

# LOWER EYRE PENINSULA MARINE PARK

## LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

### MINUTES

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Marine Parks Local Advisory Group was held on 17 November 2010 at Ravensdale Community Sports Centre, 40 Stamford Terrace, Port Lincoln, at 1.00 pm.

*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:** Danny Bartlett (Chairperson), Bill Ford, Carol Gayle, Norm Clifford Pope, David Sherry, Brenton Growden, Kerry McEwan, Brian Saunders, David Sherry and Albert Whittle.

**Proxies:** Roger Rowe (for Steve Moriarty).

**Supporting Staff:** Annie Lane (RC), Simon Clark (Executive Officer, DENR), Henry Rutherford, Leander Wiseman (DENR, Adelaide Office), Shelly Harrison, Dirk Holman (DENR Port Lincoln) and Suresh Kumar Lachimpadi (Secretary).

**Gallery:** Robert Harding, John Hunwick, Ray Reynolds, Trevor Garnaut, Mike Roberts, Brooke Neindorf, R Surfield.

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Chair Danny Bartlett welcomed the members to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Local Advisory Group meeting.

##### 1.1 Housekeeping arrangements

Housekeeping arrangements for this meeting were discussed.

##### 1.2 DENR Regional Conservator

Annie Lane welcomed the MPLAG members and thanked them for their excellent work done thus far in the Marine Park process.

##### 1.3 Apologies:

Philip Porter, Terry Scott, Bill Stenson and Andrew Wright.

##### 1.4 Absent: Nil

##### 1.5 Change in Members:

Steve Moriarty replaces Darryl Spencer (resigned).

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted with no additional items.

#### 3 Correspondence

Two letters were distributed to the MPLAG members;

(a) a letter from the Conservation Council SA which outlines their general view of the Marine park process. The contents of this letter would be discussed if there are any issues raised by the MPLAG members, and

(b) a letter from the Minister, Paul Caica – The letter recaps the issues raised during the meeting with all the MPLAG Chairs. The Minister expects changes to be made on the preliminary sanctuary zones and sufficient time will be given (about 6 months) to discuss and reach a consensus on the zoning.

#### **4 Confirmation of Minutes**

Changes made to the minutes that were e-mailed to the MPLAG members were distributed to the MPLAG members. The changes included:

- (a) Section 6.2 - an expansion of this section to include a summary of information provided through the MPLAG on SAMPIT.
- (b) Under the Outstanding Action Items - there has been no replacement for Dirk Holman. It has been proposed that a representative from the Lincoln Marine Science Center would be approached.

The minutes of the meeting were passed by Norman Clifford Pope and seconded by Bill Ford.

#### **5 Action Items and Business Arising from the minutes**

##### **MOTION:**

Roger Rowe proposed the meeting be adjourned until the Minister abides by his commitment and 10 clear days be given of the compensation arrangements to the industry prior to the MPLAG's progression.

Moved: Roger Rowe; Seconded: David Sherry

The vote count was 6 (against) to 3 (for) and the motion was defeated.

The meeting then continued as per the meeting agenda.

#### **6 Agenda items**

##### ***6.1 Presentation titled, "Discussion of preliminary sanctuary zoning scenarios" by Simon Clark, DENR.***

The presentation highlighted the findings of the feedback that has been received thus far from the marine park process. The information/feedback has been plotted on the preliminary sanctuary zone maps and presented for discussion as the next item in the agenda.

The first step of the process is the discussion with the MPLAG members to gather information through their community networks, and the second step is full public consultation where the zoning would be closer to the mark. This will be accompanied with the an impact statement.

It was highlighted by a MPLAG member that the findings from the Nagoya Conference do not conform to the actions of the current marine parks process. Roger Rowe pointed out that the Nagoya Convention on Biological Diversity's target for 2020 is to have 10% of the maritime area protected (and not as sanctuary areas) and remains unchanged from the 2010 target.

##### ***6.2 Group preliminary sanctuary zone scenario session***

The MPLAG members and the gallery were given the Preliminary Sanctuary Zone Scenario maps and the Sanctuary Zone Checklists. The MPLAG members and the gallery decided to split into various groups representing various sectors of the community to review these items and contribute further to the refinement of the preliminary sanctuary zones.

The findings from the various groups were compiled and plotted on single maps as feedback from this meeting. The Executive Officer (Simon Clark, DENR) will continue to receive information from the community through MPLAG members until the 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2011.

## 7 Communication

Communication plan remains the same as the previous meeting

Member	Who will be contacted	How	Achieved	Notes
Danny Bartlet	Port Lincoln City Council	Formal Council meetings/Council news letter	Yes	News paper and radio interviews.
	Rate payers	Informal/attend community meetings/media	Yes	
Kerryn McEwan	Coast Care Groups	Informal	Yes	
	Coffin Bay Progress Association	Informal	Yes	
David Sherry	Commercial scale fishers	Informal	Yes	
	Executive Officer Marine Scale Fisher Association	Meeting	Yes	
Norm Pope	Recreational fishers	Meeting	Yes	"Flack corner", and Tackle shops
	Commercial link up	Informal	Yes	
	South Australian Recreational Fishing Advisory Council	Meeting	Yes	
Phillip Porter	Lower Eyre Peninsula District Council	Council meeting	Yes	
	Australian Scuba Diving Federation	Informal	Yes	Some suggested areas for conservation.
	Marine Life Society	Informal	Yes	
Carol Gale	Coffin Bay Tour Association	Meeting	Emailed/missed meeting	Concerned with impact on tourism.
	Oyster farmers	Informal	Yes	
	Lincoln Marine Science Centre researchers	Informal	Yes	
Andrew Wright	Charter fishers (Lincoln)	Informal	Yes	
	Tourism Eyre Peninsula	Meeting	Yes	Concerned with impact on tourism revenue.
	Other tour operators	Informal	Yes	
Brenton Growden	Wedge Island Management Committee	Meeting	Yes	
Bill Ford	Western Zone Abalone Association	Meeting	Yes	
Roger Rowe	Northern Zone Rock Lobster Executive	Meeting	Yes	

	Local fishers	Informal	Yes	
Bill Stenson	Local Oyster Association Executive	Meeting	NA <sup>1</sup>	
	Oyster farmers (Coffin Bay)	Informally	NA	
Brian Saunders	Friends of Coffin Bay	Meeting	Yes	General interest shown in the process.
	Recreational fishers	Informal	Yes	
	Biologists/scientists	Letters	Yes	
DENR	Sardine Association, Tuna Boat Association, and Friends of Lower Eyre Peninsula	Email Minutes from meeting		

#### 8. Marine Park Management Plan by Dr. Shelley Harrison

The Marine Park Management Plan is a requirement of the Marine Parks Act. The marine parks will be managed in accordance to their respective management plans. The management plans will ensure that the marine parks achieve the required standards of conservation and use of resources by community and industry consistent with the multiple use marine parks. There are 2 components to the management plan:

(a) strategies for the management of the park

(b) the zoning arrangements

The MPLAG members play a major role in providing the information for both these components. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting MPLAG members were asked to provide information about local issues relevant to Lower EP. The information gathered has been incorporated with information researched by DENR staff from various other sources.

DENR is now asking MPLAG members to provide local knowledge on the possible sanctuary zones as the second component of the management planning process. and these will be refined over the next couple of meetings.

A Notice of Intent to make the management plans has been published by the Minister, dated 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2010. It is now official that the journey has begun and by mid 2012, the management plans for the marine parks must be approved. Under the Marine Parks Act, the Minister must, as soon as practicable after the establishment of a marine park commence the process for the making of a management plan with a view of completing the management plan within 3 years of the proclamation of the marine park.

#### 9. Record of meeting

Preliminary sanctuary zone scenarios in the Thorny Passage, Neptune Islands and Gambier Islands Marine Parks were presented as a starting point for discussion.

Comments were:

a. A motion from Roger Rowe (proxy for Steve Moriarty) to postpone any further MPLAG meetings until the displaced effort and compensation issues for commercial fishers is resolved failed. Three members voted in favour of the motion.

- Mr Rowe explained his reason for moving the motion was that in his opinion Minister Caica had not honoured a commitment he made during a meeting with a group called the Marine Parks Alliance. Mr Rowe understood industry groups were to have issues around compensation resolved at least 10 days prior to the third round of MPLAG meetings.

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<sup>1</sup> Not Available

- Other members from a commercial fishing background also expressed concern the displaced effort and compensation issues had not yet been resolved and the difficulties that presents when considering sanctuary zone scenarios.
- Some members were concerned over the apparent 10% target of state waters dedicated to sanctuary zones.
- Received feed back from the MEC meeting with the Chairs.
- There was some initial discussion about the possible scenarios and alternatives offered. Some initial feedback regarding specific sanctuary zones was obtained from both members and the gallery. This included strategies of modifying zones presented in the scenario and also adding new zones particularly in the bays around Coffin Bay.

#### Issues

- There was considerable concern from commercial and charter fishing operators in the gallery regarding the location, size and number of sanctuary zones presented in the preliminary sanctuary zone scenarios. Concern was also expressed regarding the possible economic impact of this zoning scenario, including a lack of understanding of what the 5% figure actually refers to, and the disproportionate effect this can have on local communities that rely on income generated from these areas.
- MPLAG members agreed to discuss the zoning scenario with their networks. The possibility of a small sub group being established to look at issues specific to the Coffin Bay area was discussed. It was agreed all members have the opportunity to meet with other members and/or their networks in order to provide information regarding the sanctuary zones either back through the MPLAG or direct to DENR.

#### 10. Future Meeting

The date of the next meeting would be advised by DENR.

The meeting was closed at 5.20 pm

Danny Bartlett ..... Date : .....  
Chair

#### MARINE PARK 3 LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP ACTION ITEMS – as at 17 November, 2010.

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
2	DENR	Minutes of the meeting to be put up on the web.	To be implemented	By the 4 <sup>th</sup> LAG meeting
3	DENR	Replacement for Dirk Holman with a representative from the Lincoln Marine Science Centre	To be implemented	<i>In process</i>
3	Chair (LAG)	Letter to the Marine Park Council on the issue of funding for compliance work and research.	To be implemented	By the 4 <sup>th</sup> LAG meeting
3	DENR	The record of the meeting would be e-mailed and discussed in the next meeting.	To be implemented	The 4 <sup>th</sup> LAG meeting