

LOWER EYRE PENINSULA

MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

RECORD OF MEETING

Meeting No. 3: Wednesday, 17 November 2010

Ravendale Community Sports Centre

The objectives of Marine Park Local Advisory Groups (MPLAG) are to facilitate effective communications between the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and regional communities and assist in the development of draft marine park management plan.

Members present: Danny Bartlett (Chair), Bill Ford, Carol Gale, Kerryn McEwan, Norm Pope, Philip Porter, Brian Saunders, Roger Rowe (proxy for Steve Moriarty), David Sherry, Albert Whittle, Brenton Growden.

DEH staff: Simon Clark, Shelley Harrison, Dirk Holman, Leander Wiseman, Henry Rutherford.

Apologies / absent: Bill Stenson, Andrew Wright, Steve Moriarty.

Gallery: 35 present.

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

- Preliminary sanctuary zone scenarios in the Thorny Passage, Neptune Islands and Gambier Islands Marine Parks were presented as a starting point for discussion.
- Comments were:
 - A motion from Roger Rowe (proxy for Steve Moriarty) to postpone any further MPLAG meetings until the displaced effort and compensation issues for commercial fishers is resolved failed. Three members voted in favour of the motion.
 - Mr Rowe explained his reason for moving the motion was that in his opinion Minister Caica had not honoured a commitment he made during a meeting with a group called the Marine Parks Alliance. Mr Rowe understood industry groups were to have issues around compensation resolved at least 10 days prior to the third round of MPLAG meetings.
 - Other members from a commercial fishing background also expressed concern the displaced effort and compensation issues had not yet been resolved and the difficulties that presents when considering sanctuary zone scenarios.
 - Some members were concerned over the apparent 10% target of state waters dedicated to sanctuary zones.
 - Received feed back from the MEC meeting with the Chairs.
 - There was some initial discussion about the possible scenarios and alternatives offered. Some initial feedback regarding specific sanctuary zones was obtained from both members and the gallery. This included strategies of modifying zones presented in the scenario and also adding new zones particularly in the bays around Coffin Bay.

- Issues
 - There was considerable concern from commercial and charter fishing operators in the gallery regarding the location, size and number of sanctuary zones presented in the preliminary sanctuary zone scenarios. Concern was also expressed regarding the possible economic impact of this zoning scenario, including a lack of understanding of what the 5% figure actually refers to, and the disproportionate effect this can have on local communities that rely on income generated from these areas.
 - MPLAG members agreed to discuss the zoning scenario with their networks. The possibility of a small sub group being established to look at issues specific to the Coffin Bay area was discussed. It was agreed all members have the opportunity to meet with other members and/or their networks in order to provide information regarding the sanctuary zones either back through the MPLAG or direct to DENR.

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