

KANGAROO ISLAND

MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

The third Meeting of the Kangaroo Island Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 10am on November 18, 2010 in the Nepean Board Room at the Aurora Ozone Hotel, Corner of Commercial Street and Chapman Terrace, Kingscote.

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: Andy Gilfillan (Chair person), John Lavers, Fraser Vickery, Mary-Alice Swan, Tony Geyer, Che Spruyt, Bruce Weatherspoon, Terry Lehmann, Graham Walden, Matthew Ingram, Graham Connell, Bevan Patterson, Cherie Tyley, Ken Rowe, Margi Prideaux.

DENR Staff: Phil Hollow, Robyn Morcom, Kate Clements (minute taker), Bill Haddrill, Alison Wright, Chris Thomas, Simon Bryars.

Additional comment ; Phil Hollow introduced Dr Simon Bryars as having extensive experience in diving in waters off of K I. This statement was challenged by Che Spruyt at the meeting with a following email to the Chair. This email is included in the minutes of K I MPLAG meeting # 4 Section 4 - Minutes of the previous meeting

Proxies: Nil

Gallery: Approximately 35 people were in the gallery.

1. **Welcome** The Chair welcomed all present
2. **Apologies**
3. **Adoption of agenda**

KI MPLAG voted to adopt the amended agenda as tabled by the chair.

Ratification of Nov 18 draft minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2010 were not accepted by the membership with a need to make the following changes:

- Page 4 - Zone S should read – This possible sanctuary zone extends from north of the Cygnet River to the eastern end of the Nepean Bay Conservation Park, excluding an area in the south west corner of Nepean Bay. 19km² beach access for recreational fishing.
- Page 6 - Gallery Danny Brock – was a response to a statement about seagrass.
- Page 9 - Tony Geyer's statement should include mention of Bryan McDonald and a team of divers, had consultants and members of the Kangaroo Island community providing knowledge and assistance with data collection.

Minutes of meeting held on 3 June 2010, Cherie Tyley requested the following amendment be made:

- Page 6 - Tony Geyer said "Many other countries around the world have MP, even Thailand has a marine park. Cherie Tyley said in response but it has no regulations – its just lines on a map."

4. **Correspondence**

Letter received from the Minister for Environment and Conservation, Hon Paul Caica, which can be emailed to any interested members of the gallery. The Minister encourages feedback from the community and appreciates our patience with the process.

Letter received from the Conservation Council of South Australia – Chief Executive Officer, Julie Pettett

5. Members Feedback (not part of original or amended agenda)

Che Spruyt has completely lost faith in the process. Money could have been better invested in education with a better outcome. He would like Kangaroo Island (KI) Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) members to declare any conflict of interest for future Marine Parks work.

John Lavers has had 13 years involvement with Marine Parks. He is disappointed in the time it is taking to progress this.

Mary-Alice Swan has been involved for 5 years. The process is evolving, we need to work together to progress it further.

Fraser Vickery commented that this is a complex issue but we have a good opportunity to get it right. Need to establish protection for marine habitats and look at international obligations (IUCN recommendations).

Ken Rowe believes this is a great opportunity but the process needs to be accepted by the community, and the socio and economic impacts need to be addressed and considered i.e. Island isolation, subsistence fishing and cultural connection to the marine environment. Kangaroo Island is different to other regions, 70% of the island is surrounded by Marine Park and people do not have the option of moving their fishing effort up and down the coast. There is potential for higher impacts on our community. We need to make decisions considering all of this. Blanket measures are not the answer.

Margi Prideaux commented that she is in favour of parks. The community needs to understand what is being developed and must have involvement. Need a more transparent process, more consultation with the community.

Cherie Tyley agreed with Che, Ken and Margi's comments. Marine Parks should not be guided by the percentages that have been handed out (Minister's letter). Cherie was concerned there was not going to be enough time for the public to take part in community consultation process.

Graham Connell had nothing further to add.

Graham Walden voiced concerns that the displaced effort compensation regulations had not been sorted prior to the meeting.

Bevan Patterson agreed with what other speakers had said. Need to see zoning arrangement. When the Encounter Marine Park was put out the community they strongly disagreed but still no changes. Council and Development Board asked for reductions in size, has the Department listened to the community on these matters?

Bill Haddrill commented that DENR currently have management of terrestrial parks and will soon have management of Marine Parks.

Terry Lehmann commented that he has been waiting for this meeting for 5 years. He is keen to know the zoning scenarios.

Chris Thomas is the State Manager for Marine Parks and was involved with the 2005 Encounter Marine Parks pilot. Chris appreciates that this had been a long process and he will reflect KI MPLAG sentiment to the Minister. This is a starting point, these are not Government proposed zones. This process requires community activity and community design. No plans to release draft zones until later next year. Chris will take comments from the gallery.

6. Confirmation of minutes of MPLAG 2 meeting held 3rd June 2010

The minutes of meeting held on 3rd June 2010 were signed as an accurate record by the Chair

Amendments

Pg 4 of last version of the draft – Gavin Solley’s interest should read charter fishing not commercial fishing.

Cherie Tyley’s name spelt incorrectly. Cherie not Cheri.

Pg 6 of 7 – Tony Geyer said “Many other countries around the world have MP”. Cherie in response stated “yes but some places such as Thailand have them, but they are not managed or monitored.”

7. Action Items and business arising from the minutes

All actions complete from the last meeting.

Action Items from meeting 3 June 2010

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
2	<i>Phil</i>	Promote a state-wide meeting of Chairs through DEH.	<i>Completed</i>	<i>7/10</i>
2	<i>Chair / DEH</i>	KI MPLAG Chair to provide responses to all letters tabled at the meeting.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>3/6/10</i>
2	<i>Phil and Robyn</i>	Collate the information that KI MPLAG members provided on SAMPIT and circulate.	<i>Completed</i>	<i>8/10</i>
2	<i>LAG members</i>	KI MPLAG members to complete the six worksheets provided and return them to Robyn. Members are to identify areas of concerns, threats, impacts and opportunities.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>3/6/10</i>
2	<i>KI MPLAG members</i>	KI MPLAG to read through design principle document and be aware of policy commitments.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>3/6/10</i>
2	<i>Robyn</i>	Circulate the Marine Park Management Planning Process to KILAG members.	<i>Completed</i>	<i>10/6/10</i>
2	<i>Phil /John</i>	Develop a record of meeting statement	<i>Completed</i>	<i>10/6/10</i>

8. Presentation recap / starting point of Sanctuary Zones.

Andy Gilfillan introduced DENR staff, Phil Hollow and Robyn Morcom. Robyn introduced herself to the gallery as the Marine Parks Project Officer for Kangaroo Island. Robyn proceeded to introduce other DENR staff in attendance, Alison Wright and Simon Bryars, and KI Natural Resources Management Board, Coast and Marine Staff, Martine Kinloch and Danny Brock. Phil welcomed the Mayor Jayne Bates and appreciated there was good attendance from the gallery.

Marine Parks planning process shown on projector (Phil Hollow)

Ken expressed concern that the timing for the development of the impact statements was too late in the process and asked what opportunity there will be for making changes if the impacts are too great. Phil responded that no one will really know what the impacts will be until the draft zones have been finalised.

Margi Prideaux asked if the impact statement comes out and the impacts are quite high what is the process. Phil responded the Draft Management Plans will go out for full public consultation and there will still be opportunities to change the zoning. Once the Management Plan is in place it is reviewed every ten years. Impact statement and draft plan sit alongside each other and can be reviewed.

Fraser Vickery commented that the impact statements need to look at both benefits and cost.

Ken Rowe commented that the ability to change draft plan in ten years is too late. Need to look at all impacts. KI MPLAG to show the good and bad, all aspects of Marine Parks.

Gallery Member – can you comment on the special purpose areas? Chris Thomas responded there are four different zones that apply to Marine Parks, the special purpose area overlay is a concession for a particular area. An example of a special purpose area is a harbor - a special purpose area can sit over the top of any other zone. Other existing leases are in place and they are factored in.

Che Spruyt commented that special purpose areas include mining, aquaculture and harbor activities, what about recreational or commercial fishing in special purpose areas. Chris Thomas responded that special purpose areas may be applied in Marine Parks for a variety of reasons.

Tony Geyer commented that a special purpose area was declared at Ballast Head when the Encounter Marine Park pilot was released.

Gallery – John Ayeliffe – commented that he is ignorant to this process due to the lack of documentation provided to the community prior to the committee meeting. Chris Thomas responded that this can be rectified, anything that comes to the Committee will be available on the website.

Bevan Patterson asked what is the situation with the draft activities and uses regulations released back in December last year? Phil responded that there is a matrix in the MPLAG members' papers that gives an indication as to what activities can take place in each of the zones. These activities have been approved but parliamentary discussions are still taking place.

Gallery – A member of the gallery commented that – Marine Parks are established to look after marine environment. How is letting drillers in these zones looking after the environment? Mining will not likely be allowed in Sanctuary Zones but as they are multiple use Marine Parks it may be allowed in other zones.

Fraser Vickery asked did the South East MPLAG agree to the zoning scenarios? Phil responded that after the release of the outer boundaries, Minister Jay Weatherill set up a working group in the South East. That Group was unable to reach an agreement on zoning. At the most recent MPLAG meeting this week, some discussion took place on how big Sanctuary Zones should be.

Graham Walden raised the issue of compensation for displaced effort. Phil responded that a formula has been provided to the Government but the Minister is still considering the process from here on. This hasn't been sorted out yet but the Government is committed to sustainable fishing. The Act states that the Government must pay fair and reasonable compensation. There is a 5% limit on the economic impact to the state across all commercial fisheries.

Gallery – Terry Bennett - what is the aim of setting up parks, is it to look after already impacted areas or to protect areas that are in good condition? The member was concerned that this process only looked at conserving undamaged areas. Phil responded the Marine Parks Program is looking at all examples of marine habitat as representative samples.

Phil acknowledged that land based activities do also affect the marine environment. Marine Parks alone will not reduce land based impacts but other government departments are responsible for reducing impacts in marine environments as a result of the activities they regulate. 12 other Acts of parliament have been amended that will ensure that other agencies must have consideration for marine parks when they administer their programs or make decisions that may impact on the coastal environment.

Che Spruyt commented that Phil should not make generalisations such as 'commercial fishing has an impact on fish stocks'. Fishing should be looked at on a case by case basis; generalisations do not help the thought process or view of the general public. Phil responded that he only said that 'it was one of the many threats'.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION - Sanctuary Zone Guide

Marine Park 15 (Phil Hollow)

Phil presented a commentary on the 7 possible sanctuary zones that are in Marine Park 15 and directly relate to Kangaroo Island.

Zone G: - Extends east of Baudin Conservation Park to Cape Willoughby on Kangaroo Island, north across Backstairs Passage to Fleurieu Peninsula and abuts the western boundary of Deep Creek Conservation Park extending along the coast approx. 4km east.
160 km²

Zone I: - Within The Pages Conservation Park in Backstairs Passage. This zone is specifically the North Pages Island area. 41 km²

Zone Q: - Inside Pelican Lagoon, Kangaroo Island. 16 km²

Zone R: - Commences west of Twin Heads, extending approx. 4km along the shoreline towards Point Morrison and approx. 1km seaward parallel to shore. 4 km²

Zone S: - This possible Sanctuary Zone extends from north of the Cygnet River to the eastern end of the Nepean Bay Conservation Park, excluding an area in the south west corner of Nepean Bay. 19 km²

Zone T: - Within the confines of the Bay of Shoals including Busby Islet but excluding an area around the boat ramp and channel 27 km²

Zone U: - This possible Sanctuary Zone is located 8km east of Beatrice Islet. 36 km²

Matthew Ingram asked if the size for each area is measured in square kms. Yes - sanctuary zones should be big enough to represent whole habitats where possible.

Graham Walden asked how does that fit in with the 5% (concerning KI)? Phil responded that careful sighting and placement of sanctuary zones and discussions with the commercial industries will ensure that the Government's commitment of aiming for less than a 5% economic impact across the State is achieved.

Bevan Patterson commented it needs to be made clear to the gallery that up to 25% of each marine park will be sanctuary zones. Take the coastal waters around Kangaroo Island of 70% (25% sanctuary zones) will be 18 % of state waters not 10% as suggested on the slide.

Andy Gilfillan said not to get bogged down on the numbers.

Margi Prideaux thanked Phil for being so open to the questions and dialogue. The gallery needs to have their say as an important part of the process.

Member of the gallery – 20 to 25% isn't in the act. Where does this figure come from? Phil responded that there are no figures in the Act. The Scientific Working Group and Marine Parks Council provided these guidelines to the Minister. While the Minister accepted their advice he made it very clear that the figure of 20 – 25% of each marine park, which translates to around 10% of the States water, is an indicative guideline only and that the percentages may be higher or lower in some marine parks.

Ken Rowe commented it is a very important aspect as a guideline. If adopted in the local region and it is applied as a percentage then Marine Parks may not work. Ken wants to see Marine Parks work.

Mary Alice asked if there are any guidelines to show connectivity between Sanctuary Zones and land based areas. 90% of state waters are not covered by Sanctuary Zones.

Andy Gilfillan commented forget the numbers for now.

Chris Thomas commented that we need to put the Sanctuary Zones in place. Design principle is to connect with land parks where possible, the benefits have to marry between land and marine. Every state is struggling with the adequacy issue, States are against percentage targets. What's adequate is what you get once the process is tested. The Minister wanted a guide. All SA parks are being done at the same time. The Fishing industry

wants certainty. All 19 parks will be done together. Andy Gilfillan commented that he is not a fan of terrestrial park connections, he doesn't like the rationale.

Che Spruyt asked about buffering Sanctuary Zones with habitat protection zones. Will commercial & recreational fishing be allowed? Phil responded that those activities that do not impact on the habitat will be permitted.

Margi Prideaux stated that an example of where a buffer zone would be used would be around chemical pollution threat, not always around fishing. Helps us to minimise other types of threats that can be problematic to manage.

Matthew Ingram – point out to the gallery that the SAMPIT data on the slide is not accurate. This info was provided freely from the community but does not include data submitted after May 2010.

Graham Walden said that Zone G makes up 70% of his rock lobster fishing catch each year.

Graham Walden asked has commercial data been put on top of SAMPIT data? Phil responded that only the commercial data that has been supplied to us by Industry or is available and not commercially confidential has been used. We don't have complete data.

Che Spruyt understands that the marine environment needs protecting in these places but what are the actual threats? Phil said this is not a threat driven process. Che Spruyt – believes our process is backward to the international system where they identify threats first.

Gallery - if fishing is not a threat in a Sanctuary Zone then why can't there be special circumstances to fish in this zone? Chris Thomas said we are trying to complement it, it's all about conservation and protecting the environment, fishing removes product and alters the ecosystem. Sanctuary Zones are there to protect.

Che Spruyt asked will major shipping be allowed to go through the sanctuary zone from Penneshaw to Jervis. Chris said that boats are permitted to transit but may not be allowed to anchor.

Graham W said that he provided data for the Encounter Pilot but the map looks the same.

Gallery – will this presentation be on the website after the meeting?

ACTION: Chris Thomas to ensure that the KI MPLAG Presentation is available on the website after meeting.

Gallery – What can and can't happen in the green areas? Phil responded you can walk on beach, launch boat, swim and snorkel but cannot take plants or animals from a sanctuary zone. Gallery - Can you anchor in a sanctuary zone? Phil responded you can anchor and can travel through with equipment as long as it is stowed. Can netters net there? Phil responded that all forms of fishing in sanctuary zones will not be permitted.

Gallery – People have land rights? You should be able to fish in the area that you live and gather bait, cockles and razor fish.

Matthew Ingram asked if there was a better map to overlay which showed seagrass?

Tony Geyer asked why isn't there restricted access around Busby Island yet? It's a prohibited area already.

Bevan Patterson asked why there isn't a sanctuary zone off Adelaide. Phil responded that there were 3 possible sanctuary zones identified near Adelaide in the Onkaparinga Council area. 160,000 people currently live in that area with an estimated growth of 40,000 over the next 18 years. This equates to around 10% of the States population living on the doorstep of a major marine park with sanctuary zone.

Two most unpristine areas on Kangaroo Island, Bay of Shoals and Western Cove have been allocated as sanctuary zones. How does this balance up? Seagrass is a problem. Gallery – Trevor (George) Edwards commented that the seagrass has returned and is healthy.

Gallery – the community needs to be told what is important and what needs protecting. Areas need to be identified on the maps so that community has a better understanding. Phil responded that maps of the zones will be on the web after the meeting.

Mary Alice wanted to see Sanctuary zone around Normanville area – seagrass area.

Gallery - Danny Brock– provided input as NRM worker. 60 sites very good seagrass cover. Bay of Shoals area is in very good condition for seagrass.

Phil commented that everyone has been provided an explanation of what is important in each of the areas (basis for zoning documents).

Gallery – what is the Baker Report? Phil responded it is a technical report. Margi Prideaux commented that it is scientific evidence for all of South Australia gathered into one document. Phil made all aware that the Baker Report and technical document is on the web.

Gallery – does not have sufficient knowledge, many residents and interested people do not have access to computers or internet coverage. This issue is so important for community, charts and hard copy information should be made available at the local library. Robyn invited people to come and see her for information. Margi Prideaux suggested that when copies of the Baker report are made, could the particular points relevant to Kangaroo Island be marked, as the document is large.

ACTION: Robyn to ensure that the Marine Parks documents to be made available in Penneshaw, Kingscote library and DENR office. (Baker’s report sections relevant to Kangaroo Island)

Ken Rowe asked about the purpose of the anchorage points in Eastern Cove. Robyn commented to show there is some restriction in where a sanctuary zone can be placed. Chris commented these are anchorage points that the government has committed to regardless of where Sanctuary Zones will be placed. Areas planned for large commercial ships to anchor.

Ken Rowe asked who are the anchorages set up for? Chris responded for commercial ships (vessels over 80 metres). Ken asked what about the anchorage above Red Banks? Chris responded this is an alternative to Eastern Cove and this is a formally recognised anchorage for ships.

At the conclusion of the MP15 zoning scenario presentation the chair asked the gallery for a show of hands. First he asked if anybody thought the zones should be bigger, to which there was no response. Then he asked if people thought they should be smaller, to which the majority of the gallery raised their hands.

Margi Prideaux suggested that things are more complex. Would the zones work where they are, are they in the right spot, are they connected to things?

Margi Prideaux suggested that the irreplaceability maps in the back of the technical report should be put on the website in large scale. Ali Wright commented that the maps were created at a state wide scale and therefore the irreplaceability (MARXAN) process has been done again at the Marine Parks scale.

Marine Park 12 (Robyn Morcom)

Robyn provided information on the 2 possible sanctuary zones abutting Kangaroo Island on the north coast

Zone G: - Abuts the Western River Wilderness Protection Area and extends in a 7km-wide strip to the southern tip of Yorke Peninsula. 282 km²

Zone I: - Extends west from Cape Dutton for approximately 13 km towards Western River Cove in a 6 km wide band. 70 km²

What is the scale of the fishing efforts map? Robyn responded that the hexagons are 1km square.

Ken Rowe said that it will be important to involve Gavin Solley in the zoning of the area from Western River Conservation Park to Inneston at Yorke Peninsular.

Robyn commented that this zone is 7km wide. There is connectivity, where two bio regions change.

Gallery – Dan Pettingale – Is there any data on the weight of catch from this area or the amount of boats that go down there? Robyn responded that maps have been created with the available information for the area.

Gavin Solley commented that he would have a majority of this area mapped.

Snellings Zone – habitat along north coast are fairly homogenous. Representing sandy shorelines has been a bit of a challenge

Gallery - What else other than sandy habitat are you looking for in this zone? Robyn responded fringing reefs, associated fish species and a good range of depths. Matt Ingram thought that this could be found somewhere else.

Gallery - John Ayeliffe suggested that future maps should provide reference names and depths.

Bruce Weatherspoon asked why would you want to close all of the beaches. Robyn responded that is not wanted. 1 of the 4 beaches (Sandy King George) will be accessible.

Tony Geyer asked if there was any indication that King George spawning areas had been picked up in the zone from Kangaroo Island to Yorke? Robyn responded not that she was aware of.

Ken Rowe commented that he is all in favour of protecting the marine environment but the size of the Sanctuary Zones are too big and this will not sell to the community. The issue of adequacy is one thing but 25% is too big. Specific considerations need to be recognised for this particular community. Ken would like to see scenarios of around 10% taken back to Minister. Use other types of zones and reduce size.

Gavin Solley commented that 80% of that Sanctuary Zone is where he fishes, it would cripple his business. Fishing further west is too deep at around 70m and the average person is not strong enough to fish from 50 - 60m. Best 10% in SA has been taken. 150 days of fishing a year is done in that area, this area is protected from SW swell.

Gallery – John Ayeliffe – had concerns about the accuracy of the maps. John pointed out that Fur Seal haul outs have not been marked correctly, so the maps accuracy is questionable.

Graham Walden asked if the rock lobster sanctuary in Park D around Yorke Peninsular was in the no take zone?

Gallery - If the boundary of G was moved further West would it still encompass sandy beach and fringing reef? Robyn responded that it would be likely. (Western River Cove – Kangaroo Beach.)

Marine Park 16 (Phil Hollow)

Phil - 70% of the whole SA coastline is attached to Marine Park. Ken Rowe commented that the difference is we cannot move up the coast and are inherently attached to the marine environment. KI has socio economic issues attached to the marine environment.

Zone A - East of Cape Borda - extends for 14km along the coast, finishing at Cape Torrens. Exposed bed rock platform, cliffs with fringing reefs. The area around Harvey's Return is excluded and fishing permitted. This possible sanctuary zone is 82km²

Graham Walden asked does that also run up to Scott's Cove? Phil responded that Scott's Cove is a possible no take zone at the moment but this can change. Graham commented that Scott's Cove is a safe harbour as is Harvey's Return, this should not be part of the sanctuary zone.

Zone B – Western End - oceanic influences, deep water, rock lobster area. No information provided through SAMPIT on this area. 17km west of Cape Borda and is 75km²

Bevan Patterson commented that the Ministers statement was that rock lobster fisherman on the western end would not be affected. Chris Thomas responded we want to minimise impact on commercial fisherman, have been talking to the Marine Parks Management Alliance to share data on these proposals. All fishing effort is to be considered. Need to hear from the lobster fisherman to provide input to their spots.

Gavin Solley commented that he fishes zone b once a fortnight.

Margi Prideaux wanted some clarification as to who has the commercial data. Is this DENR? PIRSA has it but the information is not flowing through to DENR? Phil responded that fisherman provide confidential data to PIRSA. Che Spruyt said there was a direct order from the Minister for all data to be passed onto DENR. Chris Thomas said that some fisherman have volunteered their own information which is separate to the data obtained by PIRSA. PIRSA have not breached any confidentiality, they do not have the data that is needed, fine scale commercial fishing data is what is required.

Gallery – is the onus on people that are using the areas to be aware of the boundaries? Will this mean everyone is required to have a GPS to stay within the boundaries?? Phil would expect that people fishing in these remote areas would have GPS or some sort of electronic device, or work from landmarks where possible.

Legislation says that you cannot be expiated inside a sanctuary zone unless previously warned.

Zone C - Ravine des Casoars – 4km long by 3km wide. This zone is approx. 11km²

Zone D – Mauperitius Bay - 6km along coast 7km out to state waters. 38km², soft bottom habitat and reef 300m off shore.

Graham Walden asked why is this run out at an angle? Robyn responded that mapping shows it to be predominately sandy bottom.

Zone E –off Cape du Couedic extending south of the North Causarina Islets for approx. 7kms. This zone is approx 35 km²

This area is known for cray fishing.

Mary Alice was wondering why this zone did not join up to the land?

Zone F – Lipson Reef area is an unmapped and isolated reef formation. The possible sanctuary zone is approx. 35 km²

DENR would be keen to understand the fishing effort around this zone. Gallery – idea of marine parks is to preserve the best areas. The three zones identified on the map must have the scientific data to back up why they are where they are. Why can't these zones be put aside for 10 years until the appropriate research has been done? This process should not be rushed and more funding put up for research before committing to sanctuary zones. Gallery – Commented that Weirs Cove is the most important area for abalone.

Cherie Tyley asked if the commercial activity of fisherman was as important as the commercial tourism enterprise activities (national parks / private enterprise)?

Gallery – John Ayelliffe - asked how much would it cost to survey the area to come up with good scientific data to make more educated decisions on where we place zones? Ali Wright commented that you would also need to survey either side of the proposed zones, it would cost vast amounts of money. Phil commented that it would also have to be done throughout the rest of the state.

Tony Geyer stated that Bryan McDonald has been diving throughout the state for a long time, we are not totally without knowledge, this data could be used. Phil responded that if this MPLAG agrees that we should have more localised knowledge then DENR staff could work with local communities to do survey work.

Marine Park 17 (Robyn Morcom)

Gallery – Danny Brock – do the maps on the web show roads, towns? This is important information that helps people identify points and helps with scale.

Gallery – Paul Davies - will there be large scale maps available on the web? Ali Wright commented that they are available on the web as a PDF.

Zone A – South West Rocks. This possible sanctuary zone is about 40km south of Seal Bay and is approx 76km²

-This zone is used by commercial fisherman.

Graham Walden commented that this habitat is identical to Lipson Reef.

Zone B – Seal Bay / Bales Beach - sandy beaches, low to medium cliffs. Meets state waters. Australian Sea Lion foraging grounds. 63km²

Graham Walden commented that the federal government has extended state parks and commonwealth waters in the past, would this be likely? The western end may be vulnerable, not for this southern park though as it has already been done. Che Spruyt – protect the Australian Sea lion from what? Robyn – protect them from fisheries interactions.

Zone C - (Cape Gantheaume) combination of reef and sandy sea floor. Approx 35km²

Zone D - is adjacent to Cape Linois and is approx 15km²

Zone E – This possible sanctuary zone is in D'Estrees Bay, is approx 44km² and contains a variety of habitats

Tony Geyer asked is there any reason why the talk is all about sanctuary zones, what about the other zones? Buffer zones around no take zones? What about the nesting sites?

Bruce Weatherspoon – shag rock takes out a lot of the area for recreational fishing.

Andy Gilfillan asked what is the percentage of park in the south eastern zone, is it 35%?

Ken Rowe said 35% is out of the question. Chey Spruyt and Graham agreed. Tony Geyer commented on adequacy, couldn't the zone have gone half the way out. Robyn responded that the advice from the scientific working group is that long skinny zones will not capture all habitats. Che Spruyt said there was no agricultural run-off or creeks so what does it need protecting from.

Tony Geyer asked if there was only one type of seagrass in all of the areas identified for zones? Robyn responded that it's all seagrasses at all depths. This is a representative system of marine parks which means that we need examples of all habitats at all of the different environmental conditions in which they exist. Therefore we need examples of sand at all different depths that exist in the parks and similarly sea grass and reefs.

Che Spruyt commented that the whole south coast should be a sanctuary zone as it's all unique.

Bruce Weatherspoon asked if Wheaton's beach will be closed? Robyn responded that it would in this zoning scenario.

9. General Business

KI MPLAG Chairperson met with the Minister, the meeting was driven from a Kingscote initiative. Chairs of MPLAGs around the State are to meet with the Minister regularly. This is a great opportunity for the Minister to gain a better understanding of what is going on. Constructive meeting which left KI MPLAG Chair Andy Gilfillan feeling a lot more confident. Tony Geyer commented that the Chair needs to identify when statements are made by him, on behalf of KI MPLAG or the community.

The Gallery proceeded to thank the Chair Andy Gilfillan for taking up matters with the Minister on behalf of the community.

10. General discussion (KI MPLAG, DENR, Gallery)

Bevan Patterson commented that advertising needs to go in paper ten days prior to any Marine Parks meeting. Not enough notice provided.

Margi Prideaux commented that in future, meeting rooms need to be booked to cater for maximum gallery attendance. Room needs to be large enough and people need to be able to hear.

Phil asked KI MPLAG if they thought they had the ability to change the zoning scenarios? The general consensus was 'yes'. Ken Rowe said 'yes' but not convinced that the size can be changed.

Margi Prideaux was interested to know a forward schedule for meetings. Margi thought that the process was a little hampered due to the length of time between meetings. More time is required on the agenda to go over things.

Phil requested initial feedback on possible sanctuary zones from KI MPLAG by 28 January.

ACTION: MPLAG members to provide initial feedback to Phil on possible sanctuary zones by 28 January.

KI MPLAG can meet out of session or DENR can come over to facilitate meetings if required. Phil and Robyn are happy to attend, if enough notice given. GIS will need notice to provide maps. Margi Prideaux is happy with informal meetings but thinks that more formal meetings are required.

Phil suggested that maps could be produced showing different scenarios. Provide scenarios to Phil prior to the 28 Jan and they will be presented to the next LAG meeting. It is likely that a number of scenarios will be developed and that is OK.

Che Spruyt asked members of KI MPLAG to declare any conflict of interest. Was this raised at the first meeting? Bill Haddrill declared that his representation reflected his role as Regional Manager DENR. Mary-Alice declared that she worked as a guide at Seal Bay and Cape Willoughby for DENR.

Bevan Patterson asked what the situation will be with Encounter Marine Park abutting Kangaroo Island. Andy to follow this up and liaise with the Fleurieu MPLAG Chair.

Bruce Weatherspoon commented on the document showing opportunities for recreational fishing. Kingscote is not in this but American River is - was there any particular reason that Kingscote was left out?

Mary-Alice asked why the traditional owners were not recognised as per KI MPLAG decision at the last meeting? Chair Andy Gilfillan commented that he apologises that this was overlooked, he was not at the last meeting. Mary-Alice asked when the next Minister's meeting would be and could KI MPLAG be informed.

Phil commented that the major issues out of this meeting are to be recorded. To be used for media enquiries and for the Minister to gain an understanding of what the MPLAG members are considering.

Terry Lehmann was contacted by ABC, he provided Andy Gilfillan's details for a follow up interview tomorrow.

Mary-Alice had concerns around the misrepresentation of views to the media. Andy Gilfillan commented that it was hard to represent a myriad of mixed views. Matthew Ingram suggested that Andy makes the distinction between statements that he makes, and statements that he makes on behalf of KI MPLAG (i.e. 'Andy Chairman of the KI LAG' or 'Andy Gilfillan').

Fraser Vickery suggested that prior to media releases, Andy should send out a one page draft to KI MPLAG so that they can comment on the content.

Phil commented that anyone can make a comment to the media of a personal nature, however the chair's role is to represent the group.

Fraser Vickery suggested an agreed statement from the group.

Bevan Patterson asked if the four maps and proposals could be published in the local paper "The Islander"?

ACTION: Phil to make the four maps available to the local paper "The Islander". Andy to be contacted for any statements.

Initial advice to DENR

Che Spruyt commented that parks are too big

Tony Geyer commented that a couple of the parks could be reduced but in general he is happy.

John Lavers was of the same opinion, some of the parks are too large.

Mary-Alice commented that some areas require adjustments. Mary-Alice does not agree with start small and go big. Doesn't agree that smaller sanctuaries are better.

Ken Rowe would like this to be successful, not confrontational. Ken would like to see the percentage of the park that has been put to a sanctuary - far too large.

Bruce Weatherspoon commented that parks are too large and some positions need to change. Some people think the whole lot is being taken.

Margi Prideaux agreed with Mary-Alice. Not necessarily wanting to get into the numbers game but need to concentrate on the patch work quilt nature of it – larger areas that are not so spread out.

Cherie Tyley would like to see a whole map of Kangaroo Island with all proposed Sanctuary Zones in the paper.

Graham Connell commented that we must listen to the community and what's out there. There will be good change if people can have their say.

Graham Walden commented that parks are too large. A lot of adjusting to do to get where we need.

Bevan Patterson commented that zones are too big. Lack of scientific evidence to support what is trying to be achieved. He would like to see some clarification around the zoning regulations. Need to get the zones in place first and then a value statement. Waiting on the displaced effort information to be handed down. Thanked Andy for his efforts in meetings and with the Minister.

Bill Haddrill commented that this was a positive session. Need to work through the parks a little slower in some mechanism or forum.

Matthew Ingram said let the work begin.

Terry Geyer is looking forward to the comments from the general public.

Chris Thomas appreciated the invitation to attend KI MPLAG. Good opportunity for KI MPLAG to have community ownership of these issues. Chris will take notes back to the Minister. Stated "we need to be careful that we don't scare the community away". There will be a lot of media and public awareness, it will be important to involve people within the community.

Phil appreciated the group's input to the meeting.

The general consensus from KI MPLAG was that there needs to be some adjustments made to the sizes of the Sanctuary Zones.

11. Record of meeting

- Preliminary sanctuary zone scenarios for the Kangaroo Island Marine Parks were presented by DENR staff as a starting point for discussion.
- The 35 members of the community who attended were encouraged by the Chair to have input at the meeting and to attend future meetings.
- There was a consensus among the MPLAG members that zones needed to be changed.
- They felt that they had the ability and the local knowledge to advise the DENR staff of those changes
- There was a need for more details on future maps.
- Members wanted to ensure that there wasn't a large time gap until the next meeting.

Meeting closed 4.00pm

Chair **Date** -----

Action Items from meeting 18 November 2010

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
3	Chris Thomas	KI MPLAG presentation to made available on the website after meeting		18/11/10
3	Robyn Morcom	Marine Parks documents to be made available in Penneshaw, Kingscote library and DENR office. (Baker's report sections relevant to Kangaroo Island)	<i>Completed</i>	12/10
3	MPLAG members	To provide Phil Hollow initial feedback on possible sanctuary zones from KI MPLAG by 28 January.		18/11/10
3	Phil Hollow	Organise that the "The Islander" has access to all maps	<i>Completed</i>	12/10