

UPPER SOUTH EAST
MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

The third meeting of the Upper South East Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 4pm on November 16th 2010 in the Meeting Room of the Robe Council Chambers, Robe.

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: Bill Hender (Chair), Ruth Beach, Robert Roach, Jim Godden, Alan Gurney, Pip Rasenberg, Paul Regnier, John Kuhl, Graham Usher, Adam Stewart, Peter Riseley, Russell Worland. Craig Lawrie

DEH staff: Steve Bourne, Phil Hollow, Shane Holland, Louise Smith, David Miller, John Emmett and Denise Dent (Minute taker).

Proxies: Nil

Gallery: Seven plus two media

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies, correspondence, other business**

Simon Peters is an apology.

Three items of correspondence were tabled with discussion deferred to General Business to provide members the opportunity to read them prior to discussion.

2.1 Letter from Paul Regnier on behalf of the South Eastern Professional Fishermans association Inc.

2.2 List of 12 reasons saying why Baudin Rocks should not be included in the sanctuary zone. He believes it contravenes the technical paper.

2.3 A letter from the Conservation Council

Chair accepted correspondence and ensured all members received a copy.

Actions Arising

Phil Hollow updated the committee that all Actions from the second meeting held on 25 May 2010 have been attended to.

Action Items from meeting 25 May 2010

Meeting No. 2	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
2	<i>All Members</i>	Look over draft Communication Plan and make comment	Ongoing	16/11/2010
2	<i>All Members</i>	Complete "Identifying Management Strategies" 6 worksheets	ongoing	16/11/2010
2	<i>G Usher</i>	Provide Phil with copy of correspondence regarding a commitment on shoreline fishing.	Not yet received	16/11/2010

2	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Offered to assist members to input Worksheet information	Ongoing	16/11/2010
2	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	To provide members with background information for their worksheets	ongoing	16/112010
2	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Provide members with an electronic version of the worksheets	Completed	1/6/10

Confirmation of minutes of second meeting held 25 May 2010

The minutes of meeting held on 25 May 2010 were read and confirmed as a true and accurate record. CONFIRMED

3. Chairs meeting with Minister

- All of the Marine Park Local Advisory Group Chairs met with the Minister on 26 August 2010. It was an opportunity for all Chairs to put their concerns to the Minister. He was very receptive to all concerns raised. All Groups have different issues but are generally happy with the process.

4. Presentation – recap and ‘starting point’ preliminary sanctuary zone scenario

Phil Hollow introduced members of DENR staff to the forum.

Phil showed maps of the preliminary sanctuary zone scenarios and photos to show a range of reefs, small inlets, rocky areas and beaches. It was made very clear that these maps are only a “starting point”.

Phil Hollow explained that each Marine Park had to have Sanctuary Zones with representation of all habitats and that the group needed to consider this when discussing boundary changes. These Sanctuary Zones can be moved although consideration to all Environmental Values is required. Apply all checklist steps to come out with a “win win” outcome.

5. Members discuss preliminary sanctuary zone scenario

Jim Godden requested permission under the Terms of Reference to hold an informal meeting without DENR staff, with the findings being presented to the Minister.

He believes members and the community will speak “freely” amongst “local” people without Adelaide influence.

Bill Hender advised that he and the Lower South East MPLAG Chair, Grant King have discussed holding joint “informal” meetings. The findings from those meetings will have to come back through the MPLAG meetings prior to being available to the Minister.

Members would like to engage “professionals” within their communities to lend advice to the group.

Phil Hollow advised the group that zones will be reshaped and moved a number of times and that this group’s role is to advise DENR so that we can develop a draft management plan to take out to the community. There may be 3 or 4 different proposals/propositions to take to the Minister.

Adam Stewart believes the sanctuary zone scenarios (20 - 25% of each Marine Park) are not equivalent to 10% of the State Waters due to areas of inaccessible coastline being excluded from the Marine Park area. Some of the areas not included in the Marine Parks are inaccessible by road or track.

Members were handed “*Starting Point for Marine Park Local Advisory Group discussion*” including maps of the marine parks preliminary sanctuary zones.

Peter Riseley advised the group that “Working Groups” of commercial fishers, recreational fishers, environmentalists and Local Government had determined the boundaries. Local Government represented the community.

It is important that each Zone has connectivity to the beach. Sanctuary Zones are not only about fishing. Habitats need to include beaches.

The group have concerns that if they agree to certain sanctuary zones now, in a few years or 10 years time, there may be a new government that wants to add more to the sanctuary zones and they fear this will occur without further consultation.

Phil Hollow explained that the process is defined in the Marine Park Act and that the government is supporting changes to legislation to ensure that any future changes will be required to go through both houses of parliament.

John Kuhl believes the distance between Zone C and D is too small (4 kilometres) without beach access.

Robert Roach was advised by DENR staff they would not be stopped from fishing on Long Beach however, the maps say different.

Robert Roach advised that Zone C takes in the boat ramp at Boatswains Point and Boatswains Point is not in the correct place on the map.

Peter Riseley believes having a “no take” zone so close to the boat ramp will have serious OHS&W problems with small boats being pushed too far out to sea around the zone and heavy use of a small area of available water.

Scenario discussion:

- Include all examples of all habitats in the park in a sanctuary zone.
- A few large sanctuary zones (eg 7km > in size) are better than many small ones.
- Use Sanctuary Zones to connect habitats from the coast through to deep waters.
- Take your time and talk to communities.
- Apply all checklist steps (win win outcome).
- If changing a zone, try to find examples of similar habitats elsewhere.
- Know your high priority areas – compromising on your lower priority areas.
- MPLAG consensus is not essential – all views are important.

6. MPLAG Initial Advice to DENR

General consensus of the group was that had the Marine Park boundaries been a larger area, the sanctuary zones could be easier to move around and manipulate. The area now within the Marine Park does not allow for a great deal of negotiation.

There was a feeling that the robe area was taking the brunt of the changes to the outer boundaries.

The group are keen to have “in house” informal meetings to “thrash out” sanctuary zones. They will also involve their communities in their discussions.

A list of issues was produced from members of the gallery regarding Boatswains Point zone for the group to consider.

The group were generally “frustrated” and disappointed about the current positioning of the sanctuary zones.

Phil Hollow explained to the group that the Minister takes notice of a large variety of groups and advice given to him was largely varied.

7. Communications planning

What happens next?

- Discuss with your networks over the summer period.
- Provide feedback through the Executive Officer by 28th January 2011 so this can be packaged for Louise to work on producing alternative map scenarios.
- Phil Hollow and Shane Holland will be talking with the groups about the development of Management Plans. Members have provided some input to this process. Information from Natural Resources Management (NRM) Plans and Local Government will be linked into the planning process.

8. Questions from the gallery

A couple of members of the gallery made comment about the current sanctuary zone boundaries and their disappointment.

Mr. Richards from Boatswains Point is not happy as they fish in the sanctuary zone area. He is happy to keep people away from the seals but advised there had been an increase in their numbers and he feels they are obviously unaffected. Mr Richards advised that some survey work had been undertaken on the island some 10 years ago but the results were unknown.

Steve Bourne to investigate the purpose of the survey and what the results were.

10. Record of Meeting

Phil Hollow advised that minutes of the meeting will be provided as soon as possible to provide a record of significant outcomes from this meeting.

The group are happy for Bill Hender to represent the group in his record to the Minister. Some of the issues being:

- Robe is being impacted on by the outer boundaries restricting movement of the sanctuary zone within it. The boundary of the marine park should have been inclusive of Cape Jaffa, Gannet Rookery, Margaret Brock Reef.
- SAMPIT data appears to have been used to duplicate the sanctuary zones.
- A combined "informal" meeting of the Lower South East and Upper South East Marine Park Local Advisory Groups will be held in the first couple of weeks of December at Millicent for members to attend.
- Louise Smith to prepare an aerial photo with overlays showing exact locations of the proposed sanctuary zones.

11. Next meeting

Phil Hollow advised that he was hopeful of receiving information back from the members by the end of January 2011. This information will need to be collated, maps produced prior to organising the next meeting.

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Meeting No. 2	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
3	<i>Steve Bourne</i>	Investigate purpose of survey undertaken 10 years ago at Baudin Rocks and possible results.		
3	<i>Louise Smiths</i>	Produce an aerial map with overlays of sanctuary zones.		
3	<i>All members</i>	Discuss with your community the proposed sanctuary zones and advise Phil Hollow of any suggestions made by your community.		
3	<i>Phil Hollow and Shane Holland</i>	Commence Management Plan process.		
3	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Correct positioning of Boatswains Point (town) and move ramp outside sanctuary zone.		
3	<i>All Members</i>	Attend "informal" joint meeting with LSE MPLAG.		
3	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Respond to invitations from MPLAG members to attend community workshops.		

Meeting closed at 7:35pm

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Chair

Outstanding and Action Items as at 25 May 2010

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1	<i>Gary Frost</i>	Direct Mailing List people from Working Groups be emailed links into website and SAMPIT.	Completed	6/10
1	<i>All Members</i>	Entering data into SAMPIT until next meeting and encourage public to do same.	Completed	8/10
1	<i>Phil</i>	Provide Adam with Roger Strother's contact details.	Completed	6/10
2	<i>All Members</i>	Look over draft Communication Plan and make comment.	Ongoing	
2	<i>All Members</i>	Complete <i>Identifying Management Strategies</i> worksheets.	<i>ongoing</i>	
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