, covering the establishment, objectives and functions of the MPLAGs.

4.3. Community input – mapping (Jon Emmett)

DEH presented South Australia's Marine Parks Information Tool (SAMPIT). SAMPIT is an information gathering tool designed to capture information on the local community's use of areas. It also enables community to input local knowledge of their environment, which can complement scientific knowledge.

DEH also shared the experience of the Encounter Marine Park pilot process, in which some local success has been achieved in the Victor Harbor area in developing a zoning plan which is supported by both local fishers and DEH. The key to the success of the process was described as the willingness of all parties involved to discuss and share information openly.

Hard copies of the SAMPIT for three areas (Gambier Islands Group, Neptune Islands Group and Thorny Passage Marine Parks) were distributed. The process of filling in the hard copies was explained. The members were also shown how to put information into SAMPIT online at www.marineparks.sa.gov.au

Some members indicated a willingness to use the online version while others felt the hard copy would better suit themselves and their contacts in the community.

4.4. Community input – marine parks values (Jon Emmett)

The objective of the Values Statements was discussed.

Input by MPLAG members is required to evaluate the contents and add additional information

Reply paid feedback forms were distributed to MPLAG members. Forms should be returned by March 19, 2010.

4.5. Communication plan (Simon Clark)

MPLAG members to collect information from the public via SAMPIT. They need to identify what information is to share, who it is distributed to, by what method and when it will be done.

The follow is a communication plan developed at the meeting. The information being shared with the listed groups includes information about the MPLAG process and public engagement in addition to promoting the use of SAMPIT.

Member	Who will be contacted	How
Danny Bartlet	Port Lincoln City Council	Formal Council meetings/Council news letter
	Rate payers	Informal/attend community meetings/media
Kerryn McEwan	Coast Care Groups	Informal
	Coffin Bay Progress Association	Informal
David Sherry	Commercial scale fishers	Informal
	Executive Officer Marine Scale Fisher Association	Meeting
Norm Pope	Recreational fishers	Meeting
	Commercial link up	Informal
	South Australian Recreational Fishing Advisory Council	Meeting
Phillip Porter	Lower Eyre Peninsula District Council	Council meeting
	Australian Scuba Diving Federation	Informal
	Marine Life Society	Informal
Carol Gale	Coffin Bay Tour Association	Meeting
	Oyster farmers	Informal
	Lincoln Marine Science Centre researchers	Informal
Andrew Wright	Charter fishers (Lincoln)	Informal
	Tourism Eyre Peninsula	Meeting
	Other tour operators	Informal
Brenton Growden	Wedge Island Management Committee	Meeting
Dirk Holman	Aboriginal Communities	Informal
	Oyster farmers (Coffin Bay)	Informal
Bill Ford	Abalone Association	Meeting
Darryl Spencer	Northern Zone Rock Lobster Executive	Meeting
	Local fishers	Informal
Bill Stenson	Local Oyster Association Executive	Meeting
	Oyster farmers (Coffin Bay)	Informally
Brian Saunders	Friends of Coffin Bay	Meeting
	Recreational fishers	Informal
	Biologists/scientists	Letters
DEH	Sardine Association, Tune Boat Association, and Friends of Lower Eyre Peninsula	Email Minutes from meeting

4.6. Other Business.

On the Marine Parks CD there is a file called regulations. The regulations are required to define the activities and uses for each zone in the marine parks. There is a separate process for the displaced effort regulations. Targeted consultation has taken place with key industry groups on the zoning regulations. If members want to comment talk with your industry groups or you can email DEH direct.

The tax invoice and mileage claims forms have been put in the folders that have been distributed to all MPLAG members present in this meeting. The completed forms are to be either sent to Simon Clark (DEH) or faxed to Yvonne Smith (DEH). There is a cap of \$250.

5. Record of meeting

- Members introduced themselves and clarified their roles and interests in their communities.
- Agenda items were discussed with presentations provided by DEH.
- A communications plan was developed and agreed to by the group.
- Concern was expressed by commercial and recreational users that additional fees may be charged for use of marine parks. The group was assured by DEH of the Government’s commitments to no additional fees if activity is licensed under other legislation.
- Members agreed to the following actions:
 - Provide feedback on values statements and draft regulations.
 - Use and promote the use of SAMPIT with members’ local communities.
- There was recognition of the confidentiality of commercial information and that the collection and usage of data needs to be managed sensitively.

6. Future Meeting

May 26, 2010

The meeting was closed at 4:35 pm

Danny Bartlett.....**Date : 10 February 2010**
Chair

Action Items as at 10th February 2010

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
1	<i>All members</i>	Review and provide feedback to DEH on the Value Statements by 19 March	Carried forward to 14 April 2010	10 Feb 2010
1	<i>All members</i>	Facilitate input into SAMPIT information collection tool by local community members by 19 March	Carried forward to 14 April 2010	10 Feb 2010
1	<i>DEH</i>	Forward Minute to Sardine Industry, Tuna Boat Owners Association and Friends of Lower Eyre Peninsula		As Minutes distributed