

Upper Gulf St Vincent
MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

The second meeting of the Upper Gulf St Vincent Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 5pm on May 25, 2010 in the Parham Sports and Social Club, Drake Crescent Parham.

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: Brenton Schahinger (Chair Person), David Backen, Bart Butson, Robin Crowell, Stephen Jones, Maurice Manners, Anne Picard, Barbara Reid, Ian Telfer, Jon Walker,

Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) staff: David Pearce (Executive Officer) Sheralee Cox (Senior Project Officer), Amanda Gaetjens (minute secretary).

Gallery: 18 people were present in the gallery.

1 Welcome

The chair person opened the meeting and discussed the objectives of the Marine Parks Local Advisory Group second meeting which were to:

- Test information received via SAMPIT
- Begin development of management strategies
- Prepare for zoning scenario development

2 Apologies, confirmation of minutes, correspondence and other business

Apologies: Barry Stringer. Absent: Ernest Wilson

Correspondence: SA Rock Lobster Advisory Council and SA Blue Crab Pot Fishers and Wildcatch Fisheries SA letters to all MPLAG Chairs were tabled for the members' information.

The minutes of meeting held on the 9 February 2010 were ratified by the group and approved as an accurate record by the Chair.

3 Action items and business arising from the minutes

All actions from the 9 February meeting had been completed.

<i>Meeting No.</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	<i>David Pearce</i>	David to look at getting maps re-printed with further detail on the SAMPIT maps, making it easier to find some locations including Thompsons Beach, Light and Webb Beach, Rouge Point, James Well, Tiddy Widdy, Mac's Beach and roads leading to the beach.	Completed (all subsequent maps were printed with the additional information).	

1	<i>All MPLAG members</i>	To talk with their community networks about SAMPIT and encourage the completion of SAMPIT maps by the end of March.	Completed	
1	<i>All MPLAG members</i>	To read the Value Statement document for their park and consider changes and additions by the end of March.	Completed	
1	<i>Brenton Schahinger</i>	To work with the local papers to publicise SAMPIT to further promote community involvement in the process.	Completed	

4 Community feedback

Brenton Schahinger encouraged members to share any community feedback they had received over the recent months.

- Hundreds of South Australian Marine Parks Information Tool (SAMPIT) maps were distributed by MPLAG members to shops, shack owners and interested people throughout the region.
- Most people were happy to complete the SAMPIT maps once they understood that cells were 1km square and would not give away exact fishing spots.
- Some people found it difficult to access the on-line version of SAMPIT and they could not get past the first page.
- Some community members are still not sure exactly how marine parks will be planned and need to be given more information about the design process and the focus upon biodiversity conservation rather than fisheries management.

5 Sharing SAMPIT information

The SAMPIT information that had been entered by MPLAG and community members between February and May 10th was displayed to the MPLAG members and the gallery. There was lengthy discussion with comments and amendments written directly onto the maps. The comments can be summarised as follows:

- Generally the high-use areas on the SAMPIT maps accurately reflect the recreational fishing effort, small amendments were noted on the maps.
- Mostly snapper fishing near the centre, 4-5 miles out each side.
- A lot of crabbing, whiting, mullet on eastern side especially around Parham and Webb Beach.
- New boat ramp at Middle Beach, will mean there will be more fishing in that area.
- Industry impacts at edge of park. Salt works adjacent the south of the park and at Price impact on juvenile fish and marine environment. These issues were flagged for consideration in the management plan.
- Support to move the outer boundary to include Port Gawler Conservation Park.
- Any Sanctuary Zone in Wills Creek, Shag Creek or Kettle Creek near Clinton will be strongly opposed.
- Pt Arthur is a popular crabbing beach and some near shore small boat fishing.

6 Identifying local management issues

Sheralee Cox gave a presentation explaining marine park management planning issues and gave out a document - *Developing Marine Park Management Plans – Identifying Management Strategies* - which contains worksheets for MPLAG members to complete. The worksheets are to record any local issues that need to be considered in the marine park management plan.

Once completed they should be returned to the reply paid address by 25 June.

7 Preparing for zoning

David Pearce (DEH) explained the planned steps in the zoning process for the development of each marine park. The SAMPIT maps from this meeting will contribute to the preliminary zoning scenarios to be prepared for meeting three.

During meetings three and four MPLAG members will discuss preliminary zoning scenarios and take them away to seek input from their community networks.

A refined scenario will then be taken to the stakeholders and interests groups for consultation (this will include all the stakeholders as defined in the *Marine Parks Act 2007*).

The results of the stakeholder feedback will be reviewed in MPLAG meeting five.

Policy Commitments Presentation

Sheralee Cox explained and discussed the policy commitments that have been made by the Minister for Environment and Conservation to a range of interest groups. These will be accommodated in the marine park planning process.

8 Ongoing communication

All MPLAG members are encouraged to continue communicating through their networks of friends and associates to provide meeting updates. Brenton Schahinger as the Chairperson agreed to send information to the local papers to help keep the community informed.

9 Questions from the gallery

A number of questions were asked from members of the gallery to the MPLAG and the DEH staff representatives. Questions covered topics including: recreational fishing impacts; potential future impacts upon businesses; methods to promote the location and time of meetings; ways that information on marine parks can be disseminated.

10 Record of meeting

A brief summary of key meeting points was displayed, discussed and agreed upon by the group. This will be posted on the marine parks website in the days following the meeting.

11 Next meeting date

It was suggested that the next meeting be held earlier in the afternoon and after some discussion it was agreed to meet between 3pm and 7 pm. Ardrossan was agreed as a suitable next location. While the next meeting is expected in late July/early August, a date was not set and will be advised as soon as possible.

Meeting was closed at 8.30pm

Chair (signature) Date:

Action Items from meeting 25th of May 2010

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
2	<i>All</i>	To complete the worksheets in the <i>Developing Marine Park Management Plans - Identifying Management Strategies</i> document and return them by 25 June 2010.	Completed	25 June
2	<i>Chairperson</i>	To send an update to local newspapers	Completed	