

**Franklin Harbor**  
**MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP**

## MINUTES

The fourth meeting of the Franklin Harbor Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 1pm, on the 25th February, 2011, in the Cowell Sporting 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.*

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**Members Present:** Eddie Elleway (Chair), John DeGiglio, Robert Siegmann, Dale Chopin, Mark Cant, Scott Arnold, Julie Schiller, Terry Rehn (proxy for Chris Wakelin), Hayden O'Brien (proxy for Ashley Smith).

**Supporting Staff:** Shelley Harrison (DENR), Dirk Holman (DENR), Jon Emmet (DENR), Louise Smith (DENR).

**Gallery:** 15 people present in the gallery.

### 1. Welcome

Eddie Elleway welcomed MPLAG and gallery members to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies, correspondence, other business

**Apologies:** Johanna Sampson, Chris Wakelin, Ashley Smith.

#### **Correspondence:**

Two e-mails addressed to Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) staff were tabled for member's information:

- A map from Ashley Smith outlining fishing areas he would like to see excluded from sanctuary zones.
- A map from a member of the public with net fishing interests outlining an alternative design to Zone E.

#### **Other business**

- Mark Cant outlined some of the discussion points from the MPLAG Chairs' meeting with the Minister for Environment and Conservation, which he attended as proxy for Eddie Elleway. This meeting allowed the Chairs to provide feedback directly to the Minister regarding issues in their respective regions.

**Action:** Nil

### 3. Minutes and actions arising from previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2010 were accepted by the membership with an alteration to the DENR staff listed as attending; Henry Rutherford (DENR) was added to the supporting staff list. The minutes were ratified with this alteration; moved by Scott Arnold, seconded by Robert Siegmann.

### Actions arising from meeting 3

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

#### 4. Share community feedback on preliminary sanctuary zones scenarios

MPLAG Executive Officer Shelley Harrison, DENR, gave a short presentation which outlined:

- The MPLAG process which has preceded this meeting and the process which is still to follow;
- The peak stakeholders whose advice will be sought;
- The design principles guiding marine protected area establishment;
- The aims of today's meeting.

All members had met with their networks and gathered community information and advice regarding the preliminary sanctuary zones presented by DENR at MPLAG meeting 3, and the alternative zones generated at MPLAG 3. Members communicated this feedback in a round table discussion.

#### 5. MPLAG Members Workshop

Members' comments from around the table are as follows:

Hayden O'Brien: As a proxy had limited information, however understood Ashley would like to see the boundaries of Zone A change.

Terry Rehn: As a proxy for Chris Wakelin, understood Chris had concerns with Zone D, due to a proposed development.

John DeGiglio: As a commercial net fisherman, was concerned with Zone E.

Mark Cant: Was concerned that the percentage of area in the preliminary zoning scenarios was too high. Mark questioned the Scientific Working Groups' advice of a minimum 7km X 7km zone size. He also questioned why the one Australian sea lion colony in this park was not represented in the initial zoning scenario.

Scott Arnold: Most of the fishermen he spoke to were not happy with the zone at the north end of the harbour (Zone D), and the beach area included (Windmill Beach) in Zone A. Other than this his networks seemed happy with the rest of the park.

Robert Siegmann: His networks seemed happy with the alternative suggestions developed at MPLAG meeting 3. Most of his networks were unaffected by this alternative, and therefore not worried.

Dale Chopin: There was some confusion about some of the area around "The Knob", as the coarse mapping did not clearly define which areas were in / out of the possible sanctuary zones. He also spoke of interstate visitors not having a clear idea of the process. He has tried to engage them but they have been unwilling.

Eddie Elleway: Had discussions with the local council, which outlined there was a development application in place for an area at the north end of the harbour (Zone D). Eddie met with the Port Gibbon Progress Association, which concluded that Port Gibbon was a popular tourist destination and of importance to commercial fishermen. He advised that Zone A needs to be placed a reasonable length offshore near Windmill Beach, but were happy for it to include the seal colony. The Boat Ramp Committee were also consulted, and indicated there was general confusion about the sanctuary zones, and were hoping for more clarification out of MPLAG meeting 4.

Break for 30 mins

- Introduce zoning suggestions made since third meeting

Shelley Harrison went through the Franklin Harbour Marine Park zone by zone to convey the information DENR had received thus far. This included the advice generated at the MPLAG meeting 3 which suggested alternative zoning scenarios. Shelley also provided a quantitative comparison of DENR's preliminary zoning scenario, with the advice received at MPLAG meeting 3, in terms of the habitats represented.

Zone A – Had one suggestion which was generated at MPLAG meeting 3.

Zone B – Had received no comments.

Zone C – Had received no comments prior to the meeting, but advice was received from a gallery member, which suggested the mangroves act as a natural zone boundary.

Zone D – Had one alternative zoning scenario which was suggested at MPLAG meeting 3, which suggested shortening the western extent of the zone boundary.

Zone E – There was one alternative proposal generated at MPLAG meeting 3, which was to re-shape the zone. There was also correspondence received from a member of the public which was to further re-shape the zone.

MPLAG members provided advice on the preliminary zoning scenarios with input from several gallery members.

#### Franklin Harbour Marine Park

Zone	Comment/s received
A	<p>Split Zone A into two smaller zones.</p> <p>The first zone is a small inshore zone, 1-2 km offshore from Gibbon Point, due south of Port Gibbon. This zone could not connect to the coast as it would impact on commercial and recreational fishing.</p> <p>The second zone represents the offshore area and the range of habitats within this area. This second zone was made larger after, as a trade off for removing all of Zone E. Ensure the Aquarius (a popular recreational and charter site) is not within the sanctuary zone.</p> <p>MPLAG consensus.</p> <p>Action: DENR to map the coordinated provided by Ashley Smith to ensure the Aquarius is outside of the suggested offshore zone.</p>

B	Follow the outer edge of the DENR preliminary zone, with the northern boundary running straight out from Wildman Road. Ensure that the area with an application for a new aquaculture lease is excluded from the sanctuary zone. <b>Action:</b> DENR to identify exact location of aquaculture licences and leases in relation to Zone B.
C	Follow the conservation park boundary on the north side. Exclude most of the beach on the south, exposed side, to allow recreational fishing. Exclude the important recreational fishing sites identified by a gallery member (location recorded and provided on the map product from this meeting).
D	Reduce the size of this zone to remove the area near the boat ramp, out from the caravan park, and the Development Application to the east of the caravan park. Provide a 100m buffer from the shore on the north side, near the private land to allow recreational fishing.
E	Remove completely. Far too big an impact on net and line fishing. There is a policy commitment to accommodate existing haul net fishers in this marine park, so this zone isn't feasible.

## 6. Communications planning

The communication plan remained the same from previous MPLAG meetings. Members agreed to continue to communicate with, and receive information from their networks.

MPLAG member	Organisation/group
Eddie Elleway	Franklin Harbor District Council
	Port Gibbon Progress Association
	Boat Ramp Committee through council
Ashley Smith	Charter operators (Cowell and Arno Bay)
	Recreational fishers
Chris Wakelin	Cowell oyster growers
	Recreational fishers
Mark Cant	Eyre Regional Development Board
	Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
	Fisheries and Aquaculture Target Team
Julie Schiller	Recreational fishers
	School - Aquaculture program
Dale Chopin	Franklin Harbor Development Group
	Chamber of Commerce
Scott Arnold	Other oyster growers
	Recreational fishers/divers
John De Giglio	Commercial interests – Lucky Bay and Cowell
	Lucky Bay shack owners
Robert Siegmann	Luck Bay residents

## 7. Questions from the gallery

Several questions / issues were raised by the gallery including:

Shelley Harrison and Jon Emmett addressed all of these questions.

- Clarification required of the process moving forward with relation to the alternative zones generated today.

Members were advised that the suggestions recorded in today's meeting would be put up as a map with comments on the marine parks website, and provided in hard copy to all MPLAG members. MPLAG members should show these maps to their

networks and return to MPLAG meeting 5 with further advice. Prior to meeting 5, these suggested zones would be taken to the stakeholders mentioned previously. DENR would undertake an analysis of the zones provided today, which would be available for the next meeting, MPLAG members would then be able to read the analysis and stakeholders comments/ suggested sanctuary zones and revisit their proposed sanctuary zones at meeting 5.

- When will the Minister see the zones generated today?

The Minister will not see today's zones. These zones will be shown to stakeholders. The Minister will use the MPLAG advice, and advice from many other sources to develop the draft management plans with zoning after MPLAG meeting 5.

Signage of sanctuary zones at boat ramps was seen as imperative.

Agreed. The intention is to educate marine users on the sanctuary zones, of which signage would be one tool. MPLAG members could also suggest other ways of doing this.

- Who will pay for GPS software layers identifying marine park boundaries?

There will be many ways of determining where sanctuary zone boundaries are. GPS may be one, line of sight from land and buoys may be others. Until we know where these zones will be, it is hard to determine what means will be necessary to identify them. However, designing them with straight boundaries and near identifiable landmarks is a great way of helping to do this.

- How will the zones be policed?

Until the draft management plans have been written, it is hard to know how much money will be needed to police the marine parks. PIRSA Fisheries Officers are likely to be involved. Much of the money being spent now on establishing the parks, will be put into managing them once they are in place.

## **8. Record of Meeting**

The MPLAG members agreed the following points were an accurate summary of the meeting, to be placed on the Marine Parks website.

- MPLAG members came to a consensus on the proposed zoning suggestions.
- Virtually no livelihoods would be displaced by the proposed zoning suggestions.
- MPLAG received and acted upon advice from the general public.

## **9. Next meeting.**

MPLAG members were advised that the next meeting would be scheduled for late April / early May 2011.

**Meeting Closed at 3:30 pm.**

Chair .....

Date .....

**Action Item summary as at 25/02/2011**

<b>Meeting No</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date</b>
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 coordinated 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.	By meeting 5	