

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

MINUTES

The second meeting of the Lower Eyre Peninsula Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 1.00 pm on 26 May 2010 at the Ravensdale 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), Carol Gayle, Norm Clifford Pope, Philip Porter, Kevin O'Brien, David Sherry, Andrew Wright, Brenton Growden, Kerry McEwan, Brian Saunders, Bill Ford, Daryl Spencer and Albert Whittle.

Proxies: Nil

Supporting staff: Ross Allen (A/Regional Conservator), Simon Clark (Executive Officer, DEH), Jon Emmett (Project Coordinator DEH), Saras Kumar (DEH), Dirk Holman (DEH) and Suresh Kumar Lachimpadi (Secretary).

Gallery: Samara Miller (Abalone Industry Association SA)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chair Danny Bartlett welcomed the members to the second MPLAG meeting.

1.1 Housekeeping arrangements

Housekeeping arrangements for this meeting were discussed.

1.2 Apologies: Terry Scott and Bill Stenson

1.3 Absent: Nil

1.4 Replacement: It was recommended that staff from the Lincoln Marine Science Centre be approached to replace Dirk Holman.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with no additional items.

3. Correspondence

Two letters were tabled, one each from the South Australian Rock Lobster Advisory Council Inc (SARLAC) and Wildcatch Fisheries SA (distributed).

4. Confirmation of Minutes

There were no amendments to the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were moved by Brian Saunders and seconded by Kerry McEwan.

5. Action Items and Business Arising from the minutes

It was agreed that when issues were raised, it should be addressed to the Chair and the issue would be minuted "word for word" so as to avoid miscommunication. This would then be put under "Actions".

6. Agenda items

6.1. Communication

Member	Who will be contacted	How	Achieved	Notes
Danny Bartlett	Port Lincoln City Council	Formal Council meetings/Council news letter	Yes	Newspaper and radio interviews.
	Rate payers	Informal/attend community meetings/media	Yes	
Kerryn McEwan	Coast Care Groups	Informal	Yes	"Very clunky to use SAMPIT on line"
	Coffin Bay Progress Association	Informal	Yes	
David Sherry	Commercial scale fishers	Informal	Yes	Kevin O'Brien provided report.
	Executive Officer Marine Scale Fisher Association	Meeting	Yes	
Norm Pope	Recreational fishers	Meeting	Yes	"Flack corner", and Tackle shops
	Commercial link up	Informal	Yes	
	South Australian Recreational Fishing Advisory Council	Meeting	Yes	
Phillip Porter	Lower Eyre Peninsula District Council	Council meeting	Yes	
	Australian Scuba Diving Federation	Informal	Yes	Some suggested areas for conservation.
	Marine Life Society	Informal	Yes	
Carol Gale	Coffin Bay Tour Association	Meeting	Emailed/missed meeting	Concerned with impact on tourism.
	Oyster farmers	Informal	Yes	
	Lincoln Marine Science Centre researchers	Informal	Yes	
Andrew Wright	Charter fishers (Lincoln)	Informal	Yes	
	Tourism Eyre Peninsula	Meeting	Yes	Concerned with impact on tourism revenue.
	Other tour	Informal	Yes	

	operators			
Brenton Growden	Wedge Island Management Committee	Meeting	Yes	
Bill Ford	Western Zone Abalone Association	Meeting	Yes	
Darryl Spencer	Northern Zone Rock Lobster Executive	Meeting	Yes	Also informed SARLAC
	Local fishers	Informal	Yes	
Bill Stenson	Local Oyster Association Executive	Meeting	NA ¹	
	Oyster farmers (Coffin Bay)	Informally	NA	
Brian Saunders	Friends of Coffin Bay	Meeting	Yes	General interest shown in the process.
	Recreational fishers	Informal	Yes	
	Biologists/scientists	Letters	Yes	
DEH	Sardine Association, Tuna Boat Association, and Friends of Lower Eyre Peninsula	Email Minutes from meeting		

6.2. Presentation on “Sharing SAMPIT Information”

- DEH presented the results from the information received through SAMPIT. The information had been plotted on maps for review by the members.
- There was a general consensus that from a recreational fishing perspective, the SAMPIT data was reasonably accurate, considering there were gaps in the Thorny Passage area of the marine park.
- MPLAG extra information input included;
 - The cabbage patch is below Liguanea Island (outside of park)
 - Some rock fishing at Whalers’ Way
 - Limestone reef at Liguanea Island
 - Beach launching of rec. boats at Fishery Bay
 - Rec fishing, small boats on westerly winds. High quality diving from Cape Catastrophe to Memory Cove
 - Rock fishing between Cape Carnot and Cape Wiles
 - Access to Gunya beach is from a road ending approx cell 10343. Driving access is 3km either side of this point.

¹ Not Available

- There is a rock outcrop at the northern end of Almonta Beach. Fishers can walk along the beach from the car park.
- Seal Rock and northern shoal are important fishing areas at Greenly Island
- There is likely groper at the southern side of Point Whidbey.
- There is a boat ramp at the southern end of Avoid bay, and a commercial anchorage at the south-western part of the bay
- There is a potential desalination outfall proposed for Sleaford Bay, or for the area around Stuart Point.
- The cells to the east of Williams Island that show as low to medium use, (11582, 11583) is probably low.
- The area north of Cape Catastrophe provides high quality diving.
- Smith Island is a high fish area.
- Commercial anchorage between West Point and Cape Florian?
- Whiting in between North Neptune Islands.
- The South Neptune Islands are hardly used for cage diving.
- The southern portion of Wedge Island is used for nature walking and bird-watching.
- The northern side of Wedge Island and the West Bay area is all high use for both recreational and commercial uses. (Cells 14731, 14760, 14774)
- Move the boundary to the edge of Wedge Island (not inshore as is).
- Scale fishing, Abalone and Sardine fishing occurs at Wedge Island.

6.3. Identifying Local Management Issues

- DEH presented the approach to marine park management planning, which would involve a state-wide management strategy and 19 individual management plans. DEH also explained the objectives of the *Marine Parks Act 2007*, the MPLAG's role in the zoning scenario design and the 14 design principles. A checklist is currently being developed, which will be distributed to the MPLAG members later. Some sample questions from the checklist were shown to demonstrate the product.
- *Developing Marine Park Management Plans – Identifying Management Strategies* Worksheets A-F (distributed) were explained in detail. The MPLAG members were asked to complete the sheets, with the option of involving their community if they wish. The deadline for the feedback is 25 June 2010.

Record of meeting

- The minutes of the previous meeting was passed
- Agenda items were discussed with presentations provided by DEH.
- The letters by South Australian Rock Lobster Advisory Council (SARLAC) and Wildcatch Fisheries SA would be discussed in the next meeting.
- The MPLAG members agreed to the following actions :
 - To pass on the Worksheets A-F to the various interest groups
 - Provide feedback on the identification of local management issues (worksheets A-F) by 25 June, 2010.

7. Future Meeting

The date of the next meeting would be advised by DEH.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm

Danny Bartlett
Chair

Date: 26 May 2010

Outstanding Action Items as at 26 May 2010

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
2	<i>All members</i>	Provide information relating to issues in preparation for management plan development.		25 July 2010
2	<i>DEH</i>	Follow up replacement Dirk Holman with staff at the Lincoln Marine Science Centre.		
2	<i>DEH</i>	Minutes of the meeting to be put up on the web.	To be implemented	To be done before the 3 rd MPLAG meeting