

SIR JOSEPH BANKS MARINE PARK

LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

The 3rd meeting of the Marine Parks Local Advisory Group was held on 18 November 2010 at the Tumby Bay Senior Citizens Club, Tumby Terrace, Tumby Bay, South Australia 5605 at 4.30 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: Dion Watson (Chairperson), Wayne Goedecke, Paul Frederick Harrison, Greg Palmer, Barry Power, Brian Paul Wilkins and Tom Tierney.

Proxies: Daryl Evans (for David Craig Ellis), James Brook (for Julie Pettett), Steve Pocock (for Matt Waller).

Supporting Staff: Simon Clark (Executive Officer, DENR), Henry Rutherford (DENR, Adelaide Office), Dirk Holman, Shelley Harrison (DENR Port Lincoln) and Suresh Kumar Lachimpadi (Secretary).

Gallery: Jeff Tiller, Pam Brougham, David Haevslent, Leon Harris, Robert Harding, Ray Finlayson, R. Edmunds, Don Edmunds, Phil Kerkhof, David Hamilton and about 20 other gallery members.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Dion Watson welcomed the Community Representatives, the Recreational fishermen and all at the gallery. The people from the gallery were also welcome to give their inputs and views in the 3rd LAG meeting.

1.1 Housekeeping arrangements

Housekeeping arrangements for this meeting were discussed.

1.2 Apologies:

Darren Tressider, Julie Elliott, Julie Fischer and Kevin Malaxos.

1.3 Absent:

John Holland

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted with no additional items.

1.5 Correspondence

Letter from Conservation Council of SA.

Letter from Minister for Environment and Conservation to the MPLAG Chair Dion Watson.

1.6 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the 2nd LAG meeting was passed by Paul Frederick Harrison and seconded by Wayne Goedecke.

1.7 Amendments

There were no amendments to the previous minutes of meeting.

2. Action Items and Business Arising from the minutes

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
2	DEH	The summary and replies for the two letters from SARLAC and Wildcatch Fisheries SA provided to MPLAG members.	Completed	
2	DEH	The Zoning Activity table is to be emailed to all MPLAG members (distributed at previous meeting).	Completed	
2	MPLAG members & Interest Groups	Identifying Management Issue worksheets (A-F) to be submitted.	Completed	25 June 2010
3	DEH	The data collected from Identifying Management Strategies Worksheets (A-F) would be presented	Completed	

3. MPLAG Chairs meeting with Minister for Environment and Conservation

The Chair quoted the Minister's opening address, "The commercial and recreational use of the marine environment is critical to the future of the regional communities and will not be unduly impacted by the marine parks". The Minister also said that it was not pertinent to set formal targets for the Sanctuary Zone size or percentage coverage but the government has committed to a comprehensive, adequate and representative system of marine parks that would meet the requirements national and international standards.

3.1. MOTION: The preliminary zoning scenario of 25% sanctuary area was too big, given previous expectations.
 Moved: Tom Tierney; Seconded: Greg Palmer
 The vote count was 8 (for) to 2 (against) and the motion was passed.

3.2. ACTION: Overlay the 5A and 5B maps, and DENR to consider whether the data collected by the Prawn By-catch Report by David Curry of SARDI (Currie et al. 2009 – the Prawn By-catch Report 2009) would be useful to provide information in the north east of the park. Moved: James Brooks; Seconded: Paul Frederick Harrison.

General Discussion

The Chair with the consensus of the MPLAG members wanted it to be made known that a lot of the information given in the SAMPIT's data collection during the 2nd MPLAG meeting has been followed to a certain degree but it was disappointing to see that some of the data provided at the last meeting appears to have been ignored in determining the current preliminary Sanctuary Zones.

Greg Palmer highlighted that the "Convention on Biological Diversity" states that the new target for 2020 is to have 10% of marine areas protected and under management, not necessarily as Sanctuary Zones. Australia's commitment to 10% of its marine areas as protected is not a mandatory unless there is specific Commonwealth legislation to that effect (and there isn't), and in measuring Australia's progress in this matter and taken into account all protected areas including seasonally closed areas under various fisheries acts, protected areas and all State and Commonwealth government legislation." This information comes from the verbal advice given by the CEO of DEWHA, courtesy of the Commonwealth Fisheries Association.

4. Preliminary Sanctuary zone Scenario

The presentation highlighted the findings of the feedback that have been received from the marine park engagement program. The information/feedback has been plotted on the preliminary sanctuary zone maps and presented for discussion.

This is the first step of the process, the discussion with the MPLAG and the second is the public consultation where the zoning would be closer to the mark. This will be accompanied with the economic impact statements.

5. 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 compiled and then plotted on single maps as feedback data from this MPLAG meeting. The Executive Officer (Simon Clark, DENR will continue to receive all related information from the community's feedback through the MPLAG until the 28th January, 2011.

The following notes were recorded:

1. Remove a square section in the middle of Zone E as it is highly important for commercial and recreational fishing. This would include removing Hareby, Blyth, Smith and Dalby Islands. The centre portion of the Sir Joseph Banks Group is extremely important for both recreational and commercial scale fishing.
2. Remove part of the sanctuary zone on salt creek beach (Zone B) and include a 2km buffer from Cape Lalande north. This area within the proposed buffer is important for recreational fishing and commercial line scale fishing. Many people also added that they thought the northern boundary should be extended to include Lipson Cove and Lipson Island.
3. Once Zone A and B are reduced (notes 7, 8 and 12), extend the northern boundary of Zone B to the marine park boundary, extend Zone B east to Zone A.

The sardine industry also suggested to enlarge B and reduce A.

4. Include a sanctuary zone off of Spilsby Island running from the eastern tip out the park boundary and from the southern tip, running in a SSE line from the tip to the park boundary. This area is a trade off for the middle section of the Zone E (note 1 above). However the Rock Lobster industry was not happy with this suggested zone. The remaining waters surrounding Spilsby Island are important for Charter and commercial fishers.
5. The waters surrounding Kirkby Island (Zone E) are important for commercial scale fishing.
6. Add an L shape coming east from Zone D (Point Bolingbroke) and then south to join up with Zone F as a trade off for most of Zone E. Although this was suggested by a few people, it was made clear that this area was also important for A class commercial fishers.
There was also a suggestion to decrease Zone D and move the southern boundary north approximately 1km as the area is important for recreational and commercial A class fishers.

7. There is prawn fishing in Zone A in the area north of 34° 20' 0° S and east of 136° 38' 0° E, so remove this section of Zone A.
8. There is no prawn fishing in Zone A in the section below 34° 20' 0° S and east of 136° 38' 0° E.

There is prawn and sardine fishing below Zone A.

9. Remove the eastern section of Zone E from East of Hareby and Blyth Islands and trade off for comment 6. Commercial scale fishing in the area.

Remove the north western corner of Zone F from Sibsey Island up as this is an Important area for commercial whiting. A class fishing in the area. A commercial charter operator uses Sibsey and English Islands due to their proximity to Port Lincoln. This operator also uses the waters between Duffield Island and Stickney Island.

10. Remove the western half of Zone E (Dangerous Reef) as this area is important for charter operators. This half could potentially be moved to the east, keeping the zone a similar size. Alternatively, the sanctuary zone could cover the existing Dangerous Reef area of the Sir Joseph Banks Conservation Park which would mean a fixed distance surrounding the reef.
11. There is a boat ramp at Second Creek which is not on the Atlas Map.
12. Zone B is too large, although the dog leg portion is not used much. Suggestion to remove this portion of the zone and alternatively lengthen Zone B to meet Zone A.

6. Communication Plan.

Member	Who will be contacted	Method	Achieved	Notes
Dion Watson	Tumby Bay District Council	Meeting Newsletter-monthly	Achieved	
	Rate payers		Achieved	
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David Ellis	Tuna and Sardine Industry	Executive Meeting /informal	NA ¹	
Paul Wilkins	Recreational fishers in Pt Lincoln	Informal	Achieved	
Julie Elliot	School council	Informal	NA ¹	
James Brook	Reef Watch Conservation NGO	Email/mail	Achieved	
Paul Harrison	Tour operators: caravan park, pub, Tumby Bay units.	Informal	Achieved	
	Recreational fishers	Informal	Achieved	
	Bird watchers	Informal	Achieved	
	Coastal land owners	Informal	Achieved	
Tom Tierney	Recreational fishers	Informal	Achieved	
	Tackle shops (Port Lincoln and locally)	Informal	Achieved	
	SA Angler	Informal	Achieved	
	Charter Fisher	Informal	Achieved	
	Port Lincoln Anglers Club	Informal	Achieved	
Barry Power	Northern Zone Rock Lobster	Informal (Executive Officer)	Achieved	
Wayne Goedecke	Spilsby Island Committee	Meeting - monthly	Achieved	
		Newsletter/email update	Achieved	

¹ Not attend

Matt Waller	Local email database – Port Lincoln and greater area	Email	NA ¹	
	Clients	Informal	NA ¹	
	Tourism Eyre Peninsula	Informal/newsletter	NA ¹	
	Surfing	Informal	NA ¹	
Darren Tressider	Group in miscellaneous Fishery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shell collectors • Scallop and urchin fishery 	Informal	NA ¹	
Kevin Malaxos	Centrex		NA ¹	
Julie Fischer	School	Meeting	NA ¹	
	Charter business	Informal	NA ¹	
Greg Palmer	Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Association	Meeting	Achieved	
	Recreational fishers	Informal	Achieved	
	Commercial fishers	Informal	Achieved	

7. Marine Park Issues and Strategies Update

The Marine Park Management Plan is a requirement of the Marine Parks Act. The marine parks will be managed in accordance with their respective management plans. These 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 two 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 2nd meeting the MPLAG members were asked to provide information on the local knowledge and issues relevant to SJBMP. The information gathered has been incorporated with the information researched by DENR staff from various other sources as part of the strategies for the management of this marine park.

DENR is now asking the MPLAG members to provide the local knowledge on the possible Sanctuary Zones as the second component of the management plan 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 8th 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.

8. Questions from the gallery

8.1. *Meeting clashes*

The meetings between the various industries should be spaced out so to prevent clashes of meetings, as some members attend more than one meeting representing various other groups.

8.2. *Compensation and Minister's commitment*

The previous Minister's commitment to having a formula for calculating displaced effort agreed upon prior to MPLAG meeting 3 was discussed. Most were very

unhappy that this had not been achieved. Commercial fishers were not convinced that they were in fact going to be paid compensation. Compensation or lack of for the Ancillary Support Groups and the Recreational Fishermen's Association was also discussed.

8.3. PIRSA & SARDI

Lack of involvement of PIRSA and SARDI personnel in the marine parks meetings.

8.4. 5% Economic Impact

A concern that the formation of the marine parks would cause an economic impact of more than 5 % on commercial fishers.

9. **Record of meeting – 18th November, 2010**

Sir Joseph Banks Group Marine Park.

- Preliminary sanctuary zone scenarios in the Sir Joseph Banks Group Marine Park were presented as a starting point for discussion.
- Comments were:
 1. General discussion about the size of the sanctuary zones is a key issue, considered too large. Lack information backing the size of the zones. Motion recorded in Minutes.
 2. Suggestions of possible zoning discussed and alternatives put forth, not in place of 25 %.
- Issues:
 1. Size of the sanctuary zones is a key issue, considered too large. Lack information backing the size of the zones. Motion recorded in Minutes.
 2. Commitment from MPLAG members to go back to their community networks to discuss the possible sanctuary zones and provide feedback.

10. **Future Meeting**

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

The meeting was closed at 8.30 pm

Dion Watson.....Date: 18 November 2010

Chair

Actions Arising as at 18 November 2010

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
3	DENR	The Prawn By-catch Report 2009 to be made available for MPLAG members	To be implemented	Meeting no. 4
3	DENR	Overlay of maps 5A and 5B with the map.		Meeting no. 4
3	DENR	DENR to consider whether the data collected by the Prawn By-catch Report by David Curry of SARDI (Currie et al. 2009 – the Prawn By-catch Report 2009) would be useful to provide information in the north east of the park		
3	LAG	LAG members to provide feedback on the Sanctuary Zone to DENR	To be implemented	Feedback by 28 January, 2011.