

FRANKLIN HARBOUR
MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

The fifth meeting of the Franklin Harbour Marine Park Local Advisory Group was held on Friday, 13 May 2011 in the Cowell Sporting Complex, Memorial Oval, Cowell at 1:00pm.

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: Eddie Elleway (Chair), Ashley Smith, John DeGiglio, Robert Siegmann, Chris Wakelin, Julie Schiller, Kym Martens (proxy for Dale Chopin)

DENR staff: Shelley Harrison, Jon Emmett, Dirk Holman, Louise Smith

Gallery: 11 members of the gallery (names tabled)

1. Welcome

Eddie Elleway (Chair) welcomed MPLAG and gallery members to the meeting. Eddie outlined the purpose of the meeting was for the MPLAG to offer final zoning advice to DENR.

Shelley Harrison (Executive Officer) thanked the members for their attendance, and provided a brief overview of proceedings for the meeting. Shelley also introduced support staff and some of the information provided to the group.

2. Apologies/absent

- Scott Arnold, Johanna Sampson, Mark Cant

3. Other Business

- There was no other business.

4. Minutes and actions arising from previous meeting

- No alterations to the minutes were made, and as such ratified. Moved by John DeGiglio, seconded by Ashley Smith. Motion carried.

Actions arising from meeting 4

Meeting No	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
4	Executive Officer	Follow up status of an aquaculture licence and lease applications near or within Zone B.	Complete	1/3/2011
4	Executive Officer	Action: DENR to map the coordinates provided by Ashley Smith to ensure the Aquarius is outside of the suggested offshore zone.	Complete	2/3/2011
4	MPLAG members	To share the revised maps with their local communities and networks.	Complete	13/5/2011

5. Correspondence

- A letter from the Minister for Environment and Conservation offering advice to MPLAG Chairs was tabled. This letter had been distributed by DENR to all MPLAG members.
- A letter from the Conservation Council of SA, offering MPLAGs advice in relation to core MPA design principles of comprehensiveness, adequacy and representativeness (CAR) was tabled.
- A document from the Scientific Working Group (SWG) rebutting a letter from Professor Robert Kearney in response to the DENR product entitled *Science shows marine park benefits*.

5. Today's meeting

- Shelley thanked MPLAG members for their ongoing contributions, and explained today's meeting was the final opportunity for MPLAG members to offer zoning advice via the MPLAG process. The marine parks process including the future public consultation phase were also explained.
- Guidelines and messages from the Minister for Environment and Conservation (MEC) to MPLAG members were communicated, stating he is seeking a competent and balanced outcome with minimum displacement.
- Shelley explained that although this meeting had been identified as an opportunity to review peak stakeholder advice, no stakeholders had offered any zoning advice thus far. It was explained that stakeholders were written to in November 2010 advising them of timelines, yet none had chosen to provide zoning advice to DENR or MPLAGs at this point.
- Shelley outlined the purpose of today's meeting was to use the Rapid Assessment Tool and MPLAG members' local knowledge to design a robust proposal which addressed the core design principles (CAR).

6. Review zoning suggestions made since 4th meeting

- There had been no zoning suggestions received since MPLAG meeting 4.

7. Members feedback from the local community

MPLAG members had a round table discussion on feedback they had received from their local community.

MPLAG Members	Views/feedback from the MPLAG members
Eddie Elleway	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Eddie explained that he had recently attended a LGA meeting at which Minister Caica spoke, and he was comfortable that issues from a Local Government perspective have been addressed.
Ashley Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Expressed that most people in this community are still unaware of the proposed zones, partly due to a lack of local media coverage.
John DeGiglio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Concurred that he believed there was a lack of local media information. He was not entirely comfortable with marine parks, but was willing to work within the process.
Julie Schiller	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Was also concerned about a lack of advertising and information. She believed there had been significant media coverage in Port Lincoln, but little in Cowell.Julie asked about MPLAG members' capacity to speak to the media.
Robert Siegmann	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Most people within his network were happy with the MPLAG proposal, but were adamant they could not include significant beach shoreline in sanctuary zones.
Kym Martens	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Believes there is no understanding of the proposed zones, marine parks process or potential impacts within the community.
Chris Wakelin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Would like to see the B1 section removed or reduced if it was going to interfere with prospective deep water oyster lease ventures.He also requested D1 be altered as there is recreational effort in that vicinity in the winter.

8. DENR analysis of MPLAG zoning suggestions

- Shelley gave a presentation looking at the core design principles and how the MPLAG suggestion measured quantitatively against these.
- Benthic and shoreline habitats as well as important environmental values within the marine park were discussed at length.
- Shelley asked the group to consider incorporating more of the habitats into sanctuary zones which had been identified as being represented at less than 10% by the rapid assessment. Shelley emphasised that the group should try to achieve this with minimum displacement of recreational and commercial activity.
- Environmental values which had been represented at less than 10% were identified, as were alternative locations for each feature.

9. MPLAG member workshop

Zone	Support	Comment
A1 (meeting 4 advice)	Unanimous	Leave the zone as proposed in meeting 4.
A2	Unanimous	The zone was moved slightly west (to exclude a popular recreational fishing site), and the eastern boundary was reduced. Approximate zone dimensions are 9.5 km X 4.5 km.
B	Majority	This zone was reduced in anticipation of potential oyster farming ventures. It was agreed this alteration could be subject to PIRSA Aquaculture advice about industry prospectivity in this area.
C	Unanimous	Maintain the zone as is, with the boundary along the edge of the mangroves for ease of identification.
D	Unanimous	This zone was shifted to the next bay east of the previous location with the western boundary aligning with Picnic Creek mouth. It was proposed by gallery member Brian Green, who explained that this bay had higher and more valuable biodiversity than the zone proposed at meeting 4.
E (new zone)	Unanimous	Proposed by gallery member Graeme Harrowfield, who noted it was important to address the design principles and capture examples of all habitats within sanctuary zones. He explained this zone would pick up more sand, reef and seagrass habitat, as well as providing a sanctuary zone in the northern part of the park which had previously been removed. This zone was put in subject to Graeme Harrowfield supplying GPS locations of boundary points.

Additional comments from members requesting that the Chair provide maps of the MPLAG's final advice to the local newspaper: *Eyre Peninsula Tribune* along with zoning rationale.

10. Questions from the gallery

- None

11. Record of meeting

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

- The MPLAG provided their final zoning advice.
- The MPLAG and gallery members discussed various zoning options and tried to include all habitat types within sanctuary zones, in accordance with the design principles.
- Shelley Harrison (Executive Officer) thanked the MPLAG for their efforts.
- The Chair (Eddie Elleway) thanked the MPLAG for their hard work.

Meeting closed at 3:20 pm

Chair Eddie Elleway

Date