

LOWER YORKE PENINSULA

MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

The second meeting of the Lower Yorke Peninsula Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 5pm on 27th May 2010 in the Edithburg Institute, Blanche Street, Edithburg.

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: Peter Stockings (Chair), Terry Braund, Keryn Dawes, Jo Barrie, Russell Boord, David Higgins, Chris Johnson

Supporting Staff: David Pearce (Executive Officer), Sheralee Cox (Senior Project Officer), Craig Nixon (Acting Regional Conservator), Betty Nobes (minute secretary).

Gallery: Three people attended including Jenny Oldland from the *Yorke Peninsula Country Times* and James Shepherd (PIRSA Fisheries officer).

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and discussed the objectives of the MPLAG second meeting which are to:

- Test information received via SAMPIT
- Begin development of management strategies
- Prepare for zoning scenario development

The Chair acknowledged the efforts by the members since the first meeting and their success in bringing awareness to the community about the South Australian Marine Parks Information Tool (SAMPIT) and the aims of the marine parks program.

2. Apologies Correspondence and other business.

Apologies/Absent: Peter Bartram, Ros DeGaris, Greg James, Brian Klingberg, Ron Rowe, George Walker.

Correspondence: SA Rock Lobster Advisory Council and SA Blue Crab Pot Fishers and Wildcatch Fisheries SA letters to MPLAG Chairs were tabled for members' information.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of first meeting held on 10th February 2010 were moved for adoption by Russell Boord, seconded by David Higgins as an accurate record.

3. Action items and Business Arising from the minutes

Action Items from meeting 10th February 2010

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
1	<i>All MPLAG Members</i>	To talk with their community networks about SAMPIT and encourage the completion of SAMPIT maps by the end of March 2010.	Completed	27/05/10
1	<i>All MPLAG Members</i>	To read the Value Statement document for their park and consider changes and additions by the end of March 2010.	Completed	27/05/10
1	<i>Peter Stockings</i>	To work with the local papers to publicise SAMPIT to further promote community involvement in the process.	Completed	27/05/10
1	<i>David Pearce</i>	To prepare and distribute a package of information to be given to MPLAG members to promote and instruct the community about the SAMPIT process.	Completed	27/05/10.
1	<i>David Pearce</i>	To investigate the possibility of getting more detailed benthic habitat maps to assist in park planning.	Unable to do this as maps are under copyright.	27/05/10
1	<i>David Pearce</i>	To investigate the possibility of having Marine Chart and Nautical Terminology overlaid with Marine Park Boundary.	Unable to do this as maps are under copyright.	27/05/10

4. Community feedback

- Members stated that some community members were reluctant to forward information via SAMPIT due to a general mistrust of government and a fear that popular fishing areas may be closed as a result.
- There is still a concern in the community that there will be major consequences for business and tourism will be affected if high-use fishing areas are closed.

5. Sharing SAMPIT information

The SAMPIT data that had been gathered following meeting 1 and up until May 10th was displayed to the MPLAG membership and the gallery.

MPLAG members divided into two groups to review the SAMPIT data in relation to fishing activity frequency within the outer boundaries of Marine Park 13. Members were asked to consider the following points:

1. Accuracy of data entered
2. Gaps in known information
3. Priority areas within the park.

The group accepted the map with the following comments:

- The MPLAG members were disappointed with the numbers of people who submitted SAMPIT information from the region, compared to other parks. However they did

acknowledge that the information gathered had captured the most popular fishing grounds within the park.

- Shore-based fishing at Davenport estuary was shown to be higher than members were aware of.
- Outer boundaries should be north, south, east and west.
- There has been little interest from fishers in the Stansbury area.

6. Identifying local management issues

Sheralee Cox gave a presentation explaining marine park management planning issues and gave out a document - *Developing Marine Park Management Plans – Identifying Management Strategies* - which contains worksheets for MPLAG members to complete. The worksheets are to record any local issues that need to be considered in the marine park management plan.

Once completed they should be returned to the reply paid address by 25 June. David Pearce also agreed to send an electronic version of the worksheets to those who would prefer.

7. Preparing for zoning

David Pearce (DEH) explained the planned steps in the zoning process for the development of each marine park. The SAMPIT maps from this meeting will contribute to the preliminary zoning scenarios to be prepared for meeting three.

During meetings three and four MPLAG members will discuss preliminary zoning scenarios and take them away to seek input from their community networks.

A refined scenario will then be taken to the stakeholders and interest groups for consultation (this will include all the stakeholders as defined in the *Marine Parks Act 2007*).

The results of the stakeholder feedback will be reviewed in MPLAG meeting five.

8. Ongoing communication

MPLAG members were encouraged to provide updates to their community networks as per the communication plan discussed at meeting one.

9. Questions from the gallery

A number of questions were asked from the gallery, topics included:

- Future monitoring of the marine park zones to ensure that they are working.
- Mining leases in Marine Parks.
- Sanctuary Zones that prevent shore based fishing will have a lot of resistance.

10. Correspondence

Keryn Dawes moved that correspondence forwarded to the Chair be accepted, seconded Terry Braund.

10.1 Letters from Anthony Honner, Greg James, and a map of proposals and suggestions from Chris Johnson was tabled by the Chair.

The Chair noted that while most of the concerns had been dealt with during the course of the meeting these letters would be attached to the minutes for members' perusal. David Pearce agreed to write a response to Anthony Honner further

explaining the Marine Parks process and addressing the concerns raised in the letter.

Action: Chair to ensure correspondence from Anthony Honner, Greg James and Chris Johnson is attached to minutes for members' information.

Action: David Pearce to respond to Anthony Honner.

11. Resignation

Peter Stockings noted that Ronald Rowe had been in contact to resign with the suggestion that Fred Hendry be his replacement. This was accepted by the members present.

12. Record of meeting

A brief summary of key meeting points was displayed, discussed and agreed upon by the group. This will be posted on the marine parks website in the days following the meeting.

13. Next Meeting Date

While the next meeting is expected in late July/early August, a date was not set and will be advised as soon as possible.

The location of the meeting was discussed and Edithburgh was decided to still be the most suitable venue. Members will receive meeting notification by mail when the date has been confirmed.

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm

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Chair

Action Items as at 27th May 2010

Meeting No.2	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
2	<i>All MPLAG Members</i>	To complete the issues worksheets handed out at the meeting.	<i>Completed</i>	Return by 25 June 2010
2	<i>Chair</i>	Ensure correspondence from Anthony Honner, Greg James and Chris Johnson is attached to minutes for members' information.	<i>Completed</i>	By next meeting
2	<i>David Pearce</i>	To write to Anthony Honner.	<i>Completed</i>	By next meeting
2	<i>David Pearce</i>	To investigate the possibility of the outer boundaries of MP 13 being made North South or East West rather than their current diagonal lines which are very hard to navigate.	<i>Completed</i>	By next meeting
2	<i>David Pearce</i>	Electronic worksheets emailed to members.	<i>Completed</i>	<i>ASAP</i>