

**WESTERN YORKE PENINSULA
MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP**

MINUTES

The third meeting of the Western Yorke Peninsula Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 5pm, on the 18 November, 2010, in the Minlaton Council Chambers, Minlaton.

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: Ian Janzow (Chair), PJ Ritter, Cherie Heyes, Malcolm Clifton, Ian Hills, David Mumford and Peter Kaak.

Supporting Staff: David Pearce (MPLAG Executive Officer), Sheralee Cox, Yvette Eglinton, Dimitri Colella, Amanda Gaetjens (minute taker), Craig Nixon.

Gallery: 2 people present in the gallery.

1. Welcome

Ian Janzow (chair) welcomed MPLAG and gallery members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies - Lynette Newchurch, Lindsay Sansbury, Joyce Yeomans, Erika Lawley, Marlene Botten, Luke Royans, Peter Hickman.

3. Other business

- MPLAG members identified they did not have atlas map books for both parks, some additional copies were distributed.
- Malcolm Clifton asked that the Western Australia Fisheries Research Report No. 169 be made available to all MPLAG members. The paper "*The efficacy of sanctuary areas for the management of fish stocks and biodiversity in WA waters*", Department of Fisheries, Western Australia. Can be found at: <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/fr/fr169/fr169.pdf>
- David Pearce told the group that another report was also commissioned by the WA government, where an independent Marine Scientific Panel was established to evaluate Marine Sanctuaries they produced the "*Report on the Scientific Basis for and the Role of Marine Sanctuaries in Marine Planning*" which provides a different perspective. The report can be found at: <http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/content/category/40/952/2323/>
- Ian Hills mentioned that he was contacted by ABC radio, but declined to be interviewed before the LAG meeting. ABC radio will contact the chair, as the chair has the responsibility for speaking to the media on behalf of the MPLAG.

Action: MPLAG Executive Officer to provide interested MPLAG members with alternate park map book if requested.

Action: MPLAG Executive Officer to provide a link, in the meeting minutes, to WA Fisheries Reports as discussed by Malcolm Clifton and David Pearce.

4. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2010 were accepted by the membership with a correction to a miss-spelt name, Peter Kaak (moved), Malcolm Clifton (seconded).

5. Correspondence:

Three letters addressed to the chair were tabled for member's information:

- Conservation Council SA, dated 18 October 2010.
- Minister for Environment and Conservation, The Hon Paul Caica MP, dated 9 November 2010.
- Sardine Industry letter distributed by chair from Paul Watson.

6. Chairs Meeting with the Minister

The Chair (Ian Janzow) gave a brief summary of the items covered at his meeting with the minister on 26 August 2010. Issues discussed by the Chairs and Minister were:

- Displaced effort and compensation is an important issue, it is currently being dealt with. Professional fishing is important for the MPLAG from a local point of view but for the industry as a whole it is being dealt with separately.
- Ian made a comment that Labour and Greens did a deal with the Commonwealth parks, some have been placed over state declared parks. David said the federal Marine Parks will stay outside of state waters.
- It was noted by Ian that the more people MPLAG members talk to, the better the process and the advice that can be provided. Ian encouraged the MPLAG members to get out there and talk to the community to make sure they get their say.

7. Presentation – recap and 'starting point' preliminary sanctuary zone scenario

MPLAG Executive Officer gave a presentation which included:

- background on the marine parks program and timeline
- the benefits of marine parks
- what sanctuary zones will protect
- maps showing the environmental, social and economic features that were used and taken into consideration in designing the possible sanctuary zones
- information on the checklist on how to apply the design principles
- possible sanctuary zones, highlighting that these zones were a starting point for discussion and further information is needed
- an update on management issues and strategies development.

The presentation can be found at the following link:

<http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/marineparks/pdfs/meeting-3.pdf>

The specific park Atlas maps used in each presentation can be found on this page:

<http://marineparkssa.ning.com/page/local-advisory-groups>

MPLAG and gallery members were each provided with a *Basis for 'starting point' preliminary sanctuary zones scenario* for the marine park – which included the rationale for each zone and a map of the proposed zones.

Members were also provided acetate copies of the park with the proposed zones and a feedback sheet where they were asked to provide anonymous feedback on their initial impressions of each zone. Forms were collected at the end of the meeting.

Questions/concerns/comments raised by members prior to, during or following the presentation:

- Discussion regarding how the habitat mapping had been done in the region with aerial photography, video drops, acoustics in deeper water, diving, photography.
- Discrepancies about the benthic habitat information shown on the mapping. This was mainly in response to the difference between the coarse and fine mapping. For these parks the fine benthic map should take precedence over the coarse benthic in determining what habitats are in the SZ, due to them being more up to date and at a much finer scale.
- Has commercial fishing data been used to develop the possible sanctuary zones? Yvie responded with a no it hasn't as the data has not been made available to DENR as much of it is confidential and will need to be shared outside of the MPLAG process.
- Comparison made to size (%) of sanctuary zones in eastern states and South Australian waters.
- Extension of marine park outer boundaries or alternate areas for inclusion in the marine park. Great habitats located in areas outside of the current boundaries. Can the outer boundaries be moved?
- Including 20-25% of waters each park in sanctuary zones will equate to more than 5% economic impact. David responded by saying that the 5% economic impact is for the whole of the state, some areas may have a greater economic impact than 5% and some areas may have with the average being 5% or less across the state.
- It was stated and agreed that displaced effort arrangements needs to be finalised as soon as possible, and the Minister is aware of this.
- Is compensation available for tourism sector and recreational fishers?
- Can you boat through a SZ? Yes, as South Australia's sanctuary zones are no-take zones not no-go zones.
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There was a brief discussion about the Management Issues and Strategies document. While some MPLAG members have already contributed to this document, the document is now at a stage that it needs to be reviewed. MPLAG members were asked if interested in the task. Leon Tony Robin Alan & Brett agreed to look at the document.

Action: Sheralee Cox to work with Cherie on reviewing the management issues and strategies document.

8. Members discuss preliminary sanctuary zones scenarios:

MPLAG and gallery members formed small groups to discuss and provide advice to DENR on the preliminary sanctuary zone scenarios. A DENR staff member was available to support group discussion.

9. MPLAG initial advice to DENR: the following initial comments were made by MPLAG members in response to each of the Preliminary Sanctuary Zones for park 11.

A1 – Modify the zone to run in a diagonal south-west direction and maintain beach fishing. Allows for boats from Port Hughes and charter fishing.

B1 - Relocate zone B out of the bay..

C1 – Good as is

D1 - Extend zone beyond the outer boundaries in a westerly direction.

D2 – Rotate the Eastern zone that extends from the Island toward Port Victoria so that it runs north along the island and only half its original length toward Pt Victoria,

D3 - Reduce size of zone D by removing the north section level with just north of Goose Island AR, and the southern section to open up the southern bay of the island..

the following initial comments were made by MPLAG members in response to each of the Preliminary Sanctuary Zones for park 12.

- A1 - Reshape this zone so that it runs straight out between Port Minlacowie and Hardwicke bay, and extend West rather than south.
- A2 - Relocate zone A to north of Point Minlacowie outside of the marine park.
- B1 - Modify zone B to run off shore from Leven's Conservation Park this area to include some habitats found in zone C .
- C1 - Remove the eastern half of this zone completely and replace with B1.
- C2 - Maintain western side of C.
- D1 - Maintain beach fishing in small area within rock lobster sanctuary and move the southern edge north.
- E1 - Change zone alignment to run north west from shore to maintain access to popular beach fishing locations.
- F1 - Relocate zone to the northern side of Royston Island as shown.
- G1 - Leave Cray Island out. Review exact north-south boundary.
- G2 - Okay as is.
- H1 - Relocate
- H2 - Relocate H to adjacent to zone G.

An Activities and uses matrix showing permitted activities in each zone type was provided to MPLAG members.

10. Communications planning update.

Gallery members were offered the opportunity to provide their contact details if they would like to be involved in the process and to be put in touch with a MPLAG member.

Action: MPLAG Executive Officer to follow up with gallery members who provided contact details and connect them to a MPLAG member.

MPLAG members were encouraged to discuss the preliminary sanctuary zone scenarios and suggest alternatives (where necessary) with their networks. Feedback is required by 28 January 2011 to allow time to collate all the information prior to meeting 4 in February.

The communication plan developed at MPLAG meeting 1 was reviewed and members present agreed to contact the following groups:

MPLAG member	Organisation/group
Ian Janzow	Marion Bay charter fishermen, Marion Bay Boat Ramp Sub Committee.
Cherie Heyes	Port Rickaby network, commercial fishers.
Peter Kaak	Hardwicke Bay Community via the Progress Association, use Notice Board and regular gatherings at the Community Hall, General Store.
David Mumford	Port Victoria area through the Progress Association, Boat Club. Coastal Rescue Group, Professional Fishers.
Luke Royans	Abalone Association of SA, Service Stations, Bait & Tackle Shops.
Ian Hills	Marine Scale Fisheries.
PJ Ritter	Principles of Kadina & Moonta Primary Schools. Tackle Shops at Moonta & Wallaroo.
Joyce Yeomans	Point Turton / Warooka / Corny Point / The Pines/Minlaton Progress Committees/ Marion Bay Township Committee, Marion Bay caravan Park, Friends of Innes, DCYP.

Malcolm Clifton	Divers Federation of SA, South Australian Recreational Fishing Advisory Council (SARFAC).
Lindsay Sansbury	Point Pearce Aboriginal Men's & Women's Group.
Erika Lawley	Friends of Althorpe Island, Adelaide University Diving Club.
Quentin Agius	Narungga Nations Aboriginal Corporation, regional Tourism Centre at Kadina (Farm Shed).
Marlene Botten	Port Hughes Boat Club, Wallaroo Anglers Club.

11. Questions from the gallery.

No questions were received from members of the gallery.

A brief summary of key meeting points was displayed, discussed and agreed upon by the group as a Record of the Meeting which will be made available on the Marine Parks website.

12. Next meeting:

MPLAG meeting 4 is planned for early 2011. Members will be advised of the date and venue when available.

Meeting Closed at 9:30pm.

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Chair

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Date

Action Item summary as at

Meeting No	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
3	Executive Officer	DENR to provide interested MPLAG members with access to all park Atlas maps as required.		
3	Executive Officer	DENR to provide a link, in the meeting minutes, to WA Fisheries Reports as discussed by Malcolm Clifton and David Pearce.		
3	Sheralee Cox	DENR staff to work with Cherie on reviewing the management issues and strategies document.		
3	Executive Officer	DENR staff to contact gallery members who provided contact details and connect them to a MPLAG member as required.		
3	All MPLAG members	To meet with key community members (as specified in the Communication Plan) to discuss the Preliminary Sanctuary Zone Scenarios and use the checklist to propose alternative zones where necessary. To provide feedback before the end of January 2011.		