

FRANKLIN HARBOR
MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

The third meeting of the Franklin Harbor Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 1pm on 19 November 2010 in the Cowell Sports Complex, Cowell.

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 DeGeglio, Robert Siegmann, Dale Chopin, Mark Cant.

Proxy: Kym Allen (proxy for Julie Schiller)

Supporting staff: Simon Clark (Executive Officer, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Shelley Harrison (DENR), Dirk Holman (DENR), Henry Rutheford (DENR) and Sandy McFarlane (Secretary).

Gallery: Graham Harrowfield, Bryan Green, Brenton Osborne, Conrad Hornhardt, Brian Vawser, Mark Churchett, Seonie Lyon (EP Tribune), Gavin Jackson, Blue Burton, Terry Rehn, Jacko O'Brien, Lloyd Crettenden, Rod Bevan, Dennis Hannemann, Des Rehn, Terry Geue, Robert Starr, Robert Shephard, Shaun Hornhardt, Grant Fennell.

1. Welcome and apologies

Chair Eddie Elleway welcomed DENR staff, members and gallery to the third Franklin Harbor MPLAG.

Ashley Smith moved that the minutes of the last meeting were true and correct. Seconded by Dale Chopin.

Apologies

Scott Arnold, Johanna Sampson, Julie Schiller, Chris Wakelin,

Correspondence

- Letter from Conservation Council of SA.
- Letter from Minister for Environment and Conservation to the MPLAG Chair Eddie Elleway.

Moved: Mark Cant. 2nd: John DeGiglio.

2. Actions Arising

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
2	All Members	Provide DEH with management issues relating to the Franklin Harbor Marine Park	Completed	25 June 2010

3. Chair's Meeting with the Minister

The Chair provided an update of the meeting with the Minister for Environment and Conservation.

- The starting point of the area suggested to be possible sanctuary zones is 25%, of current marine park boundaries, which equates to approximately 11.5 % of State waters. The Minister is prepared to meet with a less figure if need be. There can be trade offs e.g. an area of significance outside the park can be traded with one inside the park.
- The relationship between DENR & PIRSA has not been seen by the community, so compatibility is needed within the government departments.
- The Minister for Environment and Conservation did not necessarily want land parks lining up with marine parks.
- The aim is to have marine parks completed by 2012, before current term of parliament.

4. Preliminary Sanctuary Zones

- Simon Clark welcomed members and gallery.
- He recapped and highlighted that this was a starting point.
- Discussed process of developing the scenarios using SAMPIT data, recognising its limitations.
- He highlighted the achievements of the group so far. He said SAMPIT surveys gave a better understanding of community use of the proposed Franklin Harbor Marine Park and good media coverage of the MPLAG process had occurred.
- Highlighted that there are 5000 Marine Parks occur around the world.
- Sanctuary zones protect habitats, species & food webs. Simon presented a slide of a marine food web, sea temperature variations and water depth maps.
- Franklin Harbor Marine Park crosses 2 bioregions eg. Northern Spencer Gulf region has higher salinity, shallower and greater sea surface temperature variation and is more sheltered, where as the Spencer Gulf bioregion is more exposed and is a mixing area for the cooler ocean waters and warmer gulf waters.
- Need to consider traditional owners & existing users in developing sanctuary zones.
- Discussed some principles around designing sanctuary zones including:
 - Sanctuary zones should have minimum dimensions of 7-10 km
 - Fewer or larger sanctuary zones are better than many smaller ones and
 - Buffer sanctuary zones with habitat protection zones.
- Presented the atlas maps showing a variety of information, including: fish habitats, estuaries, birds, sealions, shacks, beacons, aquaculture, mining licences, fishing use, shipwrecks and net closures.
- Presented the possible sanctuary zone scenario, which included:
 - Two possible areas in the Franklin Harbor to be sanctuary zones (north, south and spit near entrance) and
 - Two more zones off the coast (one around Knob Beach area & out to sea, and one in the north, off the Munyaroo Conservation Park).
- Described the reasoning behind the choice of each possible zone.

5. MPLAG Discussion/Advice to DENR

- The group took a break to examine the maps of the preliminary Marine Park sanctuary zones.
- A general discussion then took place to shift/shrink these areas.
- Suggestions included (recorded on maps):
 - taking out the Harbour View Caravan Park boat ramp area
 - too much area near popular beaches in area A (near The Knob)
 - move area A southwards, have area A at Pt Price beach to preserve seal colony
 - move area E north & change shape and
 - LAG group, with Bryan Green (scale net fisher) & Conrad Hornhardt (charter operator) redrew suggested Marine Park map lines today.
- Kym Allen stated there needs to be more information to the public about Marine Parks, as they assume it is all "cut and dried".

6. Communication plan

MPLAG Members agreed to continue to deliver the communication plan.

Member	Who will be contacted	Methodology	Achieved	Notes
Eddie Elleway	Franklin Harbor District Council	Meeting	Yes	Will talk to a reporter from the EP Tribune.
	Port Gibbon Progress Association	Meeting	No	
	Boat Ramp committee through Council	Through Council	Yes	Suggested have SAMPIT survey result maps posted in IGA, council office, library – for public consultation
Ashley Smith	Charter operators (Cowell and Arno Bay)	Informal	Yes	Not interested in entering data into SAMPIT
	Recreational fishers	Informal	Yes	
Chris Wakelin	Cowell oyster growers	Informal	Yes	Looked at website with a few people.
	Recreational fishers	Informal	Yes	
Mark Cant	Eyre Regional Development Board	Meeting	NA	
	Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association	Meeting	NA	
	Fisheries and Aquaculture Target Team	Meeting	NA	
Julie Schiller	Recreational fishers	Informal	Yes	People not trusting to enter fishing data.
	School - Aquaculture program	Mark Churchett – program coordinator	Yes	
Dale Chopin	Franklin Harbor Development Group	Meeting	Yes	
	Chamber of Commerce	Informal	Yes	

		Caravan park distribute SAMPIT maps	Yes	Tourists not interested.
Scott Arnold	Other oyster growers	Informal	Yes	Not comfortable with marine parks.
	Recreational Fishers/divers	Informal	No	
John De Giglio	Commercial interests – Lucky Bay and Cowell	Informal	Yes	
	Lucky Bay Shack owners	Website/Letters	Yes	
Robert Siegmann	Luck Bay Residence	Informal and committee		Lack of interest as people believe that it has already been decided.
DENR	Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board	Meeting	Scheduled to provide an update.	
	Kimba Council/ Lucky Bay shacks	Contact Kimba Council	No	
	PIRSA Fisheries	Informal	Yes	
	Cowell Ute Muster 13 March	Information Stall	No	Not enough resources on the days.
	Crab Festival 6 March 2,500 participants	Information Stall	No	

7. Questions from the gallery:

Robert Starr

- What chance do we have that the lines we have drawn today are accepted? Simon replied that he does not make the decisions, but he cannot see why they won't be accepted, however he suspected the coast along Port Gibbon may be an issue.

Gavin Jackson

- We should fight for less Marine Park area, as there are already a fair percentage of our waters proposed to be Marine Park.

Graham Harrowfield

- Has a letter from the Minister stating his fishing business won't be affected. He said Area E affects pro fishers. Simon replied that the letter should be directed through the Chair and that compensation is not part of this group's responsibility.
- What are we doing wrong to have a need for Marine Parks?

Bryan Green

- Area A is highly fished. Could move it northerly, but he won't agree to it unless he is compensated.

Simon thanked MPLAG group and the gallery for their attendance.

8. Record of Meeting

- Preliminary sanctuary zone scenarios in the Franklin Harbor Marine Park were presented as a starting point for discussion.
- The Chair discussed the outcome from the Chair's meeting with the Minister for Environment and Conservation.
- MPLAG members provided advice about alternatives to the preliminary scenario.

- There were some concerns about some of the preliminary sanctuary zones and MPLAG members made some amendments to reduce those issues.

9. Next meeting

At the next meeting the group will discuss updated sanctuary zoning scenarios and discuss draft management strategies.

To be advised (probably not until early to mid 2011).

The Chair thanked all in attendance.

Meeting Closed: 3.30pm

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Chair

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Comment
3	MPLAG members	Discuss meeting contents with networks over summer and provide feedback through executive officer by 28 th January, 2011		
3	DENR	Work with MPLAG members and key stakeholder groups, update zoning scenario based on advice for meeting		
3	DENR	Will send out a copy of the work undertaken by the MPLAG members.	Completed.	