

**West Coast**  
**MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP**

## **MINUTES**

The fourth meeting of the West Coast Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 4:30pm, on the 22 February 2011, in the Port Kenny Golf Club, Port Kenny.

*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.*

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**Members Present:** Jonas Woolford (Chair), Noel Box, Tony Custance, Christian Gerlach, George Gill, Trevor Gilmore, Rob Gregor, David Letch, Sherron MacKenzie, Nick Paleologoudis, Gregor Schreiber, Christine Taylor and Lorelee Wright,

**Supporting Staff:** Dirk Holman (DENR), Shelley Harrison (DENR), Jon Emmett (DENR), and Louise Smith (DENR).

**Gallery:** 32 people present in the gallery.

### **1. Welcome**

Jonas Woolford welcomed MPLAG and gallery members to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

Peter Reeves (proxy for Kristy Newton), Alan Payne.

### **3. Other business**

The Chair briefly outlined some of the discussion points from the MPLAG Chairs meeting with the Minister for Environment and Conservation which was held two weeks prior to MPLAG meeting 4.

All MPLAG members agree the Minutes from previous meetings have taken too long to be sent out.

MPLAG members thanked Simon Clark for his effort and contribution to the process and a suggestion was made for the MPLAG to write him a letter of thanks.

### **4. Minutes and actions arising from previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2010 were accepted by the membership with a minor alteration as the advice from David Letch in Marine Park 3, comment 9 was not recorded correctly. The comment should read "Suggested possible zone around Nicholas Baudin Island, including a strip along the lee side of Cape Blanche towards the settlement of Sceale Bay, as there is an important Australian sea lion breeding colony, coastal raptors and diverse reefs; it is also a high use area".

With this change, the minutes were ratified.

### **Actions Arising from MPLAG meeting 3**

<b>Meeting No.</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date</b>
3	Members	Provide feedback through Executive Officer by 28 January 2011.	Done	28 January
3	DENR	To photo copy final map with comments and distribute through the Chair.	Done	
3	DENR	2008 IUCN changed guidelines to say low level fishing is not consistent with Category Two Protected Areas. IUCN Protected Areas guidelines to be distributed to members.	Available at meeting	
3	DENR	Have all maps, minutes, agenda and other papers to MPLAG members 3 weeks prior to next meeting.	Not possible	
3	DENR	Provide a link to MPLAG members of the Commonwealth website that explains the declaration of wetlands.	Outstanding	
3	Noel Box	To put something in writing to the Marine Parks Alliance with regard to seasonal changes to sanctuary zones.	In progress	

### **5. Correspondence:**

Five letters/emails addressed to the Chair were tabled for the members' information:

- Email from the Baird Bay community with advice and a zoning alternative for Baird Bay.
- Flinders Exploration advice on zoning around Flinders Island in relation to the proposed mining.
- A letter from Alan Payne regarding zoning around Jones Island.
- A letter from the Yorke Peninsula MPLAG.
- A letter from the Chair of the Lower South East MPLAG regarding a meeting at Port MacDonnell.
- Several MPLAG members brought maps with comments and alternative zoning scenarios.

### **6. Share community feedback on preliminary sanctuary zones scenarios**

MPLAG Executive Officer, Dirk Holman, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) gave a short presentation which included:

- Thanking the MPLAG members, for their time and effort, recognising that they are volunteers;
- The marine park process leading up to this point, and the way forward post MPLAG meeting 4;
- A brief review and reminder about using the sanctuary zone checklist when considering alterations to the preliminary sanctuary zones;
- A spatial presentation showing the suggested zoning alterations that the community and MPLAG members have provided since MPLAG meeting 3.

After the DENR presentation, several MPLAG members presented maps with zoning alternations which had been produced at community meetings. .

- Rob Gregor presented the map from the Elliston community meeting (Marine Park 4), which was attended by local councillors, various commercial fishermen, local business owners and a DENR representative.
- Noel Box and Lorelee Wright presented a map from a Streaky Bay community meeting (Marine Park 3).

- They noted that they had used DENR's preliminary sanctuary zoning, the design principles and the SAMPIT maps as a guideline to help them zone appropriately. Lorelee also produced a rationale for each proposed zone in line with what was produced by DENR for the original preliminary zoning.
  - Nick Paul presented a map from the inshore fisherman of the West Coast Bays. Most of the input was for Venus Bay.
- Sherron MacKenzie presented maps from Sceale Bay community members. DENR agreed to scan and forward the map to all MPLAG members.
- A gallery member claimed DENR's Sceale Bay scenario includes 66% of Sceale Bay's closest fishing ground. The community were unhappy they had taken the time to fill in SAMPIT (with an extremely large amount of input) yet the heavily fished areas were included within this sanctuary zone.
- David Letch was asked to present his preferred areas to the group. He presented his map from the Friends of Sceale Bay which was tabled at the first meeting. He stressed that this was prior to SAMPIT maps and the MPLAG meetings, reassuring the group they are willing to compromise.

**Action:** DENR to scan the maps provided by Sherron MacKenzie and distribute to all MPLAG members as soon as possible.

## **7. MPLAG Members Workshop**

Prior to sharing the community advice, as outlined in part 6 of the minutes, the MPLAG members had a round table discussion. This discussion covered their networks and the communities' general feelings on the marine parks process, and how they have collected advice on the preliminary zoning.

All members had met with their networks and most had organised meetings to collect advice and alterations to the preliminary sanctuary zones presented in MPLAG meeting 3.

Other questions and comments from MPLAG and Gallery included:

- Will the next maps presented by DENR in MPLAG meeting 5 have the rationale as provided in MPLAG meeting 3? The members were assured that the maps generated at MPLAG 4 would be reviewed by both DENR and the peak stakeholders. At MPLAG meeting 5, DENR would be providing feedback as to the performance of alternative zoning scenarios against all 14 design principles, whilst key stakeholders would be offering up their own advice.
- Members were disappointed that that new maps were not presented at this meeting, as indicated in meeting 3.
- MPLAG members would like the stakeholder maps at least three weeks prior to MPLAG meeting 5 so they can share it with their networks and provide advice at meeting 5.
- Are recreational fishers represented in the stakeholders meetings? Yes, SARFAC will be consulted in the stakeholder process.
- Displaced effort has not been resolved and the MPLAG cannot move forward unless it is resolved. The Chair ensured the membership, that in the MPLAG Chairs meeting with the Minister for Environment and Conservation, he had stated there will be no displacement, so the MPLAG should come up with a zoning scenario today that reflects this.
- There was consensus that it is not plausible to protect important things without having some displacement. Areas of high conservation value are also usually areas of high commercial value. In light of this, the members would like to see a marine park worth protecting.

- It was suggested that the MPLAG propose a percentage that they are happy with for displacement. In response, the Chair suggested that if we can't avoid displacement, we will have to provide DENR with a few sanctuary zones.
- Several comments were received about how the process allows the community develop the zones, which they will take ownership of and are proud of.
- Lorelee Wright has put a lot of effort into the rationale behind the zoning her community network had proposed.
- It was noted that consensus or fewer alternative zoning suggestions will give a stronger argument to stakeholders.
- It was stated that if Vessel Monitoring Systems VMS compliance is used within a marine park, the government should be made to supply these to commercial fishers as part of their compliance. Industry shouldn't be burdened by the cost. Sanctuary zones are instigated by the government, so the government should pay. VMS cost around \$10,000 each.
- Commercial fishers are concerned with the devaluation of their licences.
- What habitats are the MPLAG trying to protect and in what quantities? An MPLAG member suggested using the DENR scenario (basis for zoning) as a guide.
- What is an interim protection order and how will it be used? DENR advised it was a precautionary measure when implementing the outer boundaries. It has not been used.
- Where are the zones other than sanctuary zones? eg (general managed use zone, habitat protection zone and restricted access zone) DENR advised that these would be provided at the next meeting and that habitat protection zones would buffer sanctuary zones by 5km, where possible, keeping in mind the government policy commitments.

**Action:** Lorelee Wright to provide DENR with the rationale she has written to accompany the map presented at MPLAG meeting 4.

Break for 40 minutes.

MPLAG members provided advice on the preliminary zoning scenarios with the input of gallery members.

### West Coast Bays Marine Park

**Note: All zones should be considered to incorporate Aboriginal Heritage sites, as identified in the Marine Parks Atlas Maps package.**

Zone	Comment/s received
A	<p>A1 - Alternative to original sanctuary zone with a shoreline buffer of <math>\approx</math> 1 km for beach fishing access. This was supported by a majority of MPLAG members.</p> <p>A2 - Same dimensions as alternative 1, but without a shoreline buffer.</p> <p>A3 - Both suggestions for Zone A have a potential to impact on cray and recreational fishing.</p>
Smooth Pool	<p>Possible sanctuary zone for an area of high conservation value.</p> <p>Community opposition – potential impact on abalone, recreational fishing and tourism.</p>
B	<p>B1 - Keep existing Nicolas Baudin Island Aquatic Reserve as is; relocate this zone to Point Labatt.</p> <p>B2 - Expand for extra protection of Nicolas Baudin Island – also include cliff</p>

	<p>shoreline. Avoid high level recreational fishing further south.</p> <p>B3 - Alternative to B.</p> <p>B4 - High value conservation area. Multiple environmental benefits (potential for negative commercial, recreational and tourism impacts). Minority support.</p> <p>B5 - Aboriginal cultural heritage site for consideration when zoning.</p> <p>Comment - Slade Point and eastwards is a highly accessed shoreline.</p>
C	<p>C1 - Extend out to the edge of state waters.</p> <p>C2 - Maintain existing aquatic reserve.</p> <p>C3 - An alternative to Cape Blanche (potentially high impacts on all commercial fisheries). There was not a majority of members who supported this zone.</p>
D	<p>D1 - Move southern boundary further north. Include a 30m shoreline buffer for flounder access on northern shoreline.</p> <p>D2 - Same as advice 1, except remove the shoreline buffer – it is a unique beach type. Recreational flounder opportunities exist elsewhere in the bay.</p>
E	E1 - Sanctuary zone should exclude the channel area. (This was supported by a majority of MPLAG members).
F	<p>F1 - Bring the sanctuary zone's northern boundary out to follow the 25m depth contour (supported by a majority of MPLAG members).</p> <p>F2 - If the cliff shoreline is to be included in this sanctuary zone, then this design would lessen the impact.</p>
G	<p>G1 - 100m sanctuary zones around the three islands, excluding the spits off the eastern side.</p> <p>G2 - Alternative areas inside Venus Bay with the least impact. Concerns were raised about the adequacy of different types of bottom and habitats being represented.</p> <p>G3 - An alternative to advice 1 – expand and include the shoreline south. Use the monument as a landmark in the boundary south eastern corner and the sandhills as a boundary landmark in the south western corner. Exclude spits on eastern side of the islands (cockles). (This was supported by a majority of MPLAG members).</p>
Jones Island	Add the south west corner of Jones Island for its conservation value. There was not a majority of members who supported this zone.

#### Investigator Group Marine Park

**Note: All zones should be considered to incorporate Aboriginal Heritage sites, as identified in the Marine Parks Atlas Maps package.**

Zone	Comment/s received
A	<p>A1 - Reduce the northern boundary south to exclude Veteran Islands from the sanctuary zone. Majority supported this, recognising the potential impacts on the rock lobster industry.</p> <p>A2 - Include Veteran Islands and south west corner of Pearson Island.</p>
B	B1 - Remove altogether, intense commercial, recreational and tourism effort all around Flinders Island.

C	<p>C1 - Suggested alternative; reduce and only retain a north east section.</p> <p>C2 - Retain zone as is, to include all of Topgallant Island, recognising the potential impacts on the commercial, recreational and tourism sectors.</p>
D	<p>D1 - Move western boundary east, maintaining shore based recreational fishing access.</p> <p>D2 - Potential wave energy site in the north western corner. Accommodate this by zoning around it.</p>
E	<p>E1 - Reduce the western extent of the sanctuary zone.</p> <p>E2 - Maintain to include all of Cap Island and extend out to state waters. Possible trade-off for Topgallant Island.</p>

## 8. Communications planning

All members agreed to continue to meet and communicate with their networks and to share the MPLAG sanctuary zoning scenario map.

MPLAG member	Organisation/group
Greg Schreiber	Streaky Bay Tourist Association
	District Council of Streaky Bay
Kristy Newton	Elliston tour operators
	Friends of Elliston
	Local fishers
	School
Jonas Woolford	Marine Parks Alliance
	Abalone Fishing Association
	Surfers
Rob Gregor	Elliston District Council
	Staff and rate payers
Tony Custance	Locals
	Port Kenny scale fishers
Nick Paul	Spencer Gulf & West Coast prawn fishermen
	Pt Kenny Venus Bay Progress Association
Noel Box	West Coast cray fishers
	Northern Zone RLF/SARLAC
	Marine scale fishers
Loralee Wright	South Australian Aboriginal Heritage Committee
	Local marine scale and recreational fishers
Trevor Gilmore	Recreational fishers
	Local businesses
	Streaky Bay Tourism
Christine Taylor	Upload data collected through interview process
	Friends of Streaky Bay
Christian Gerlach	South Australian Chamber for Mines and Energy
Alan Payne	Local residents plus non resident land owners
George Gill	Local house holders
Sherron McKenzie	Tourist/ non resident land owners (i.e. Roxby Downs)
	Sceale Bay community
David Letch	The Wilderness Society
	Conservation Council of South Australia
	Scientific community - Jane Cooper/Terry Dennis

**Action:** DENR to advise what percentage of state waters is within Marine Park 3 and Marine Park 4 and what percentage of sanctuary zone was included in the MPLAG scenarios provided today?

#### 9. Questions from the gallery

The gallery were involved in commentary, questions and rezoning throughout the meeting under the guidance of the Chair, Jonas Woolford.

#### 10. Record of Meeting

The MPLAG members agreed on these points to be recorded and placed on the Marine Parks website.

- MPLAG members reviewed the zones extensively and came up with some alternatives.
- Other community network advice was tabled, highlighting minimal impact areas which utilised the checklist in its design.
- Acknowledgment that considerable effort was exerted by the MPLAG members in communicating with their networks.

#### 11. Next meeting.

The MPLAG members were advised that the next meeting would be held in April/May 2011.

**Meeting Closed at 9:45 pm.**

Chair .....

Date .....

#### Action Item summary as at 22/02/2011

Meeting No	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
4	Executive Officer	Scan the maps provided by Sherron MacKenzie and distribute to all MPLAG members ASAP.		
4	Executive Officer	DENR to advise what percent of state waters is within Marine Park 3 and Marine Park 4?		
4	Executive Officer	What percentage of sanctuary zone was included in the MPLAG scenarios provided today?		
4	All MPLAG members	To share the revised maps with their local communities and networks.		
4	Loralee Wright	Provide DENR with the rationale she has written to		

		accompany the map presented at meeting 4.		
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